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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The regular Session of the 103rd General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members, please be at their desks? Invocation today will be given by Pastor Jacob Wetterlin, First United Methodist Church, Assumption, Illinois. Pastor.

PASTOR JACOB WETTERLIN: (Invocation)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Johnson, would you please lead us in the pledge?

SENATOR JOHNSON: (Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

We've had requests for Blueroomstream to do video streaming, from WGEM to do recording video, from Dave Dahl to do recording and photos. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal. Capitol News Illinois requests permission to photo. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Journal of Wednesday, March 29th, 2023.

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Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2269, offered by Senator Ellman, an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 2350, offered by Senator Pacione-Zayas, an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4240 -- 2442, offered by Senator Villanueva, an Act concerning education. House Bill 3253, offered by Senator Ventura, an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 3708, offered by Senator Ventura, an Act concerning local government. House Bill 3722, offered by Senator Ventura, an Act concerning local government. House Bill 3779, offered by Senator Ventura, an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 3849, offered by Senator Ventura, an Act concerning health. 1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendments 10 through 13, offered by Senator McConchie. They are substantive.

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Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Castro, Chair of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Bill 10 -- 1909 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 63, Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 214, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 688, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 754, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 761, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 761, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 850, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1886, Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2152, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2213, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2322 and Senate Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 2368

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Recommend Do Adopt; and House Bill 559 Do Pass; Senator Joyce, Chair of the Committee on State Government, reports Senate Amendment 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 686, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 836, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 836, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2146, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2292 Recommend Do Adopt; Senate Joint Resolution 7 Be Adopted; Senate -- Senator Glowiak Hilton, Chair of the Committee on Licensed Activities, reports Senate Bill 218 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 199, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 303, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1250, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1713, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1716, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1717, Senate Amendment 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 1866, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1889, Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2057 Recommend Do Adopt; Senator Villanueva, Chair of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 805, Senate Amendment 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1147, Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2277 and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2395 Recommend Do Adopt; Senator Holmes, Chair of the Committee on Local Government, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 685, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 895, and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1098 Recommend Do Adopt; Senator Turner, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 203, Senate Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 1701, and Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1745 Recommend Do Adopt; Senator Stadelman, Chair of the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1127, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1438, and Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1474 Recommend Do Adopt; Senator Ellman, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Conservation, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate

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Bill 1804, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2212, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2226, Recommend Do Adopt; and Senate Resolution 95 be Adopted; Senator Simmons, Chair of the Committee on Human Rights, reports Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1446, Recommend Do Adopt; Senator Martwick, Chair on the Committee -- the Special Committee on Pensions, reports Senate Amendment 1 to 7 -- Senate Bill 734, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1115, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1235, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1235, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill -- sentiments -- Senate Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 1646, Recommend Do Adopt; Senator Sims, Chair of the Special Committee on Criminal Law and Public Safety, reports Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 125, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1499 and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2285; Recommend Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The Daily Line seeks permission to photo and audio. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Please come to the Senate Floor. We're going to be doing 3rd Readings. Please come to the Senate Floor. Members of the Senate we have a lot of bills to do today. We have a lot of amendments. If you will, please be ready to go when your name is called. If you have amendments and there's lots of amendments today, please just move to adopt and you can speak to them on 3rd. And we've got about 75 bills to get through today. We're going to be doing 3rd Readings. We're going to go to page 42. Up towards the top is Senate Bill 1850, Senator Sims. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1850, an Act concerning revenue. 3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Sims, to explain your bill.

SENATOR SIMS:

Thank -- Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1850 is an initiative of the Illinois Department of Revenue. It simply serves to simplify our State's tax code related to cigarette tax collections, as we have seen, the cessation of cigarette tax or cigarette smoking in Illinois, tax -- tax receipts have declined accordingly. So, what you are seeing is a cleanup to the statute that would -- that will allow for deposits in the appropriate funds related to the -- the receipts that we are seeing. I know of no opposition, and I ask for a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1850 pass? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? On that question, take the record. There are 53 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1850, having received the required constitutional amendment -- majority, is declared passed. We're going to move down to -- I'm going to move down to Senate Bill 1886, Senator Peters. Mr. Secretary, Senator Peters wishes to return Senate Bill 1886 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1886. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Peters.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR PETERS:

I'll explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Are there any further Floor amend -- 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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1886. Senator Peters, to explain your bill. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1886, an Act concerning criminal law. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters, to explain your bill.

SENATOR PETERS:

Yeah. This bill will just make it less onerous for people who are on probation. I ask for a Yes vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Questions for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

He indicates he'll yield.

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SENATOR MCCLURE:

Thank you. So, Senator I'm -- I'm reading through this bill and unless the person has committed an offense in which an element of the offense includes the presence of an intoxicating compound, or they are either allowed to participate in veterans court, drug court, or mental health court, they cannot be ordered to not use cannabis or alcohol while on probation. Did I get that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters.

SENATOR PETERS:

I think there's exceptions. So, if the person is under 21 years old, the person was sentenced to probation, conditional discharge or supervision for an offense which had, as an element of the offense, the presence of an intoxicating compound on the person's body, or 3 the person is participating in a problem-solving court certified by the Illinois Supreme Court. If the court does order testing for cannabis or alcohol, a statement detailing the relation between the condition of probation and the crime must be provided.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Okay, so I -- I noticed that task probation was not one of the options for a person being ordered to comply with drug or cannabis testing or alcohol testing. Why -- why would you take -- why would task probation not be eligible for that to be ordered?

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Senator Peters.

SENATOR PETERS:

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I mean, it's because cannabis and alcohol are legal substance. I mean, I think it's important to also emphasize that it needs to focus on the fact that if it has nothing to do with the crime that they were they -- they -- they had, then they shouldn't be tested for it. The idea is again, like cannabis and alcohol.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Okay, so first of all, task probation is a probation that is for drug treatment. Including cannabis dependency, including people that have alcohol problems. So, to take this away from people that are put on task probation specifically to help them is not helpful to rehabilitate the person and get them on the right path. And it's not helpful to keep our community safe. And so, I guess that's a real problem. But I'll move on to the next question. You talked about involvement. If there's involvement of drugs or alcohol, then you can be ordered to test for alcohol or ordered not to consume alcohol or consume cannabis. And yet, the bill says only if the drug use or alcohol use is an element of the offense. So, a person can commit a burglary, for example, and be high on cannabis and alcohol. Even though cannabis and alcohol are not elements of the offense of burglary. But then they would not be able to get treatment for that. Because it's not an element of the offense. I mean, why would we not want to make sure that people that have cannabis problems or have -- have alcohol problems, get the treatment in whatever probation they receive? I understand what the purpose behind that is.

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Senator Peters.

SENATOR PETERS:

Are -- are you asking -- are -- are you saying -- I need to make some clarity on this question? That we're saying that -- that person can't seek treatment? Can you specify the question a bit more and make it a little bit clearer, if you don't mind, Senator?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Yes. I apologize for not being clear. So, in order for a person to receive treatment that is supervised by the court, let's say they've got an alcohol problem or a problem with cannabis, the court has to be able to monitor that, and probation has to be able to monitor that to make sure that they are following through with their treatment and not falling off the wagon. What's the purpose of cases in which we know a person has an alcohol problem or a cannabis dependency? They commit a crime that's unrelated to cannabis or alcohol, but they need to fight that addiction to get on the right path. Why should a court not be able to supervise these treatments by making sure that they do not use cannabis or consume alcohol? Why would we want to take that tool away from judges, if the person has an issue with cannabis or alcohol?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters.

SENATOR PETERS:

We don't do that. Again, in No. 3 here, the person is participating in problem solving court certified by the Illinois Supreme Court. If the court order does order testing for cannabis or alcohol, a statement detailing the relation between the

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condition of probation, the crime must be provided. We don't take that away.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Okay, now I'm going to just speak to the bill, because I think we're just talking in circles right now.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

This bill only allows for a person on probation, conditional discharge or supervision to refrain from using alcohol or cannabis if the use of cannabis or alcohol was an element of the offense. So, that would be like a DUI. A person commits a DUI. One of the elements of that offense is that they test a certain level of alcohol content in their blood. So, they would be eligible to refrain from alcohol. Or if a person is sentenced to a -- a -- a problem solving court. There's -- there's three courts that would be applicable; a veteran's court, a drug court, or a mental health court. Here's the problem. There are people that have severe alcohol problems that get sentenced to probation. In this probation is not in one of these specialty courts. And in some counties, they don't have these specialty courts. In those instances, a judge cannot try to help rehabilitate them, and probation cannot try to rehabilitate them by getting them to stop consuming alcohol. We have people that commit -- commit crimes. We have a lot of retail thefts where a person goes and steals alcohol. We have all kinds of issues that happen because of alcohol and cannabis. The fact that judges and probation officers will no longer be able to, in

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most cases, prevent a person from consuming alcohol or cannabis is absurd. Why on earth would we not want to help these people? One such probation is tasked probation treatment alternatives for safer communities. You are supposed to be receiving treatment and task. This will no longer make people eligible to get tested for consuming alcohol or cannabis while they're supposed to be getting treatment for alcohol or cannabis. And it also will not order them to stop using cannabis or alcohol while they're supposed to be getting treatment for cannabis or alcohol as part of task probation. Why do we not want to help rehabilitate people? That's kind of like a big deal, particularly with task probation, to basically eliminate task probation, is going to cause a lot of people to get harmed, and not just the -- the person who's on probation, but also people in the community. And task probation is one of those few probations where if you commit a crime like residential burglary, the -- the sentence has to be going to the Department of Corrections unless you are eligible for task probation. And now we're saying if you commit a residential burglary and you've got a problem with alcohol or cannabis, and you qualify for treatment as part of the task probation for alcohol or cannabis, the judge, the Probation Services Department cannot stop you from using cannabis or alcohol. Why would we want to stop people from being -- being rehabilitated? We already have one of the highest recidivism rates in the entire nation. We want to put people on the right path. This will not allow judges and probation office -- officers to help put people on the right path. It's a bad bill. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion. Senator Peters, to close.

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SENATOR PETERS:

I'll keep it relatively brief. I'm going to use a little example. I grew up with an alcoholic mom who popped pills on a regular basis and pushed my sister down a (explicit language) flight of stairs and excuse my language, but I would just like, I apologize, let me just say, pushed my sister down a flight of stairs and had an alcohol addiction. And if she were to have to go to prison for that, this bill would still mean that she could get tested for being an alcoholic. Meaning, if it had anything to pertain to the crime again, she would be able to get tested. The very idea that this does not allow that seems to be a form of scare tactics, to try to scare people off the bill. It's a good bill. It will still allow testing. I ask for an Aye vote, and I apologize for my foul, foul mouth.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 1886 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 34 voting Yea, 21 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1886, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Fine, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR FINE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would like the record to reflect I intended to vote Yes on SB 1850.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The record will so reflect. We have a request from the State Journal Register to record audio and take photos and videos. And for Capitol News, Illinois to photo and record. Seeing no

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objection, leave is granted. Moving right along, we're going to go to Senate Bill 1889, Senator Rose. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Rose -- Senator Rose seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1889 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading to Senate Bill 1889. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Rose.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rose, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you. If we may adopt this, we can talk about the whole bill on 3rd, please Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 -- any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1889. Mr. President, please -- Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1889, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rose, to explain your bill.

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SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is an access to health care bill. It seems kind of ridiculous that once a pharmacist dispenses a medicine and puts it in a sealed container and sets it aside for you to come in as a customer, that the tech and clerk can't go ahead and sell it to you unless the pharmacist is on site. So, for example, our home Walgreens, they closed from 11:30 to noon every day because the pharmacist goes on a lunch break, your prescription is sitting there. It's been filled, but no one can sell it to you. So, what this bill does is it fixes that so that once the pharmacy is done dispensing it, verifying the medications, it's sealed up. It's sitting in the bin behind him. He leaves for the night. She leaves for the night. She leaves for lunch. The clerk can go ahead and take your money and hand you your medicine. It's access to care. It's that simple. Everybody's for it. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1889 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1889, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to Senate Bill 1880 -- 1892, Senator Simmons. Mr. Secretary. Oh. Senator Simmons seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1892 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. In the Order of 2nd Reading now is Senate Bill 1889 -- 1892. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Simmons.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Simmons, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR SIMMONS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Move to adopt, and I'll explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1889. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. I'm sorry, 1892. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1892, an Act concerning local government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Simmons, to explain your bill.

SENATOR SIMMONS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. So, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, SB 1892 is legislation that would benefit those who are disabled and seniors specifically where under the Regional Transportation Authority, which includes the CTA, the PACE and Metro bus and train services, those individuals would no longer have to -- they would get auto renewal on their ride, their ridership benefits. Specifically, we're extending the free ride

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eligibility for 2 to 5 years so that those would auto renew, provided that those that are disabled have provided proof of their disability status only once, not over and over again, and would offer that same benefit for -- for senior citizens, such that they would only have to engage with the Department of Aging one time, and not over and over and over. This eliminates a -- a systemic barrier to accessing transportation for those that are disabled and for our seniors, they would only have to certify their income one time, and once they're found eligible again, they would not have to continue to renew. So, I urge an Aye vote on this legislation. It's great for -- for disability, it's great for equity, it's great for accessibility, and it's great for public transit. And I'll take any questions. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator McConchie.

SENATOR MCCONCHIE:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR MCCONCHIE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in strong support of this, as someone who has had to get -- go through this process before, I couldn't tell you just how cumbersome it can be to have to go on an annual basis to go and get this. And so, I would strongly encourage an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion? Senator Simmons, to close.

SENATOR SIMMONS:

Thank you so much, Mr. President. I want to thank Senator

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McConchie for supporting this legislation. And I urge an Aye vote.
Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 1892 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1892, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to turn the page to the top of page 43. Senator Martwick, on Senate Bill 1915. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. We're going to go to Senate Bill 1935, Senator Ellman. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1935, an Act concerning State government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman, to explain your bill.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Hello. Senate Bill 1935, as amended, amends the State Property Control Act by including qualified veteran owned small businesses and minority owned businesses to the list of entities that may receive preference in the deposition of transferable property.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall Senate Bill 1935 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that

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question, there are 55 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1935, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go down to Senate Bill 1993, Senator Loughran Cappel. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1993, an Act concerning education. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Loughran Cappel, to explain your bill.

SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

Thank you, Mr. President. SB 1993 requires that school boards hold a public hearing before approving a contract for any district administered assessment. There's no opposition, and I'm willing to take any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1993 pass. All those in favor vote, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1993, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Staying with -- Senator Loughran Cappel seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1994 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. The Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1994. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Loughran Cappel.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, explain your amendment.

SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

Am I on? Oh, gosh. Sorry. I'm so sorry. Thank you, Mr. President. Do I need to adopt the amendment?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Yes, you do.

SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

Adopt the amendment and explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1994. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1994, an Act concerning education. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Loughran Cappel, to explain your bill.

SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

Thank you, Mr. President. So, what this bill does, it requires all school boards to calculate the combined annual average expenditures of its operational funds for the previous 3 fiscal years, and publicly present this information annually at a school board meeting. If a school district's operational funds in reserve

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exceeds 2.5 times the annual average expenditures of its operational funds, the school board is required to adopt and file with ISBE, Illinois State Board of Education a plan to reduce the district's operational funds to an amount at -- at or below 2.5 times the annual average expenditures of its operational funds. This bill was a thoroughly negotiated bill, and we removed all opposition and I ask for a Yes vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1994 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1994, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to Senate Bill 1996, Senator Edly-Allen. Senator Edly-Allen seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1996 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading now is Senate Bill 1996. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Edly-Allen.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move to adopt the amendment and will explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are

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there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1996. Mr. -- Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1996, an Act concerning employment. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your bill.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1996, as amended, is called the Manufacturing Mentorship Program. It allows minors who are 16 or 17 years of age to work on a temporary basis with an employer in selecting manufacturing positions. It requires employers to train and mentor the participants in the program, while complying with federal child labor laws and encouraging an environment that fosters workplace safety. It requires employers to adopt, as guidance, field manuals from the U.S. Department of Labor in determining which tools minors in their employ may use while employed under the program. And I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Question for the speaker, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

She indicates she will yield.

SENATOR FINE:

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Senator, is it true that you are now the new Chair of the Conference of Women Legislators for the State Senate?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Edly-Allen.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

Yes, Senator Fine, that is true. And thank you for nominating me.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

I'm glad you are still my friend. So, what is the goal of COWL?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Edly-Allen.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

The goal of COWL is to work in a bipartisan way and to uplift the female legislators.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

Can males be members of COWL as well?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Edly-Allen.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

I don't have my COWL expert with me right now. I -- I would assume not. But perhaps that's something we can look into.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

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Well, for the record, all males can pay their membership fee and join COWL to support us as well. And doesn't COWL help women establish role models for young women and girls across the State of Illinois?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Edly-Allen.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

Yes, Senator Fine. And I am so grateful to have you, as the former Chair of COWL, as the expert, to be here to clarify everything about COWL.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

And I am so grateful to be the former Chair of COWL. How would this bill help achieve the goals of the Conference of Women Legislators?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Edly-Allen.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

I believe it would allow female students that are aged 16 and 17 to participate in manufacturing places.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

And why would this be important for young women?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Edly-Allen.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

It's really important for women to see and be exposed to all

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different professions, including the manufacturing and trades.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

So, what this bill then is implying is that women could really do anything that they set their mind to. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Edly-Allen.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

Yes, Senator Fine. Isn't that amazing?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

And okay. I want to thank the -- the bill sponsor for bringing this bill forward because yes, young girls and women can accomplish anything they set their minds to. And I want to thank you for not only bringing this legislation forward but thank you for all your efforts you do to represent the Conference of Women Legislators. I would ask for your Aye vote, and I want to congratulate you, as another former House Member coming over to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there further discussion? This must be a first bill, I take it. So, Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. A question for the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

She indicates she'll be yield.

SENATOR REZIN:

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Actually, to the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR REZIN:

I remember many years ago my first bill had to do deal with roadkill and possums, and I actually am reading this bill, and this is a substantive first bill for the Senator. There is not a time when an industry or a company come in to talk to us in our area when they want to invest. They always talk about workforce development and what are you doing to prepare our high school students for the workforce pipeline? That's exactly what this bill does. This is a great bill, and it's actually a great bill for the State of Illinois. And I commend the sponsor on her first bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

And I think that was actually muskrat, Senator Rezin. But whose -- whose to name. Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Question of the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

She indicates she will yield.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Senator Edly-Allen, this legislation drops the age from 18 to 16?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Edly-Allen.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

Yes, that's correct, Senator Morrison.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison.

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SENATOR MORRISON:

So, do you know what age a work permit can be given to a young person?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Edly-Allen.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

Senator Morrison, I believe it's age 16.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

I think you may be wrong. I think it's 14 with parental consent. My question is, why didn't you drop it down to 10 or 11? Why did you stop at 16?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Edly-Allen.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

That's an excellent question, Senator Morrison. I believe the reason was because this was to address seniors in high school who might have an interest in this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

No. I know a lot of really bright kids who graduate before they are 16, so perhaps you should have reconsidered the age. My other question is, you mentioned field manuals in your description of the bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Edly-Allen.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

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Yes, Senator Morrison.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

So, are those manuals read in the field or are they about the field? Can you tell me what a field manual is?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Edly-Allen.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

A field manual would be a manual that one can refer to when they have any questions about the -- that area.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

So, this is not just agricultural?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Edly-Allen.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

Correct. It is not.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

I -- I wish you had told me that earlier, because it would have changed the way I felt about your bill. I will ask for an Aye vote on this and hope that she will drop the age down to about ten, because kids should not be sitting in front of their screens all day. They could be out working, making a living.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Senator Villivalam.

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SENATOR VILLIVALEM:

Thank you, Mr. President. Questions of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates she will yield.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you. I have two easy questions. Easy questions. One, Senator, do you enjoy being in the Senate more or the House more?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Edly-Allen.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

They are both equally wonderful and an honor to serve in.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

I'm not sure I would have gone with that, but okay. That's question number 1. And -- and question number 2, I wanted to ask, can you -- would you consider amending this legislation to include -- to make it -- make it so that mid-thirties State Senators are eligible for this manufacturing mentorship program? Some of us are still trying to make our parents proud.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Edly-Allen.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

Senator, that is an absolutely wonderful suggestion. Perhaps you and Senator Morrison and I can get together with the under 10 and the over 30 and work on something together.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

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To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Mr. president, I just don't think this is ready. It's not as inclusive as it should be. And -- and you know, the -- the hesitation as to which Chamber is -- is preferred. I -- I -- I would caution moving forward on this. All joking aside, congratulations. Welcome to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you. Will the sponsor yield, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates she will yield.

SENATOR ROSE:

Senator, as a former Member of the House, isn't it irritating over here that we have to ask the President's permission to have our Floor debates?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Edly-Allen.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

Actually, Senator, I prefer the decorum.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Nothing, I got nothing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Villa.

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SENATOR VILLA:

Senator Edly-Allen, now that you're serving in the House of Lords, as -- and since you have this new title as the head of COWL, I was wondering if you would be introducing legislation to change the reference instead of House of Lords to the House of Queens?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Edly-Allen.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

Senator Villa, I believe you are on to something there.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

Very good. Congratulations on your first bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Edly-Allen, to close.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

Thank you. I encourage all of my Members to vote Aye. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

So, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1996 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 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 1997, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Congratulations, Senator. We now have 9 bills down and 69 to go, so... And now on her second bill -- we'll go to the bottom of the page. Senator Lightford, on 2031. Senator Lightford seeks leave of

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the Body to return Senate Bill 2031 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2031. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Lightford?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Lightford, on your amendment?

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I'd be happy to request for its adoption and -- and discuss it on 3rd Reading, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2031. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2031, an Act concerning education. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Leader Lightford, on your bill.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Just need to get my extra set of eyes. Okay, here we go. Senate

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Bill 2031. The amendment becomes the bill. It removes any reporting requirements that are added to the school report cards for high school. And the amendment does not require data to be accrued individually for -- from every course offered at all high schools. This is an initiative that came to me from a high school student that wanted to recognize and extend their civic engagement. They are looking to change the requirement that high schools and school districts post a hyperlink to the expanded high school snapshot report on their home page, and they would like to -- nope that's what the amendment does. Excuse me. What it does is it expands the high school snapshot report, and ISBE is required no later than October of 2024 to collect and publicly display information on specific high school student demographics and teacher qualifications, divided into four types of courses and programs offered at the high school. So, this student is trying to drive advanced courses, standard courses, the difference between the two, also, special education courses. This report would only be for high schools, and I'd be happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2031 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2031, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We have a request from WBEZ-FM for audio recording. Seeing no objection. Leave is granted. We're going to turn the page the top of page 44. Senate Bill 2039, Senator Pacione-Zayas. Senator Pacione-Zayas seeks leave of the Body to

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return Senate Bill 2039 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2039. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Pacione-Zayas.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR PACIONE-ZAYAS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move to adopt the amendment so I can explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2039. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2039, an Act concerning education. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Pacione-Zayas, to explain your bill.

SENATOR PACIONE-ZAYAS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2039, as amended, ensures all students and their parents or guardians receive adequate information and resources to enroll in the PUNS database,

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that -- which is the prioritization of urgency of need for services at their annual Individualized Education Program meeting. If a student is not enrolled in the PUNS database, or if it's unclear, then the student's parents will be referred to a trained school employee who can provide guidance and connect the family with resources. That training will be created by DHS in collaboration with the Illinois State Board of Education. It will be online. That individual that is the referred -- or is the person in the school does not have to be a member of the IEP team. It's kind of like a McKinney-Vento liaison individual who can make sure that the steps are explained, the paperwork that's needed, as well as any additional resources and services within the community that can support that child and their family. I am happy to entertain questions and I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2039 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 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2039, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to move down to 2040 -- 2057, Senator Belt. Senator Belt seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2057 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2057. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Belt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR BELT:

Mr. president, the amendment all -- all it really does is remediation and compensation for visual defect -- deficits. I move for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now, on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2057. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2057, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Belt, on your bill.

SENATOR BELT:

Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President. One moment. Alrighty, Senate Bill 2057 extends the repeal of the Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act to January 1st, 2029. It also defines email address of record and establishes provisions on submitting a valid address and email address to IDFPR when applying for renewal of registration and license under the Act. This bill also removes gender specific language from various provisions and make conforming changes. Removes the provision requiring the exhibit to be certified without cost and removes a provision concerning public

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-- publication of roster. Finally, the bill, also amended, expands the definition of occupational therapy services and adds an expanded provision on discipline, including when an occupational therapist fails to refer a patient to an appropriate health care professional when their medical conditions is beyond the OT scope of services. Mr. President, I know of no opposition to the bill, and I ask for a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2057 pass. All those in favor vote, Aye? Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted you wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2057, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We'll go to the bottom of the page of Senate Bill 2146, Senator Loughran Cappel. Senator Loughran Cappel seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2146 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. And now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2146. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Loughran Cappel.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to adopt the amendment and explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye.

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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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, is Senate Bill 2146. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2146, an Act concerning health. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Loughran Cappel, to explain your bill.

SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

SB 1 -- 2146, as amended, increases the licensure application fee from \$50 to \$100, removes the prior added requirement for a cremation authority to pay for an additional \$5 fee for each cremation performed in a calendar year when submitting the existing \$25 annual report fee to the Comptroller. And allows the Comptroller to charge \$100 fee for the inspection of licenses because they're in charge of all the licensing for cremations. When reviewing their compliance with this Act, and establishes which fund the fees will be deposited in. It also establishes the refrigeration provisions for a crematory authority that is unable to cremate un embalmed human remains within 24 hours and amends the Illinois Pre-need Cemetery Sales Act to include that monies paid into the Cemetery Consumer Protection Fund may be used to clean up abandoned or neglected cemeteries in Illinois. This bill has also been negotiated and removes opposition and I'm happy to take any questions.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2146 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Yea, 1 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. And Senate Bill 2146, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to turn the page to page 45, we'll go to the top of the page, Senator Cunningham, 2152. We'll go down to Senate Bill 2213, Senator Castro. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Castro seeks leave of the Body to return 2213 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2213. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Castro.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR CASTRO:

I ask for its adoption and I'll explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, is Senate Bill 2213. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2213, an Act concerning revenue. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Castro, to explain your bill.

SENATOR CASTRO:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment -- well, the bill actually reinserts provisions that were removed by PA102-700 but have not yet taken effect. We worked with both groups on this. This is an amendment and there's some a little bit more work to do, but pretty much everyone is in agreement. Passed the Senate Executive Committee unanimous.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator McClure. Seeing no further discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2213 pass. All those in favor vote, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2213, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We'll go to Senate Bill 2223, Senator Fine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Fine seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2223 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading now is 20 -- Senate Bill 2223. Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Fine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

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SENATOR FINE:

I'd like to adopt the amendment and explain on 3rd, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2223. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2223, an Act concerning education. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine, to explain your bill.

SENATOR FINE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill, which is also known as Louie's Law, will provide a collaboration between State agencies and the Illinois Opiate -- Opioid Crisis Response Advisory Council to create an evidence based standard and supply materials for K through twelve to teach about overdose prevention and substance use prevention, if the schools choose to use these materials. I ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no -- discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2223 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

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are 56 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2223, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to move down to Senate Bill -- 2226. Senator Joyce seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2226 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2226. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Joyce.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR JOYCE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to adopt the amendment and explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, is Senate Bill 2226. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2226, an Act concerning State government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Joyce, to explain your bill.

SENATOR JOYCE:

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Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2020 or 2226, as amended, defines a "Conservation Opportunity Area" and provides that a COA designation by the IDNR shall not be used by the Illinois Power Agency as a basis to deny or withhold any regulation Act {sic} action, permitting, licensing, or funding. I see no opposition. I'd like an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2226 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 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House -- and Senate Bill 2226, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving down the page, we're going to go to Senate Bill 2271. Senator Aquino seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2271 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2271. Mr. Secretary, any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Aquino.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR AQUINO:

I'd like to adopt the amendment and I'll explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, is Senate Bill 2271. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2271, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Aquino, to explain your bill.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2271 will lengthen the provisional licensure period for home health, home services, and home nursing agencies from 120 to 240 days. It would also allow agencies to submit a plan of correction for minor violations of the Act, rather than be subjected to a fine. It also raises the fees for home health licensure to be in line with most other states. This last amendment, which was added to this bill, was from after good faith negotiations with the associations, and it got all those associations that had at one point expressed some concern with the bill to neutral. And so, I -- I asked for an Aye vote but willing to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion, Senator Syverson?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

He indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

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Senator, I appreciate your work on the bill. I just a -- was there a reason or how was the determination from raising the fees from \$25 to \$1500. Is it -- how was that determined that that increase would occur from -- I mean, that big of a jump from 25 to the 1500?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Sure. The licensure -- the license category has grown from 439 license agencies in 2010 to 914 as of June of 2022, which represents 108 percent increase in -- in just 12 years. This fee itself has not increased since 1978. I've -- this -- this -- this licensure fee again has not increased since 1978. But we try to do this in a balanced approach, we weren't trying to penalize these businesses. One of the things that again, through these good -- good faith negotiations, was one of the things that was hampering agencies was that they -- they weren't able to submit plans of corrections for minor violations when they did have these provisional licenses. So, what would happen is that they would either have to reapply because they had been denied or -- and so nevertheless, these fees, again, are necessary for the Department to continue to do the work in a -- in a -- in a rising -- in a -- in a growing industry. Certainly, there's a large need out there from -- from our constituencies. And so, there was a -- I would say there was a fee increase. However, it's -- it's been around longer than I've been on this earth. So, with all due consideration to the work that is needed to do in the -- the -- the Department, that's why this fee was increased to that amount. The other thing is that the provisional license goes from one year to two years.

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So, it gives businesses time to be able to get everything done to make sure that they're able to get the full license after two years.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. The -- the provisions you outlined are certainly helpful, in going to the two year, is helpful. So, clearly there are benefits to this. Now, if we were looking at it from an inflationary standpoint, \$25 with current inflationary rate would be \$115 as opposed to \$1,500. So just for our side, it's a -- it is a substantial fee increase. But it is -- there are other benefits to this, as well as, the multiyear license that have been worked out. So, I appreciate the opportunity to raise that concern. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion? Senator Aquino, to close.

SENATOR AQUINO:

I would just say I -- I thank the -- the -- the colleague from the other side. I -- this -- there is a licensure fee. However, this is a balanced approach. It extends the provisional licensure to two years. It also, while I -- I understand the issues of -- of -- with inflation there's also a higher need for these -- these services. And so, you have a lot more folks entering this -- this field and the companies trying to provide services. And so, in a way to provide that from the Department, they believe that this is these changes are made are -- are -- are necessary. Again, this was amongst -- we -- we were finally able to land the plane here with great negotiations with the Associations. They themselves are

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neutral on this bill. I asked for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2271 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? On that question, there are 39 voting -- 40 voting Yea, 16 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 21 -- 2271 having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Going down to Senate Bill 2271. I'm sorry. 2277, Senator Faraci. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Faraci seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2271 sic{2277} to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading now is 20 -- Senate Bill 2277. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Faraci.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR FARACI:

I move to adopt and speak to it on 3rd, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, is Senate Bill 2277. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2277, an Act concerning revenue. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Faraci, to explain your bill.

SENATOR FARACI:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2277 would add that interest on delinquent property taxes will be waived when a property owner does not receive his or her property tax bill for the applicable tax year because the bill was mailed to the incorrect address. The bill was amended to reflect concerns raised by both the Illinois County Treasurer's Association and the Cook County Treasurer's office, and I would move for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2277 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2277, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. I'm going to drop down to the bottom of page 45, Senate Bill 2285. Mr. Secretary, please -- Senator Villivalam wishes to -- seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2285 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2285. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Villivalam.

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Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR GILLESPIE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I wish to adopt the amendment and explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Any further Floor amendments approved for consideration.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2285. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2285, an Act concerning criminal law. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam, to explain your bill.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. As amended, Senate Bill 2285 changes the offense of installation of an object in lieu of an airbag to the offense of airbag fraud. The amendment makes the bill clear compliant. This is an initiative of the Alliance for Automotive Innovation that seeks to address growing concerns over counterfeit airbags. I know of no opposition and would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2285 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The

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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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2285, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to turn the page to page 46 to Senate Bill 22 -- 2322, Senator Tracy. Mr. Secretary, Senator Tracy seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2322 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is, Senate Bill 2322. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Tracy.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you. Actually, I would like to adopt the second amendment, the first amendment I do not want to adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you. I would like to adopt this amendment and explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

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3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2322. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2322, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Tracy, to explain your bill.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you. What this bill does is it creates the Essential Support Person Act, and it provides that a resident or a resident's representative of any designee of a primary essential support person and a secondary essential support person may visit the resident despite general visitation restrictions imposed on other visitors. Basically, this is something that I filed during the pandemic when we were restricting visitors, but we realized that there were people dying with it alone, and that there were young children who were placed in facilities because of their physical or mental restrictions and did not have the benefit of being -- having access to a parent during that period of time. So, this allows a designation, provides that at least one person will have a continuous contact with the -- the -- their loved one or their ward during that time. And I think it addresses a real need that we found out during the pandemic was missing. And I have filed this amendment to remove any opposition to the bill, and I would ask for an Aye vote and invite any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2322 pass. All those in favor vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have

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all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2320 -- 22, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up is Senate Bill 2354. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Ventura. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2354, an Act concerning education. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ventura, to explain your bill.

SENATOR VENTURA:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to adopt the amendment and discuss it on 3rd, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

This is -- This is to the Bill. The amendment has been adopted.

SENATOR VENTURA:

Okay. Thank you. Senate Bill 2354 establishes the science and elementary schools working group. The ISBE working group shall identify the current curriculum in science to add anatomy, physiology and nutrition and then the working group shall make recommendations every five years after. This amendment removes all opposition and I ask for an Aye on the -- Aye vote on the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2354 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

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56 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2354, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go skip down to Senate Bill 2371, Senator Peters. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2371, an Act concerning State government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters, to explain your bill.

SENATOR PETERS:

Yes, Senate Bill 2371 will just expand union rights in the court system. And I asked for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2371 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 37 voting Yea, and 14 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2371, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go down skip down to Senate Bill 2417, Senator Halpin. Mr. -- Mr. Secretary, Senator Halpin seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2417 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading now is Senate Bill 2417. Mr. Secretary, any Floor amendments approved for consideration.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Halpin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Halpin, to explain your amendment.

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SENATOR HALPIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment, as of its filing, removed opposition to the bill. I'll explain more about that later. I'd like to adopt it and talk about it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2417. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2417, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Halpin, to explain your bill.

SENATOR HALPIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. So, this bill is an initiative of American rivers. And the goal is to make sure that insurance producers and brokers, when they're doing their mandatory continuing education, that they also receive training and information about flood insurance, particularly participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. The goal is to make sure that we're preventing misinformation being distributed from insurers, not maliciously, but from not having the basic facts. The amendment that we just adopted, as I mentioned, as of its filing, had removed all opposition. Realtors were -- were neutral.

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The Department of Insurance is neutral. Building Owners and Managers Association of suburban Chicago is neutral. Within the last 24 hours, there's been an objection from the industry seeking to exclude auto only policy producers, which I don't have a problem with, but I think it's a little late in the game to -- to try to address that here. I want to be clear; this isn't a fix it in the House situation. This is -- this bill as it is, is a good bill and will be successful. But I am committed. If the House sponsor wants to try to resolve this last remaining dispute that has just recently popped up, I will unwillingly answer any questions and ask for a Yes vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Questions for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

He indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR LEWIS:

So, Senator Halpin, thank you very much for bringing this bill. However, I have questions. Your -- your bill is designed to force the producers to have education or continuing education. Correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Halpin.

SENATOR HALPIN:

Only those agents and individuals that are required to currently have continuing education will be required to, or to -- to have this particular training included in that -- in that licensure process.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS:

So, I'm a producer. I -- sell home insurance. Our largest competition is Progressive and Geico that sell online, and they are approximately 30 to 40 percent of the market share. Can you explain how online producers are going to be influenced by this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Halpin.

SENATOR HALPIN:

Anyone that is licensed to issue insurance in the State of Illinois is required to have continuing education. What this bill does is just make sure that that continuing education includes information on flood insurance and the National Flood Insurance Program.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS:

Understood. But why single out producers and not include two of the largest providers in the industry that sell online?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Halpin.

SENATOR HALPIN:

I'm not -- if I could have a moment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Halpin.

SENATOR HALPIN:

Senator, those are not -- they are not excluded. If they --

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they -- anyone that sells insurance in the State of Illinois and is -- is required to be licensed to do so, and as part of that licensure requirement, they would have to take this training.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS:

Yeah, I -- I don't think they have a resident license, and they -- they are -- if this is meant to educate the industry and they are -- you're hoping to protect the consumer. I do not believe this bill does that. It places a burden on the individual producers that is not necessary. In addition, what about the other items in which our industry distributes, such as earthquake insurance, things related to jewelry, furs, all other endorsements. Why only flood insurance?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Halpin.

SENATOR HALPIN:

I think the answer to your question is that this is obviously a pressing issue for Illinois, given our, you know, number of waterways that we have. It's been identified as an area where some insurance agents don't have the knowledge and are maybe giving out misinformation. I have not heard complaints about misinformation in the fur insurance business, but I'm happy to try to address that if -- if it's something that you believe is necessary.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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To the bill.

SENATOR LEWIS:

Senator Halpin, we agree on a lot of things. In this case we do not. As an expert, an individual that distributes these products I believe this is a bad bill and I encourage a No vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion, Senator Halpin to close.

SENATOR HALPIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would just add that this was a bill negotiated with the industry, with realtors and other folks affected by it. It was negotiated with the Department of Insurance, and other than the brief and -- and small exception that I mentioned earlier, this is with language, includes language with input from the industry. And I would strongly ask for your Yes vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2417 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 38 voting Yea, 17 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2417, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Just let me -- I'm going to ask for anybody who has a correction on the voting in order to streamline our proceedings. If you have vote corrections, we will take those all together at the bottom of each page, which we are at right now. Is there anyone who wants to vote corrected? Senator DeWitte.

SENATOR DEWITTE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would ask the record to reflect

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my intentions to vote No on Senate Bill 2371.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The record will so reflect your intentions. Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I like the record to reflect that I intended to vote Aye on 2417.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The record will reflect your intentions. Senator DeWitte, did you have another correction?

SENATOR DEWITTE:

I did, Mr. President. My apologies. I also intended to vote No on Senate Bill 2271. I would ask the record to reflect same. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The record will reflect that. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would ask the record to reflect my intention to vote Aye on 2285.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The record will reflect that. Senator Hastings, did you have another? All right. We're going to go to page three now. And we're going to go to the bottom of the page. Senate Bill 16, Senator Lightford. Leader Lightford. Leader Lightford seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 16 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 16. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Leader Lightford, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move for its adoption. I'd be happy to debate it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 16. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 16, an Act concerning education. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Leader Lightford, to explain your bill.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I am super excited, right now, about this piece of legislation. If we did not understand the importance of supporting the needs of the whole child before the pandemic, we most certainly do now. While there are individual schools, centers, and programs that do a strong job supporting student well-being, these efforts are locally driven. They're not systemic. We need a real shift in Illinois towards a systemic approach to supporting students

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culturally, physically, emotional and their mental health needs. For all students to succeed in schools and beyond, we need to ensure every school is equipped to meet their diverse needs. Senate Bill 16 lays the foundation for that work by moving forward key recommendations from the Whole Child Task Force. The Whole Child Task Force was created in the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus pillar. It was under the Education and Workforce and Equity Act. Recommendations from the Whole Child Task Force lay out a comprehensive set of steps that we can take to create a safe, supportive, and healing center K through 12 education system in Illinois. These steps will do four things. So here's what the bill does. It adopts clear definitions of trauma and trauma response of schools and districts. It ensures data on school and district resources such as counselors and social workers, including on the Illinois State report card. It creates an adversity index to shed light on student exposure to trauma across the State, and it articulates the preparation training, and ongoing development that both new and current educators need to support trauma responsive schools and districts. So, that's definitely professional development and training that's needed for our -- our teachers. Senate Bill 16 represents an important step in our State's journey. We've been on a journey trying to get to this place towards fully supporting all the diverse needs of our students and laying a foundation for Illinois to become a national leader, a national leader in addressing student needs and well-being. It is time for Illinois to systemically support student well-being, and I would be happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there a discussion? Senator Bryant.

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SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you, Mr. President. Appreciate that. Would the sponsor yield for a question, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

She indicates she'll yield.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you. Leader, I have before me just from the 2020 census data the five most economically the -- the lowest income districts in the State. They include Alexander County at 34,709, Pulaski. This is median household -- median household income. Pulaski at 37,308. Jackson at 39,689. Gallatin at 43,992. And Pope at 43,140. Those are the five lowest incomes in the State, and they're in the 58th and 59th Senate districts. And so, I would just ask you what -- in this what safeguards are there in this for the deep southern Illinois and the more rural parts of our State? Can you speak to that? Because I do think we have to do better by our students in the southern and more rural areas. Would you speak to that, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Leader Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you for the -- actually the exposure to the full Chamber of what I've been saying for years. Kids all across the State needs help. Kids all across the State need support. And many people think that the poorest, uneducated children are in Chicago. They think they're in the CPS schools. And unfortunately, there hasn't been enough support from downstate Illinois that says we acknowledge that we need these supports. But I was Chairman of the Senate Education, and I saw the data for years, and I knew what you just said. So, I've always advocated for your children when

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your legislators prior to your arrival were not willing to do so, because it was a secret that your kids needed help. So, I'm glad you're able to acknowledge that is not just minority children, and it's not just children in CPS that could use these supports. So, in my heart and mind, as we were putting this together, is to approach all children, Senator. It's to take in the whole entire State. So, when the task force was being built out, I'm -- I'm glad to tell you that I took all of that into consideration. So, we included a partnership for resilience, which is in Carterville. We had Kaskaskia Special Education 801, which is in Centralia. We had support from Senator Dale Fowler, as a member of the committee. We had the Unity Point School District from Carbondale. We had the Regional Office of Education 20 from Harrisburg. We had the Bloomington School District, as well as, the Saint Louis School District and Southern Illinois University. So, there were about a dozen interest groups and superintendents and Children's Lurie Hospital and SIU medical school that were all a part of building this out. So, representation from downstate was clearly at the table about a third of the members were from a fraction of downstate Illinois. We also checked to make sure that there was about a third of the State that was from the suburban parts of Illinois and Waukegan and North Chicago, and in the south suburbs in these other forgotten spaces, because they're not Chicago. So, I did my best to diversify the membership so that we could make sure that voices were heard from every advocacy group, every interest group, every level of what creates a whole child from across the State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bryant.

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SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you. Thank you for your answers.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Leader Lightford, to close.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. And thank you, Senator Bryant, for bringing that up. I just want to assure you and the rest of the Body that when I advocate for children across the State is for all children. It's not for a particular child in a particular area. And this piece of legislation does just that. It's -- it's available for all Illinois to systemically support student well-being. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 16 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 47 voting Yea, 6 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 16, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to skip around a bit. We're going to go over to page four. We're going to go to Senate Bill 125. Senator Ventura seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 125 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order -- once -- on 2nd Reading is now Senate Bill 125. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Ventura.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

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SENATOR VENTURA:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment adds the -- carves out under 21 and older. So, I would ask that we adopt the amendment and I'll explain the rest on 3rd. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor 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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 125. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 125, an Act concerning transportation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ventura, to explain your bill.

SENATOR VENTURA:

Thank you very much. This, Senate Bill 125, amends the Illinois Vehicle Code, shall provide that cannabis no longer must be transported in an odor proof canister. It also removes that odor alone cannot be used as probable cause. And I ask for an Aye vote on this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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To the bill.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

First of all, I thank the sponsor for working with us. It's not a perfect bill. I certainly have concerns, but I am voting for this. I appreciate the fact that there was an amendment that was put in the legislation at my request, to make sure that people that are under 21 that are not legally allowed to consume cannabis, it will be, in fact, probable cause alone if -- if the smell is there in the vehicle. So, I appreciate the fact that Senator Ventura is willing to work with me. And so, I will be -- I will be voting for the bill. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to address -- to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR TRACY:

First, I'd like to make two points about this. One, certainly we have legalized cannabis in the State, and it's impossible to distinguish the smell of illegal and legal cannabis. And law enforcement has a big task when they approach a vehicle and -- and notice the smell of cannabis. And they have no idea how much is in there. And if it's legal, sold in Illinois, or illegal. And often they confiscate large amounts of cannabis that are illegal that have been brought into this State from other sources. Some of it is laced with other elements. Some of its laced with fentanyl. And Illinois runs the risk of having citizens harmed by the illegal

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cannabis that is laced with fentanyl or other elements. And there's also an element of lost revenue to the State by not having the ability to stop the illegal trade of cannabis in the State. We wanted to make it very clear, when cannabis was legalized, that it would be taxed, that it would be controlled. But we still have a new global trade, and this has been a tool to stop that. Once we remove this ability, we will face larger and larger possibilities of huge quantities of illegal cannabis traveling through the State. That's the -- the first factor. Second factor is, we have three branches of government in Illinois. It's up to the legislature to make laws. The court branch. The judicial branch. They interpret the laws. Right now, there are two appellate court cases going. One in the third has already been decided. One is ongoing and the fourth Appellate District, isn't it for the courts to interpret based on the facts of each case that's brought before them what is probable cause? Is it for the legislature to legislate probable cause because it varies? It's -- it's a subjective standard, but it depends on the elements of a case. Are we going to legislate what is or is not probable cause for all of the other instances, scenarios that could be out there about probable cause, what it is, what it isn't? And so, for these two factors, I would urge an Aye vote. I say that sometimes and I don't mean it, I apologize, I want a No vote. And I'm -- I -- I'm sure -- I'm left-handed. I'm sorry. Sometimes I just get it all wound around. But I don't think this is a good bill, and I'm really wanting a No vote on it because we're taking an important tool from law enforcement to stop illegal trade of huge amounts of cannabis. Not the legal, not the legal. But likewise, it's not up to us to legislate probable cause. We're opening up something that isn't really within our purview. It

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belongs in the judicial branch. So, for that, I would urge a No vote. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion, Senator Ventura, to close.

SENATOR VENTURA:

Yes. Thank you. The odor of cannabis has been a tool to harass and use assert -- to search minorities. This law would help protect all Illinoisans Fourth Amendment constitutional rights. Furthermore, there was some court precedents that in Colorado they ruled that both a canine and an officer could not tell the difference between an un -- an illegal amount, or a legal amount of cannabis. So, if there is some large quantities coming in and out of our State, that would be illegal. The smell alone could not be determined. Those quantity amounts. Third, this does actually codify court rulings in Will County there was a case that did rule that probable cause could not be found from the smell. Also, the Vermont Supreme Court has also ruled that the smell of cannabis cannot constitute as probable cause. This bill seeks to codify that law across the State and protect everyone's Fourth Amendment rights. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 125 pass. All those in favor vote, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 33 voting Yea, 20 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 125, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go up one to a Senate Bill 76, Senator Rezin. Senator. Mr. Secretary, please read the -- the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 76, an Act concerning utilities. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin, to explain your bill.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Today I'm offering Senate Bill 76 with Committee Amendment 1. This legislation lifts the 1980's era nuclear ban on new reactors in Illinois. In addition to stripping the nuclear moratorium from State law, my bill would specifically allow for construction of small modular reactors or advanced reactors. This is a bipartisan pro-jobs bill, as you can tell by the chief-coach, sponsors, and everybody who signed on to the bill. The ban needs to be lifted, immediately, so Illinois can compete with numerous other states for nuclear technology that's currently being developed and is developed at Argonne National Labs or the University of Illinois. And we have the ability to invest in these -- this new technology. And also, this would allow us to relieve the pressure on the grid. Opponents say that this will end CEJA in Illinois. This bill is not a back door way to end CEJA. This bill will contemplate the -- or compliment the 2021 CEJA law by transitioning our consumers into a carbon free world by 2050. This bill, along with existing nuclear fleet, will save consumers money by easing the market into needed wind and solar until wind and solar is built out in Illinois. My bill also, is needed to relieve the pressure on the grids. The MISO and the PJM grids are under severe pressure. The MISO operator issued this summer an advisory for its maximum generation alert in June of this year. The 15 state region of the electric grid issued the advisory for its entire

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footprint due to forced generation outages, above normal temperatures and high congestion. This first step prevented rolling blackouts in Southern Illinois this summer. New nuclear power plants, whether they be traditional or micro nukes, would also greatly benefit the local economies of traditional coal communities, in Illinois, that are currently facing the potential loss of hundreds to thousands of permanent jobs once their coal plant fires are extinguished. Building 24 hour producing nuclear power stations in traditional coal territory would infuse millions of dollars by providing good paying jobs within the communities that have become blighted over decades of job loss, while dramatically increasing our State's energy capacity. An important factor, is these small nuclear reactors can be placed on preexisting fire power plants, which means we already have the transmission line and the grid systems ready to go right in these spots. It is important that we pass this legislation to give Illinois the possibility to access federal dollars. Under the Biden administration, there's strong federal support for advanced reactors in a bipartisan and the bipartisan infrastructure law that was passed several years ago. The Department of Energy is funding and investing over 12 different designs in the Infrastructure Act that was passed. There's over \$5 billion available to states and companies who are investing in these advanced nuclear reactors or the small nuclear reactors. Currently, there is -- currently, a new scale, which is an organ company which is deploying -- which is deploying at the Idaho National Lab owned by UAMs, which is a Utah municipal, has been approved. TerraPower out of Seattle, Washington is deploying in Kemmerer, Wyoming, will be operated by pacific courts and be the

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first ever coal to nuclear transition. They're going for the -- through the permitting process at the NRC, as we speak. And so is X-energy deploying in Texas with an agreement for Dow Chemical. Regarding questions I received from my colleagues regarding safety. The process of approving new nuclear designs in the U.S. is considered the gold standard around the world for new design review. Took 42 months for NRC engineering expert to review 2 million pages of design documents for the new scale project that was just approved. The U.S. Nuclear fleet, especially the plants built and operated in Illinois, have run safely since the first plant was built in Morris in 1960. New designs that will be built in the U.S. have designs and operation standards that exceed the safety specifications of the current U.S. fleet by several orders of magnitude. Regarding -- I've been asked about the nuclear waste. If you currently take all of the waste from the nuclear power plants across the country and put it together, U.S. commercial reactors will have generated about 90,000 metric tons of spent fuel since 1950. If all of it were able to be stacked together, it would fit in a single football field at a depth of less than ten yards. Useful fuel can be stored safely at nuclear plant sites, with no impact to the public health for decades, until a common national storage location is approved. Mr. President, I ask for an Aye vote and I'll be happy to take any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussions? Leader Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

She indicates she'll yield.

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SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Rezin, I -- I was shared some information by the Sierra Club, and it's kind of conflicting with some of what you shared. I know there are one of the leading agencies in the State on clean energy, so I don't understand quite their opposition. They did acknowledge that nuclear power is expensive, risky and a diversion from the clean energy economy we are building in Illinois. That nuclear power is extremely expensive and will require large rate hikes. And I know that's not something you would be interested in happening, but provide rate hikes on Illinois families and businesses, massive government subsidies or both. And that nuclear power comes with safety risks and highly hazardous wastes that threaten our drinking water and have no permanent solution in sight, and that Illinois already has the most nuclear reactors in the country, and that we shouldn't add to the growing stockpiles of waste already in Illinois communities. I wondered if you had a chance to speak with them and -- and negotiate the legislation. Just to give me an update on where you landed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Sure. Thank you, Leader Lightford. I tried to write everything down regarding the talking points from the Sierra Club. Several things. First of all, as we're trying to decarbonize in the State of Illinois, everyone agrees the cheapest way to decarbonize is by nuclear. That's the cheapest way. So, we have said, as we went through CEJA negotiations for two years, that we recognize nuclear needs to be an important component of our energy

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portfolio. Regarding safety, I would just say that we've had the nuclear plants in the State of Illinois since the 1960s. Many -- half of the fleet are in my backyard, and we have had zero instances there -- there... The security and the regulation around this industry is the highest that we have of any energy producing technology that exists. The federal government, the NRC, at the federal government, is the watchdog for this industry. The regulatory process is very, very long, very arduous, very burdensome. However, to make sure that we -- that this -- we are protected and that we have a plan in place. Regarding stockpiles, I did see that throwaway too, Leader Lightfoot {sic} (Lightford), that you shared with me of nuclear waste being stored. I think there was a picture of a yellow garbage can with red like toxic stamped on it, sitting in a stream, almost insinuating that this nuclear waste is just illegally stored in a can and thrown into a, you know, a stream. That is absolutely not true. The waste from nuclear is the most regulated of any waste from renewables. And I'd like to touch on, again, and say that at the federal level, the NRCC, before anyone receives a permit. So, you have to provide a plan that is reviewed by the federal government to make sure you have a plan in place for your waste. Make sure that you have a plan in place for the safety and for the protection of this industry. Without going into detail, I can't say that the other -- other renewable technologies that we, as a, -- we are talking about in the Senate have any recycling plan in place. And I've had several bills just talking about what's our plan to recycle wind turbines or solar panels or EV batteries. And I can't even get the bill called. So, this is the only technology with a plan in place. And then lastly, I would say, the way the nuclear spent rods are

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placed in a cast or a case on site at the nuclear power plants, they're just not thrown into a canister along the river or along a -- along a stream. So, lastly, I would also say that as we're moving to a carbon free goal of reducing your carbon by 2025, and we're transitioning, and our energy portfolio has gone from coal and we're transitioning over to more carbon free energy. What we haven't talked about, and what's probably most important is that reliability and resiliency needs to be talked about, wind and solar. And I agree I'm not -- wind and solar play an important part of what we're trying to do as we transition to carbon free. But the technology of large scale long storage batteries for power is not developed yet. And we had people testify before us where they pretty much admitted they're working on it at the national labs but, I mean, this is technology that came out of our national lab as well. We need capacity to provide reliability for our system, for our businesses, the heavy energy users. I just had a company, and I speak with companies that look to invest in our area all of the time. They want green or clean energy, so they want to reduce the carbon footprint. They want cheap power and they want reliable power. They have to have their big energy users. They have to have that capacity baseload, in order to provide power when we have a polar -- polar vortex for an entire week and we have a problem with our grid system, or we have a week of 110 or 100 degree days, and the MISO grid system is stressed. We narrowly missed brownouts in southern Illinois. That is a fact. We just received a port from -- a report from PJM that states their concern because the -- of the premature closures of not only coal plants, but other plants who are choosing companies, who are not choosing to invest and update their power plant in our State. PJM now is

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concerned about the reliability issue, which is Northern Illinois. So, I say by lifting the ban Senator, this just provides another tool in the toolbox for us. By lifting this ban, it allows Illinois, should they choose to go after the federal dollars that are provided by this administration, the Biden administration, who is embracing and supporting and investing in advanced nuclear reactors.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Leader Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Senator Rezin, for your long and quite detailed answer. It was very helpful in seeing and creating a -- a big picture. I -- I believe I'm still torn in that I don't know that the Sierra Club would need to make things up, as they've been one of the leading environmental entities for a very long time. I would just caution the Body that in some cases you're not going to get an agreed bill. And in many cases, negotiations may fall apart. And I guess here's an example for you, Senator, and your side of the aisle when it comes to bills that there is opposition. Whenever opposition pops up, you guys jump right on that, and you ride that wave out and you want to vote No against all of the Democrats bills. Here is an example where you feel what you have coming before the Body is worthy of passage without being negotiated, and it's not agreed upon by one of the top environmentalist organizations in the State. So, I honestly don't know where I would be. I believe you've worked your roll call well enough to have the votes that you need to get it done. I just want to share with the Body that let this be an example of legislation moving forward. When we return from spring break, that not every piece is going to

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have a happy ending, and it'll have to be worked out with passage on the Floor. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

We've got a number of speakers left, so please try to be concise about your comments. This is an important issue. Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

She indicates she will.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you. I rise to thank Senator Rezin for this piece of legislation. She was right to say that we have real issues on the MISO grid for reliability and base load. And this is -- this is a possibility for us. When we're talking about brownouts and blackouts, we came so close to both in this past summer when it was 100 degrees. The only reason that we didn't have those is simply because the weather changed. It wasn't expected, but it did change. So, this is a good piece of legislation. It diversifies our portfolio, increases our capacity again, which is something that in the MISO grid we're very much in need of. But we had a meeting yesterday with a few folks with the Governor's office, a handful of us, to just talk about this capacity issue that's going to be coming up. And PJM is only about two years behind MISO. So, the problems that we're going to see on the MISO grid are coming very quickly for PJM. So, this gives us some diversity in our portfolio. I'm a believer in -- in an inclusive energy plan, and this just helps us to increase that diversity. Would appreciate for those of us who are going to really see some problems in the

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near future, partly because of CEJA, to realize that there might still be some places where we can come together on this issue. And I would ask you for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

And that was to the bill? Thank you, Senator Joyce.

SENATOR JOYCE:

Thank you, Mr. Bill -- Mr. president. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR JOYCE:

In the 1970s in the district that I represent, I -- I can remember the no nukes signs in the protests. And when Braidwood and LaSalle were being constructed, there were a lot of conversations. Illinois was actually importing nuclear waste at that point for new generation -- General Electric was building a plant to use spent fuel rods. And then you fast forward to today where we see signs that are saying save the nukes. And we have issues in the State as technologies change. We have two new natural gas to electric plants, one in Elwood and one in Morris, that are next generation natural gas that are highly efficient. We have wind and solar that where they were 20 years ago and where they are now dramatically different. We -- we are in conversations about hydroelectric here in this Chamber, with some bills, as well as, hydrogen technology. Illinois has always been a leader in energy across this -- the nation. We should remain leaders. And with the moratorium that's in place. And by the way, in 1984, when the moratorium was passed, there was a different Senator Joyce that passed that bill. I'm here to make Illinois stay relevant. Make Illinois stay at the table. With the moratorium in place, we aren't

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even in the conversation. In reliability and affordability are going to be something that we're going to be dealing with in this Chamber for years to come. I thank Senator Rezin for bringing this forward, and I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Senator Bennett.

SENATOR BENNETT:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates she will.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thank you. Senator, I want to thank you, first of all, for bringing this very important topic to the Floor. Energy, obviously, is a critical issue in our State. We've talked about this a number of ways a number of times over the last several years, actually, in one form or the other. It impacts all of us in so many ways. And again, I want to thank you for the number of points you did share. They talked about the nuclear power plants. There's a couple of plants in my area, and I've had a chance to tour these plants more than once. And I will tell you without any doubt, the folks that are there, that are there every day, the scientists, the mechanics, the engineers are very focused on what happens to the nuclear power plants. They're concerned about every aspect of the power plants. These are not fly by night guys and gals. These are focused on what happens to the power plants and the energy they try to develop and watch and maintain. They live nearby. They have their families nearby. They -- they go -- the kids, go to the schools nearby, the plants. Safety is -- is a critical, just a

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common day thing they do, and they focus on each and every day. So, this really -- please keep this in mind when we think about this. But our demand for energy continues to increase. It always seems like it has. Also, our need will continue to increase, not just now, but in the future. So, I do ask you to please look at this, we need to explore all kinds of energy, and not just one person or one group is saying that throughout the State, we need to look at all kinds of energy that is possibly can be used in the future. And I think nuclear provides a safety record in a number of ways that people that do care about it, they're concerned about it. It provides a serious amount of energy that's good for our State. And I ask for an Aye vote, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Thank you. Take that for -- to the bill. So, Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

First, I want to thank the sponsor for -- for speaking with me and -- and all of her explanations. I do appreciate that. I do want to make it crystal clear that the -- there is opposition. The Illinois Environmental Council, Sierra Club, amongst others. I think this is still not fully baked. We have questions from people in my district. Are these reactors regulated? Is there an agency that's going to regulate these reactors? Are there specific rules that would keep a small reactor from being located in a residential neighborhood? I think we need to answer some of these questions.

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I also would say that I appreciate her comment about the quantity of waste, but I think when we talk about nuclear waste, it's less about the quantity and what the plan is. I don't think anyone, whether it's a pound or 1,000 pounds, it's still nuclear waste and we can't just wait for a national strategy, in my opinion. So, I appreciate the concept of an all -- all of the above energy strategy. And as Chair of Transportation, I appreciate going after federal dollars. I don't think this bill is there yet. And quite frankly, I don't think seeing where the companion bill in the House is, I don't think it's going to get fixed in the House. So, I'll be voting No, but encourage everyone to vote their district. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

And our last speaker, Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of this legislation for a number of reasons, but mostly because it is exactly aligned. What -- what we've been trying to do in this State over the last several years, and that is end our dependency on carbon emitting electrical generation. Nuclear power is an important aspect of that, and this can be part of it. It's part of a long-term plan. There are a couple of things to keep in mind here. There are two opportunities this opens up. And right now, by having the ban in place, we are not sending signals out to the market that we're open to, two new, crucial areas of development

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that would rely on nuclear power. One is small nuclear modules. Why are these important? They can be used by factories that right now rely on coal generation, coal driven generators, gas generators to provide power for large manufacturing plants. Those can be replaced in the future by small nuclear modules will eliminate the carbon emission that is coming from those places. That's an important potential future use of this technology. The other is hydrogen generation. Um. We can use what is called pink hydrogen generation with nuclear reactors to generate hydrogen. A very important fuel and do it in a way where no carbon is emitted. So, this helps us with those things. Now, you know, there's been discussion about this aiding and in the short term on making sure we don't have brownouts in the next couple of years. Frankly, I don't think this is going to do that. To do that, we -- it would require the opening of large new nuclear plants. That's very expensive. I just don't see that happening anytime in the next couple of years. Even if someone did want to do it, it wouldn't be online in the next couple of years. But this does open up future opportunities for us. I think it would be foolish, frankly, for the State not to take this opportunity. So, I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin, to close.

SENATOR REZIN:

Sure. Again, I appreciate Senator -- Leader Cunningham's comments. I appreciate all of the comments here on the Floor for this very robust debate. I would just say that this technology is not new to the Navy. The Navy's been using small modular nuclear reactors on their nuclear subs for quite a while, as well as, I believe the Army were moving this technology to commercialize it

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and use it in spots, as the leader said, that makes sense. Maybe a coal plant went offline, and we can replace that with a small modular nuclear reactor and use that transmission line that is right there on site and more importantly, keep good paying jobs. We haven't really talked about the jobs here that are working in these plants. So, it's a win win. It keeps the tax base, as well. Regarding -- And again, I'm happy to work with anyone. When we had when I testified before committee, there was some opposition. They chose not to testify and/or reach out. So, I'm always happy to work with anyone, as you know. And work across the aisle is -- is what I do. And I feel that this is a good bill, not only for my district, but this is a very good bill next step for the State of Illinois and hopefully will allow us to then tell the federal government we're open and potentially capture the dollars that are available in the Infrastructure Act. I asked for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

I'll give you just a second to make sure your computers are refreshed. The question is, shall Senate Bill 76 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. And that question, there are 39 voting Yea, 13 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 76, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're at the end of that page. Is there anybody that wants to have a clarification on their vote? Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Mr. President, I attempted to vote Present. Could the record reflect my intent to vote Present on that?

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The record will so reflect your intention. Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

I too, meant to vote Present on it. I hit the button too late. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The record will reflect your intention. All right. We're going to go to page five. We're going to go to the top of the page, Senate Bill 199. Senator Feigenholtz seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 199 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading now is Senate Bill 199. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Feigenholtz.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Feigenholtz, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR FEIGENHOLTZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. I want to be careful. I don't use the s word here. Senate Floor Amendment 1 is a agreement between the originators of -- of the nurses and the State Medical Society. I'm happy to explain the rest on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the Ayes have it, the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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

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199. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 199, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Feigenholtz, to explain your bill.

SENATOR FEIGENHOLTZ:

Sure. Senate Bill 199 includes a scope of practice for advanced practice nurses and registered nurses prescribing authority. The agreement is that they can write for 120-days supply of benzodiazepine, and after that they will be required to consult a physician.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall Senate Bill 199 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 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 189, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Going down a couple more, we're going to go to Senate Bill 203, Senator Villa. Mr. Secretary, Senator Villa seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 203 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now, on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 203. Mr. Secretary, any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Villa.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

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SENATOR VILLA:

I'd like to adopt it and explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Is there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 203. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 203, an Act concerning safety. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villa, to explain your bill.

SENATOR VILLA:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 203 was in -- was introduced as a response to a terrible incident in 2019 that happened in DeWitt County. The incident was an example of negligence and lack of accountability in the use of pesticides around human beings. The bill, as amended, establishes a penalty fee structure for human exposures to pesticides. Specifically, if fewer than three humans are exposed, a \$500 fee should -- shall be imposed for each person that is exposed. A fine of \$750 for each human exposed shall be imposed if three or more humans but fewer than five humans are exposed. Finally, if five or more humans are exposed, then the penalty shall be \$1,250 for each human that is exposed. This amendment makes all opposition neutral. I'd be happy

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to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 203 pass. All those in favor will say Aye -- vote Aye. Opposed, No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Yea, 2 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 203, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go down to Senate Bill 214. Senator Villivalam seeks leave of the Body to return 214 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 214. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Villivalam.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. I wish to adopt the amendment and explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 214. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 214, an Act concerning State government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam, to explain your bill.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Mr. President, as amended, Senate Bill 214 is an initiative of the Association of Firefighters of Illinois, it requires disability benefits for a police officer, firefighter and paramedic who become ill in the line of duty due to a disease or condition present in the community that is covered by a declaration of emergency by a municipal, official, county or the State. I know of no opposition. I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 214 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Yea, none voting Nay, and 1 voting Present. And Senate Bill 214, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go down to Senate Bill 303. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Oh, it's a recall. Senator Morrison seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 303 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now, on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 303, Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Morrison.

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Senator Morrison, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR MORRISON:

I'd like to adopt this amendment and discuss on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 303. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 303, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison, to explain your bill.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill requires a pharmacist technician to have the equivalent work experience of 500 hours covering practice areas or equivalent work experience as set forth by IFDPR. I'm aware of no opposition to this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall Senate Bill 303 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill {sic} (2303) 303, having received the required constitutional

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majority, is declared passed. We'll go down to Senate Bill 328.
Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 328, an Act concerning business. 3rd Reading of
the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Glowiak Hilton, to explain your bill.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is an amendment actually
deletes all and becomes the bill. It requires clear and conspicuous
disclosures of a contract's automatic renewal terms. So, a lot of
people I've talked to about automatic renewals of contracts either
they've signed up for something online or they've signed up for
something that automatically renews. This will require that the
business tell people when it's going to be coming due, so you don't
get, you know, charged again for another renewal of that contract.
This is something that's good for consumers. I've been working on
this bill for a long time, got rid of the opposition and hope for
some support on the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall Senate Bill 328
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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate
Bill 328, having received the required constitutional majority, is
declared passed. We're at the bottom of the page. Is there anybody
who wants to clarify their past votes? Seeing none. We're going to
go to page 18. Senator Aquino.

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SENATOR AQUINO:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like the record to reflect that I was trying to vote Yes on the last bill. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The record will reflect your intention. We're going up to the -- more -- the top of page 18, we're going to go to Senate Bill 6085 {sic} (685), Senator Joyce. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. That's a recall. Senator Joyce seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 685 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 685. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Joyce.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR JOYCE:

The amendment and explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 685. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 685, an Act concerning local government. 3rd

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Joyce, to explain your bill.

SENATOR JOYCE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 685, as amended, provides that townships on a cash basis or modified cash basis of accounting can only count levied tax funds towards their General Assistance Fund, if levied tax funds are received within their fiscal year. Also, the Highway Commissioner's Equipment and Building Fund is to be considered a capital fund and not subject to accumulated funds section of the Township Code. I know of no opposition, ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall Senate Bill 685 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. And on that question, there are 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 685, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We'll now go to Senate Bill 686. Senator Pacione-Zayas seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 686 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 685 -- 686. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Pacione-Zayas.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

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SENATOR PACIONE-ZAYAS:

I'd like to -- I move to adopt the...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Pacione-Zayas.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR PACIONE-ZAYAS:

Test. Test. Ah, thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 686.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, this is on the Amendment No. 2.

SENATOR PACIONE-ZAYAS:

My bad. Um, move to adopt so I can explain on 3rd. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 686. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 686, an Act concerning local government. 3rd

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Pacione-Zayas, to explain your bill.

SENATOR PACIONE-ZAYAS:

Thank you, Mr. President. So, what this bill seeks to do is essentially it changes the Cook -- I'm sorry, the counties code. I made that same mistake in committee when I said that to specify that in a county with a population over 3 million, a certified copy of a transcript of sworn testimony of a coroner's inquest is a flat fee of \$15 per transcript. If the request is written, and for research and genealogy, rather than the current per page price. It also provides that, except for in counties with a population over 3 million, the coroner may waive his or her fees under special circumstances. Essentially, this is a fee reduction bill. It is modeled after the Vital Records Act. It ensures greater access or transparency of these particular records for research purposes. And one of the things that I had explained in committee was that we did not include Cook County in this, because we're currently taking a different approach with them as they are modernizing their record keeping to kind of keep up with the volume of records as well as the age. But we -- we do want to work with Cook County on that. There's no opposition. We worked -- this is a constituent initiative, and we worked with the Association of Coroners to come up with this legislative fix. I am happy to entertain questions and I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall Senate Bill 686 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

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all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Yea, 5 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 686, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to Senate Bill 688, Senator Doris Turner seeks leave of the Body to return 688 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Doris Turner.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR DORIS TURNER:

For its adoption and explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 688. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 688, an Act concerning local government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Turner, to explain your bill.

SENATOR DORIS TURNER:

This bill creates the Cairo Development Authority (Act) for

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the purpose of promoting the redevelopment of vacant and underutilized property throughout the City of Cairo and the surrounding area. I'm excited to bring this bill. This is -- this is the second piece of legislation that Senator Fowler and I have been able to work on to address some of the issues in that part of the State. This is an area that I did a significant amount of work with local stakeholders during my time at the Illinois Department of Public Health, as Chief of the Center for Minority Health Services, addressing health disparities. And I look forward to continuing to work with those -- those stakeholders and others around addressing the underutilization in that area.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall Senate Bill 688 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 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 688, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. That's the end of that page, is there anyone who wishes to correct their vote? Seeing none, we'll move on. Senator Edly-Allen.

SENATOR EDLY-ALLEN:

Mr. President, I would like to record my vote as Yes on Senate Bill 214. I missed the vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The record will so reflect your intentions. Senator Turner. What did you do?

SENATOR DORIS TURNER:

Inflation -- I'm not sure I voted for it. Thank you. Oh no,

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I said, I was so excited about my piece of legislation, I'm not sure I voted for it. So, would the record reflect?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The record will reflect. We're going to go to page 21. On Senate Bill 754, Senator Morrison seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 754 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 754. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Yes. Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Morrison.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR MORRISON:

I would ask the Body to adopt, and I will discuss on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on -- Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 5, excuse me, Senate Bill 754, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison, to explain your bill.

SENATOR MORRISON:

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Thank you, Mr. President. This bill provides that only federally licensed firearm dealers can offer for sale prepackaged explosive components. These are products that the firearm dealer will keep a record of the sale of. It prohibits the sale of prepackaged explosive components to any individual without a FOID card. Happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. As we discussed in committee, this bill really doesn't accomplish anything and here's why. So, Tannerite that we're talking about within this bill is made up of -- of two different compounds. One is ammonium nitrate which is fertilizer. The other is a little packet of -- of aluminum powder. So as of right now, the aluminum powder you open up the canister, the aluminum powder is in a little package. You pour it in there, you mix it, and then you have to shoot it with a projectile that's at least 2000 ft per second. Okay, I'm telling you right now, if the manufacturer starts seeing the drop in sales, all they're going to do is they're going to remove that little packet and they're going to sell it separately. This is not going to do anything. I appreciate the intent, but this is not the way to go. I request a No vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion? Senator Morrison, to close.

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SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This legislation is important to me because after the 4th of July shooting in Highland Park, law enforcement found large quantities of Tannerite in the shooter's home, and he disclosed to law enforcement that he had intentions of using this as bombs throughout the parade route. The Illinois State Rifle Association, the Illinois State Police, and retail merchants are all neutral on this legislation. I ask for your Yes vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

And the question is, shall Senate Bill 754 pass. All those in favor of vote, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 39 voting Yea, none -- 16 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 754, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. That's my bill. We're going to Senate Bill 761, that's a recall. Senator Lightford seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 761 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Leader Lightford, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd be happy to have this amendment adopted and debated on 3rd please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye.

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Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment 2, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Leader Lightford, on Amendment No. 2.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Senate Bill 761. I'd like to adopt this one too.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 761. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 761, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Leader Lightford, to explain your bill.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 761, as amended. Makes the following changes to the Emergency Medical (Services) Systems Act. It makes changes to provide that EMS directors with more flexibility are able to use alternative staffing models. It allows ambulances to be immediately upgraded to a higher level of service.

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When a provider sends an ambulance, assist vehicle with appropriate equipment and licensed staff. It adds a definition of EMS lead instructor so that a person may be a lead instructor if the EMS director determines the individual has sufficient experience. And one of the things that caught my attention and the reason why I'm carrying the bill, was for the creation of the EMT Training, Recruitment, and Retention Task Force. The goal here is to create a CTE program to start out with high school students learning about emergency services and build themselves up to EMTs, and hopefully eventually take on a desire to become full on firefighters. I know of no known opposition, and I'd be happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

I want to thank Leader Lightford for her work on this bill. As a professional firefighter myself, I can tell you that there is a huge problem right now through the State of Illinois and around the country with retention, recruitment of not only firemen, but EMTs and -- and paramedics. So, thank you for your work on this. And how can anybody vote against a Lightford-Anderson bill? I mean, really. Right.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion. We'll find out. Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

To the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR ROSE:

So, I got to admit, when I first saw the old Lightford-Anderson Bill, I didn't know if this was a good idea or the worst idea ever. But -- but I just want to let you know I've reviewed the bill thoroughly. It is an outstanding idea, and I'm only jealous that my guy Neil here is on the bill with you. So, would you make me your third co-sponsor up here? I'd really appreciate it. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Leader -- further discussion? Senator Doris Turner.

SENATOR DORIS TURNER:

I too, want to thank Leader Lightford for bringing this piece of legislation and I am total support. I think that we -- it allows an opportunity for some very specific training that I think we are -- the profession is in much need of. If you remember, there was a horrific incident in Springfield just a few months ago, and I think that having this type of training would go a long way to prevent situations like that occurring. So, thank you for bringing it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion Leader Lightford, to close.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 761 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?

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Take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 761, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. At the bottom of the page there, so, is there anybody that wants to change any of their votes? Correct them. Seeing none. We're going to go to the bottom of page 22. Senator Morrison seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 805 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Yes. Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Morrison.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR MORRISON:

I'd like to adopt the amendment and discuss on 3rd please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 805. Senator -- Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 805, an Act concerning revenue. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison, to explain your bill.

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SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill will allow startup companies that were established over five years ago to qualify for an EDGE Tax Credit. It changes from 5 to 10 years.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall Senate Bill 805 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Those Opposed vote, No. 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none -- Present. And Senate Bill 805, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to turn now to page 24. I'm going to go to the top of the page. Senate Bill 36 {sic} (836), Senator Holmes seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 836 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 836. Mr. Secretary, any Floor amendments approved for consideration.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Holmes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Holmes, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR HOLMES:

I would like to explain it and adopt it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question -- 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?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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Floor Amendment 2, offered by Senator Holmes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR HOLMES:

I'd like to explain that and -- on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER :

Senate Bill 836, an Act concerning safety. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Holmes, to explain your bill.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you so much, Mr. President. This is actually for a situation all of us face, for the most part, is we in our basements, in our garages, we have unused paint cans piling up and aren't sure what to do with them. A lot of us then try to think that we should take them to our municipalities when they're doing a hazardous waste collection. The problem becomes that, quite frankly, latex paint, which is what most of us are using, is not a hazardous material. So, then the local municipality is stuck with that, and they actually spend a lot of money trying to figure out what to do with that. And a lot of it ends up getting

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landfilled. Will County themselves probably spends \$100,000 a year trying to deal with unused paint. What this bill does is it creates a paint care program and paint manufacturers set up a program over -- they set this up over 12 years ago to address the problem. They've done it in 11 other states California, New York are two of those states. Illinois is going to be the third large State to do it and the 12th State to actually do it. The Paint Stewardship Program by PaintCare is a zero-cost program to the State of Illinois. It's operated by the industries stewardship organization PaintCare. The oversight of this program would be the Illinois EPA. They're responsible for reviewing and approving the plan, as well as the annual reports, costs of which will be paid by the paint care program. No tax dollars will be used for administrative and oversight costs. Retailers have the option of being a retail collection site, but that is totally voluntary. There are currently over 2300 collection sites in the 11 states, and about 2000 of those locations are retail stores who volunteer to do that. There is a prohibition in the bill that no paint will be incinerated or otherwise used for energy recovery. Local governments will actually save a lot of dollars in doing this. They won't have to deal with leftover paint, and it will also create jobs. Jobs in the collection and the hauling of the paint and in the recycling of paint. The largest recycling facility for this happens to be in Illinois. It is in Nashville, Illinois in Washington County. This facility started out with 80 employees a decade ago. It now has 225 employees because of PaintCare. Enacting Senate Bill 836 could see them hiring an additional 55 employees along with the expansion of their facility. So, what I want to say this, is this program we've been working on, this legislation, getting everybody to

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neutral or to approve this legislation for actually a few years. We started this before the pandemic. The bill has no opposition. It's supported by the paint manufacturers, the Chemical Industry Council, the Environmental Council, Sierra Club, waste agencies in numerous counties, cities and villages. The retail merchants are neutral. I would ask for an Aye vote and say, who cannot vote for a bill that is supported both by the chemical industry and environmentalists? I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Stoller.

SENATOR STOLLER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of this bill. I want to commend the sponsor and working hard on this for a number of years. This is a good solution. And like she said, it's supported by all parties, really worked it out well. And as a owner of a number of paint cans in my garage that I don't know what to do with, this is a good solution. So, thank you very much. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion -- further discussion. Senator Holmes to close.

SENATOR HOLMES:

I would just ask for an Aye vote. And I want to thank everybody who spent time all the stakeholders at the table to make this possible.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

So, the question is, shall Senate Bill 836 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?

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Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 836, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to Senate bill 849. Senator Villivalam seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 849 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Villivalam.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to adopt the amendment and explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there -- is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 849, an Act concerning State government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam, to explain your bill.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. This reinstates the Blue-Ribbon

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Commission that will be discussing the future of transportation infrastructure, especially funding. I know of no opposition would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall Senate Bill 849 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 849, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to Senate Bill 850. Senator Belt seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 850 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Belt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Belt, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR BELT:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to move on -- move and explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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

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ACT SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 850, an Act concerning State government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Belt, to explain your bill.

SENATOR BELT:

Thank you. Thank you, again, Mr. President. This bill is -- creates the Grocery Initiative Act, which requires the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to provide grants and other forms of financial assistance to privately owned grocery stores and grocery stores owned by a unit of local government, school districts, or community college districts located in/or to be located in food deserts. The bill, as amended, also allows recipients of assistance, under the program to qualify for - as high impact business. Mr. President, particularly, downstate and throughout Illinois, there are food deserts as opposed to in some areas you have food oasis, but we often see food deserts and as defined in urban areas, that -- that means that people would have to go half a mile to get quality, healthy food. In rural areas, they would have to go to ten miles to get quality and healthy food. And this bleeds over, and it lends to health issues and health -- negative health outcomes, in the form of obesity, and in the form of diabetes, and things like that. And so, this is a really good initiative to address some of those issues. And I will leave it there and -- and answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER:

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

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR FOWLER:

Thank you, Senator Belt, for bringing this legislation forward. It's been an honor to be able to have an opportunity to work with you on this legislation. I also have been appointed to the Illinois Grocery Initiative. And -- and, you know, this legislation kind of coincides with the recent bill I had pertaining to the food deserts and access to nutrition, Senate Bill 1360, addressing food deserts. And for those of you that don't know, especially in my district of the 59th, this is so crucial to have legislation, such as this, and address these issues, because I actually have an entire county that's include -- includes six villages and/or cities in the entire county does not have a single grocery store. So, these people, unfortunately, have to travel from miles upon miles in other areas, as well, to be able to access nutritional foods. So, thank you for this legislation. I'm proud to be a chief co-sponsor, and I look forward to everything that we're doing in the State of Illinois to alleviate these food deserts and the insecurities that we have for proper nutrition. So, I encourage an Aye vote. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there further discussion? Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR BRYANT:

I would, also, like to encourage an Aye vote, on this bill.

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Like the previous speaker, I have an entire county that has zero grocery stores in the entire county. In fact, I just had a youth advisory council up here a few weeks ago, and I asked the young people that were here, "where do you go for groceries?" And their answer was, "the Dollar General." And when you ask them, "do you have fresh produce? Do you have fresh meat?" "No." "Where do you have to go for that?" "Walmart or Kroger's," and in that -- in that fashion then, I said, "well, how far away is that?" "It's about 35 miles." So, you know, in the city, 35 miles might take you three hours to get there. Right? So, these rural kids, 35 miles might only take them a half an hour to get there, but it's still a long distance to go. And so, I really appreciate Senator Belt's work on this, as well as, Senator Fowler. And I know I'm not supposed to use their words, their names, but if they want to say more, that's okay, isn't it? Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion. Senator Belt, to close.

SENATOR BELT:

Thank -- Thank you, again, Mr. President. I -- I -- what, I do want to use, Senator Fowler's name. He's been at the table with me from the beginning of this. He's given me great insight on what he's doing relative to this initiative, and it's been a great joy to work with him on this. And I just ask for a favorable roll call. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

So, the question is, shall Senate Bill -- shall Senate Bill 850 pass. All those in favor of 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

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57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 850, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to page 26, up towards the top, Senate Bill 895. Senator Halpin seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 895 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Halpin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Halpin, on your amendment.

SENATOR HALPIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment is an effort to address some of the opposition. I would ask for its adoption. There is a second technical amendment that is -- has been filed today, and hope to hear later or tomorrow that will correct some drafting errors. But I ask to adopt this amendment, today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

You need to pull that out of the record if you have another amendment coming. Out of the record. We're at the end of that page, is there anyone who needs to correct a vote? We're going to go to page 33, in the middle of the page, Senator Fowler seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1098 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Yes. Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Fowler.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fowler, on your amendment.

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SENATOR FOWLER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I wish to adopt the amendment, explain it on 3rd, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1098, an Act concerning local government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fowler, to explain your bill.

SENATOR FOWLER:

President and Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 1098 provides that for the Saline Valley Conservancy District (Board of Trustees), in addition, to current trustees, the mayor of each municipality within the population of 2,000 to 4,999 that purchases water from the District may appoint one member to the Board of Trustees beginning July 1, 2023. Know of no opposition. Just request an Aye vote, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no opposition -- seeing no discussion. The question is, shall Senate Bill 1098 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

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that question, there are 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1098, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We are now skipping over to page 35, in the middle of the page, 1147, Senator Stoller seeks leave of the Body to return 1147 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Stoller.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, on your amendment.

SENATOR STOLLER:

I'd like to adopt the amendment, explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Stoller.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, on your amendment.

SENATOR STOLLER:

Mr. President, this is a trailer bill to the SALT cap workaround.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

You want to adopt the amendment? Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1147, an Act concerning revenue. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Stoller, to explain your bill.

SENATOR STOLLER:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is a trailer bill to the SALT workaround, the SALT cap that we passed in 2021. It includes a technical fix. It basically removes, otherwise, exempt retirement income from the pass-through entity tax base, which alleviates a requirement for an individual to file a return when they actually owe no taxes. It's a -- helps the Department of Revenue, it helps the business entity, and of course helps the individual from the burden of filing a tax return when there's -- there's no tax liability. So, I know of no opposition, and I request an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall Senate Bill 1147 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 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1147, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Okay we're going to skip over to page 38, we're going to go up to the top, Senate Bill 1212. Senator Rose seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1212 to the Order of 2nd

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Reading. Leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Rose.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR ROSE:

Yeah. Please just adopt the amendment. We can discuss the whole thing on 3rd. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1212, an Act concerning transportation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rose, to explain your bill.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This simply is an initiative of local constituents who sadly, their -- tragically, their two daughters killed by a multiple previously convicted drunk driver, would allow them to extend the DUI memorial marker on the side of the road where their daughters were killed. So, I'd ask for favorable adoption. Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1212 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1212, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to do Senate Bill 1235, Senator Martwick. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. We're actually going to skip ahead to 1250. Senator Doris Turner seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1250 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Doris Turner.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR DORIS TURNER:

I'd like to ask for its adoption and explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1250, an Act concerning State government. 3rd

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Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Turner, to explain your bill.

SENATOR DORIS TURNER:

Senate Bill 1250, is an initiative of the Operative Plasterers (&) Cement Masons' International Association. And actually, what it does, is that it establishes that those who wish to become certified as "fire-resistant material applicators" adhere to training requirements of the manufacturer of the materials and submit proof of completed training and -- and apply for certification. It also establishes that registration as a "fire-resistant material applicator" must be renewed every three years, and those who engage in the act of applying, shall be subject to a \$250 penalty for each violation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Questions for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

She indicates she'll yield.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Thank you, Senator Turner. So, is the State Fire Marshal taking a position on this? I know they had concerns. I'm not sure they slipped in either for or against the bill, though.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Turner.

SENATOR DORIS TURNER:

The State -- the State Fire Marshal has not taken a position on it. We have been in constant communication with them. And

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actually, the amendment that was filed, that was just approved, is a result of those communications.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Seeing none. Senator Turner, to close.

SENATOR DORIS TURNER:

I just ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

So, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1250 pass. All those in favor vote, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Yea, 4 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1250, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go back up to Senate Bill 1235. Senator Martwick seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1235 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SENATOR ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Martwick.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would seek to adopt the amendment and have it -- and explain it on 3rd Reading.

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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:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Martwick.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain Floor Amendment No. 2.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, Mr. President. Again, I would seek to adopt the amendment and explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1235, an Act concerning public employee benefits. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Martwick, to explain your bill.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1235 removes the full-time equivalency formula for adjunct professors when calculating their require -- their retirement annuity, provides a formula for calculating service credit for full time professors. This bill takes effect on

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September 1st, 2024. Happy to answer any questions and ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

I just want to thank Senator Martwick for his work on this. Senator Martwick, it -- it -- it's been a pleasure. You were open to our concerns and amending it. I think we made -- I think we addressed all the concerns from our side of the aisle and just want to say thank you again. And to my side of the aisle, we were able to make a -- a decent bill better. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion. Senator Martwick, to close.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill is an attempt to give retirement security to people who are being surprised at a time when they can do nothing about it, by correcting some changes in the formulas here to create more certainty and transparency. I respectfully ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

So, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1235 pass. All those in favor will 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 -- there are 55 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1 -- 1235, having

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received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to Senate Bill 1351. Leader Lightford. Moving on. We're going to go to page 39. Senator Glowiak Hilton, on Senate Bill 1446. Senator Glowiak Hilton seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1446 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Glowiak Hilton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

Thank you. I'd like to move to adopt the amendment and explain it on 3rd, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1446, an Act concerning education. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Glowiak Hilton, to explain your bill.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill was brought to me by a constituent who was aware of a student who was of Native American

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heritage, who was not allowed to walk with his class in graduation because he was -- wanted to bring his grandfather's eagle feather with him, that it was decorating his cap, and they wouldn't allow him to walk across the stage. So, that what this bill does is it allows students to be able to wear clothing with cultural or religious significance to their high school graduation, so they can graduate with their class. This boy's name was Nimkii Curley, and I'm very proud to be here to represent his family.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR FINE:

This situation happened in my district, and it was quite a devastating situation for the student whose grandfather was in the -- in the audience at the time, and his grandfather was so excited to see his first grandchild walk across the stage for his graduation, something that he was not able to do. And by wearing this regalia, it was respect for his family, his history, and for every other person, and individual who never had this opportunity, this legislation that the Senator is bringing forward is so important to this community, and its life changing. And I would appreciate everybody's support on this bill. Thank you, Senator Glowiak, for bringing this forward.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion. Senator Glowiak Hilton, to close.

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SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

Thank you. And I appreciate the Senator reminding everybody how important this was to their family and how this is really a good bill to protect students' rights, to be able to show pieces that are so important to their heritage and to be able to display them during their graduation ceremonies.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

So, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1446 pass. All those in favor vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted to wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 49 voting Yea, 4 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1446, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go down to Senate Bill 1488. Senator Bennett seeks leave of the Body to return 1488 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1488. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Bennett?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bennett, on your amendment.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Mr. President, if you would adopt the Amendment No. 3.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1488. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1488, an Act concerning education. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bennett, to explain your bill.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill focuses on "edTPA." For the last 2 or 3 years through Executive Orders, the Governor has removed "edTPA" as a requirement. There's been a number of questions raised about the tool, the process, the timing, et cetera. And this bill focuses primarily on two things. First, beginning on the date this becomes effective through August 31st, 2025, things will continue as they are. There will be no change. "EdTPA will still be on hold and will still be through August 31st, 2025. The second thing it does, a Teacher Performance Assessment Task Force, is created to evaluate potential teacher performance assessment systems for implementation in the State, with the intention of supporting a thoughtful and well-rounded licensure system that is performance based and has consistency across programs and objectivity. The report shall be given on or before August 1, '24. The amendment three, as we've just noted, is a technical change and clarifies that public university and nonpublic university and colleges are represented on the task force by faculty members in approved educator preparation programs. There is no opposition to this bill. This is an agreed to bill and

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includes IFT, IASA, IPA, IEA, Advanced Illinois, IASB. I appreciate greatly the conversations we've had, and I ask for an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1488 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 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1488, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Pacione-Zayas, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR PACIONE-ZAYAS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I had actually wanted to speak to the bill and thank the sponsor for bringing that bill forward, because I know he worked incredibly hard to see it over the finish line. And I know that there has been a lot of consternation about the edTPA as the final hurdle that pre-service educators have to get over, and there being a lot of problems with that particular tool. And I'm grateful that we are going to do a deep dive and come up with some solutions that can ensure that we keep the quality, but we remove the barriers for our educators. So, thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

I'm sorry, I missed your light. We're going to go to Senate Bill 1497, Senator Villa. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1497, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villa, to explain your bill.

SENATOR VILLA:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1497 is a product of my Senior Advisory Council in the 25th District. This bill, as amended, ensures that when nursing home residents require a positioning device, they will have access to it. However, if they do not need one but are given one, it will now be considered a restraint. There will be exceptions for a resident, a resident's guardian or the resident's authorized representative request a positioning device. They will be able to receive it. Also, when a resident physically demonstrates the need for a device, one will be provided. Senate Bill 1497 also codifies language for the Administrative Code into the Nursing Home Care Act, regarding the circumstances in which psychotropic medication can be used for nursing home residents for their benefit. We've removed all opposition. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1497 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted to wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1497, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We go to, Senate Bill 1499. Senator Villa seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1499 to the Order of 2nd -- 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1499. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Villa.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villa, on your amendment.

SENATOR VILLA:

I'd like to adopt it, and explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1499. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1499, an Act concerning animals. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villa, to explain your bill.

SENATOR VILLA:

Thank you, Mr. President. Today as I'm presenting Senate Bill 1499, this bill was brought to me by DuPage County State's Attorney Office. This bill allows law enforcement officers making an arrest for an offense to lawfully take possession of some or all of the companion animals in the possession of the person arrested. The amendment removes the violation of the owner's duties provision from one of the reasons why law enforcement may arrest and lawfully take possession from a companion animal. We've removed

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all opposition, and I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1499 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted to wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1499, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're at the end of that page, is there anyone who wants to correct a vote? We're going to the top of page 40. We're going to go to Senate Bill 1552, Senator Doris Turner. Mr. Secretary, please -- out of the record. We're going to go to House -- to Senate Bill 1559, Senator Murphy. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1559, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy, to explain your bill.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you, Mr. President, as amended, 1559 creates the Access to Affordable Insulin Act. It caps the cost of insulin at \$35. But it also has a provision that creates the affordable insulin discount program. It allows the State to purchase insulin discounted and then get the rebate back from the manufacturer. So, we have no opposition to this bill. The amendment passed in committee, and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill

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1559 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 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1559, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to drop down to Senate Bill 1568, Senator Morrison. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1568, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison, to explain your bill.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This legislation instructs the Department of Insurance to conduct a data call gathering specific types of disability insurance plan information.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1568 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 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1568, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. I'm going to drop down to Senate Bill 1646. Senator Martwick seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1646 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1646. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Martwick.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Martwick, to explain your -- your amendment.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, Mr. President. I seek to adopt the amendment and explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Martwick.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Martwick, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, Mr. President. I also seek to adopt this amendment, and I would seek to explain the bill in its entirety on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1646. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1646, an Act concerning public employee

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benefits. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Martwick, to explain your bill.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, Mr. President. As amended, Senate Bill 1646 represents the pension omnibus bill. These are various provisions that went through the Pension Committee. That is -- these were all items that were by agreement and there was no opposition to these. There are several. There are ten different provisions in this bill. I'd be happy to answer any questions. And I respectfully ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 16 -- Senate Bill 1646 pass. All those in favor vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1646, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to 1670, Senator Feigenholtz. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1670, an Act concerning government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Feigenholtz, to explain your bill.

SENATOR FEIGENHOLTZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1670 ensures that medical records and private health information of patients who receive care at a public hospital are kept private. I'm happy to

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answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1670 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 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1670, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to drop down to Senate Bill 1674. Senator Fine seeks leave of the body to return Senate Bill 1674 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1640 -- 74 {sic} 1674. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Fine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine, on your amendment.

SENATOR FINE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to adopt the amendment and explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1674. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1674, an Act concerning health. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine, to explain your bill.

SENATOR FINE:

Thank you. The (Long-Term) Stabilization Support Pilot Program is an initiative of IDHS. It allows the Department to create transition homes across the State for adults and children living in State run facilities with developmental disabilities. This would allow them in these temporary homes to have additional supports.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion, Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR BRYANT:

So, I -- I think while this is really well intentioned, there's still a lot of questions. I did talk to DHS about this in Committee. We had some questions about where these new facilities would be located, what they would cost. We did get an answer back on the cost of each individual, and it was roughly \$300,000 per resident. Still, some questions about the cost of either transforming a home or building a new facility. All of that being said, there is a need for a transition from CILAs to SODCs. So, we find back and forth, you know, individuals will decompensate while they're in a CILA and need to be moved to an SODC, or they're in

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an SODC and they're doing really well, they're may be ready to go back to CILA and there's nothing in between. So, I would say to those who understand that we may have to spend a lot more money on the developmentally disabled and the intellectually disabled. This is something that probably needs to be addressed. I would like to have some questions answered in the future from DHS. And so, I'm not going to urge a vote in either direction on this. I just want to make folks aware that there might be substantial cost involved in this, and for you all to make the decision for where you want your money to go. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Any more discussion? Seeing none, Senator Fine, to close.

SENATOR FINE:

Yes. Thank you. And thank you, Senator Bryant, for your comments. Currently, we have seven short term homes that individuals can stay at for up to 90 days. This would expand that from being able to care for 28 people at a time, to caring for 80 people at one time, with individuals being able to stay in these homes for up to two years. I would appreciate your Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 1647 -- 74 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. All voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Yea, 2 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. And Senate Bill 1640 -- 74, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're at the bottom of that page. Anybody that needs to correct a vote? Seeing none. We're going to go to the top of the page on page 41, Senate Bill 17 -- 1701. Senator Villivalam seeks leave of the Body

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to return Senate Bill 1701 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1701. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Villivalam.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, on your amendment.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. I wish to adopt the amendment and explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1701. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1701, an Act concerning local government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam, to explain your bill.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is an initiative of the Illinois Environmental Council, the American Farmland Trust, and the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

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It amends -- as amended, it expands the Partners for Conservation Fund and creates the Healthy Soil and Watersheds Initiative to improve the health and -- of soils and the function of watersheds. I know of no opposition, and this might be the first Villivalam/Plummer bill in the last four years, so I'd urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1701 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 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1701, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go down to Senate Bill 1716. Senator Glowiak Hilton seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1716 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of Senate -- Senate -- Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1716. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Glowiak Hilton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to adopt the amendment and explain it on 3rd, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are

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there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1716. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1716, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Glowiak Hilton, to explain your bill.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is a -- just extends the repeal of the Registered Surgical Assistant and Registered Surgical Technologist Title Protection Act. It is just a sunset extension. There isn't any opposition, and it was requested by IDFPR.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall Senate Bill 1716 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 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1716, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're now going to go down to Senate Bill 1741. Senator Stadelman seeks Leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1741 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order seven -- 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1741. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Stadelman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, on your amendment.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

I'd like to adopt the amendment, explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1741. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1741, an Act concerning civil law. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Stadelman, to explain your bill.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. The premise of Senate Bill 1741 is that if you are a tenant and your landlord decides to withhold your security deposit after your lease is over, then you should be able to get a statement listing as to why and the list of itemized damages that you are required to pay. Under current law, those notifications are already required, if you're a tenant that has five or more units. What this legislation does is simply remove that five-unit threshold. So, all tenants, whether

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you rent a single-family home, your landlord has ten units -- units has four units. You're going to be able to receive the security deposit protection. Happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion, Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR TRACY:

So, when this bill was drafted, there was a carve out for five units or less. And there was a reason. And there's still a reason is that a person owning five units most likely is not a professional landlord. And still he's a guy like a senior couple who's decided they need to rent out their upstairs to try to make ends meet. It's a young couple who uses their starter home as a rental. It's the landlords that during the pandemic, were not able to evict and suffered great financial disaster in some instances because they couldn't evict tenants. Many tenants thought they just didn't have to pay rent ever. And they have incurred a lot of mandates. But we're changing something that was put in the original bill for a reason. These are not sophisticated landlords. They're the ones that have to go clean up and get the premises ready for the next tenants. They probably have a bucket of cleaning supplies that they take over to the house, take over to the unit. All of us have friends and family that may fall on this category. They're just not professional landlords and we're heaping on them another burden. After they just came off a pandemic where they suffered

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great consequences from the eviction moratorium. And so, I just don't think it's fair, at this time, to put another burden on them and to remove a stipulation that was in the original bill for a reason. The reason has not changed. There're still temporary nonprofessional landlords. And for that reason, I would urge a No vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion. Senator Stadelman, to close.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate the Senator's comments. I would argue, I don't think this is overly burdensome, this is a simple notification to a tenant. In fact, I think it's easier for landlords with fewer than five units to check on their apartments to have communication with the tenants than it is for a landlord who has more than five units. They have larger numbers and there already following this -- this law, this notification process. You know, finally, you know, the bottom line this is a consumer protection issue. If someone owes you money and you don't get that back, you should have an explanation why you're not getting that money back. Ask for a Yes vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

So, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1741 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 40 voting Yea, none -- 16 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. And Senate Bill 1741, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to the next one. Senate Bill 1745, Senator Tracy. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Tracy seeks leave of

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the Body to return Senate Bill 1745 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1745. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Tracy.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Tracy, on your amendment.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you. I would like to adopt the amendment and explain it on 3rd Read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1769. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. I'm sorry, 1745. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1745, an Act concerning wildlife. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Tracy, to explain your bill.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill has been in the making for several years, and what it allows is for an emergency abatement

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of a wildlife nuisance. Currently, you need to get a permit from the -- the Department of Natural Resources to abate a nuisance by a muskrat, a beaver, certain animal wildlife. And it -- it's very inconvenient if you're in the situation of flooding that would harm farmland or road structures and the like to wait for the permitting process. So, what this bill basically does, says that drain personnel of drainage districts or personnel's of road districts may forego the normal permitting process if they're otherwise qualified and abate the nuisance and then report what they've done to DNR. And as I said in committee, it's -- it's like if you have a flood going on in your commercial property, it is difficult to wait for a permit to turn that water off and watch it -- your property flood. You'd like to be able to abate the nuisance and then report what's been done later. So, I would ask for an Aye vote, and I would entertain any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1745 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. I'm sorry. The voting -- 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1745, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to Senate Bill 1779, Senator Turner. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1779, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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Senator Turner, on your bill.

SENATOR DORIS TURNER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1779 allows skilled nursing facilities to utilize the Medication Aide Program, a program that 38 other states are currently using. It allows medication aides to operate within facilities that would not -- would not -- would not only increase efficiencies throughout a facility but would also encourage those currently working in long term care to remain in the profession due to the career ladder that it creates for CNAs. An experienced CNA, with 2000 hours of practice, will have the ability to become certified as a medication aide creating -- creating a career ladder for CNAs. Medication aides must complete 60 hours of classroom-based medication aide education, a minimum of ten hours of simulation laboratory study, and a minimum of 30 hours of RN supervised clinical practicum with progressive responsibility of patient medication assistance. Also, to note, medication aides can only administer oral -- oral, and topical medications and are prohibited from administering schedule to controlled substances and intravenous medications. And this legislation would also require that a registered nurse shall be on duty to delegate and supervise the medication administration specific to each resident. I -- I believe that this is a piece of legislation that is in the interest of patient care. It addresses the current nursing shortage, and I think it also addresses workforce development. And I'm happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, to the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Rise in support of this legislation. I appreciate the Senator's leadership on this. This takes care of all the concerns that have been raised. It is something that's already currently being done in DD facilities, and this is going to help patients get their prescriptions in a more timely manner and ultimately give better health outcomes for our seniors. So, I appreciate the work on that and urge those in our side to support this legislation. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

She indicates she'll yield.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Senator Turner, do you know of any opposition at the moment to this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Turner.

SENATOR DORIS TURNER:

Yes, there is -- there has been some opposition. I have been in conversation with the Chicago black nurses, and it's my understanding that there is another nursing organization that has expressed opposition, but I have not had detailed conversations with them.

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Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR AQUINO:

I appreciate my colleagues work on this bill. I just wanted to -- to clarify something that was stated earlier. It -- it seemed that it was my -- my colleague from the other side of the aisle was indicating or suggesting that the -- this opposition was cleared up. There is some opposition. And because of that, unfortunately, I will be voting No on this -- on this bill -- due to opposition from -- from nursing organizations.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Turner, to close. I'm sorry, Senator Ventura.

SENATOR VENTURA:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR VENTURA:

So, I will be voting No on this bill. It sets the prices for CN's slightly higher, but it -- it ultimately cuts into the nurses who have had to go through long training and certificates and exploits labor and the costs of that. So, we want to make sure to protect our nurses who have done a good job and, in their certificates, and make sure that we can protect those positions as well. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Fine.

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SENATOR FINE:

Thank you. Question for the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

She indicates she'll yield.

SENATOR FINE:

My colleagues have pointed out the opposition to the legislation. Is there any intention on working with the opposition when this bill goes over the House to make any changes?

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Senator Turner.

SENATOR DORIS TURNER:

I'm happy to continue that conversation, and I have indicated that to some of those that have been in opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

To the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. I do appreciate this bill. If anyone has a relative who is in a nursing home, you will know that it is very, very difficult to get enough staff in the nursing home. So, this is just, as we're trying to figure out our staffing shortages, not only in the health care industry, but in every sector across the

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entire workforce. This is a bill that will help the -- the nursing homes out and health care out, as well. And I appreciate the sponsor bringing this forward. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion. Senator Turner, to close.

SENATOR DORIS TURNER:

I -- I appreciate all of the comments that my colleagues have made on both sides of the aisle. I would -- I would -- I do not view this legislation as being in competition with nurses or creating any conflict with -- with -- with them and -- and their profession. I see it as something that augments there -- that augments their profession and provides an opportunity for better patient care. And I -- I also see it as a, again, a workforce development and a pipeline. There are a number of individuals that I come in contact with all the time, at different ages and stages of their life that use this as a career path. They start out working in the dietary in a -- in a facility, then they go to a medication aide, then they go to a CNA, LPN and then to an RN. So, I think that this is something that will definitely go a long way again to address the nursing shortage, provide excellent patient care, and also workforce development. And I would urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

So, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1779 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 42 voting Yea, 7 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. And Senate Bill 1779, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. President Harmon, in the Chair.

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PRESIDENT HARMON:

Still on the Order of 3rd Reading, on page 41, House or Senate Bill 1804, Senator Murphy. Senator Murphy, 1804. Senator Murphy seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1804 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1804. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Murphy.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd ask to adopt, and I'll explain on 3rd.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Murphy moves for the adoption of the amendment. All in favor say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

3rd Reading. Now on 3rd Reading Senate Bill 1804. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1804, an Act concerning safety. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Murphy.

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SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you, Mr. President. As amended, this bill allows refrigerants designated as approved in accordance with the federal law, to be allowed for use in the State as long as any equipment containing the refrigerant is listed and installed and in accordance with the required safety requirements. So, this language cleared up any opposition, and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall Senate Bill 1804 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, none voting No, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1804, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Harris, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HARRISS:

I intended to vote No on 1741, And I'd like the record to reflect that.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

The record will reflect your intent. Senator Bryant, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you. I would ask that the record reflect that I intended to vote No on Senate Bill 1446.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

The record will reflect your intent. Thank you. Mr. Secretary, on page 26 of the printed Calendar on the Order of

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Senate Bills 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 18 -- 895. Mr. Secretary, what is the status of that bill?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, Senate Bill 895 was recalled from 3rd Reading to 2nd Reading and then taken out of the record.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Please place the bill on 3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we'll turn to page 42 of your printed Calendar. Senate Bill 1866, Senator Cervantes. Mr. Secretary, Senator Cervantes seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1866 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading Senate Bill 1866. Mr. Secretary, have there been any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Cervantes.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Cervantes, on your amendment.

SENATOR CERVANTES:

Thank you. Would like to adopt the 2nd and move it to 3rd, please.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Cervantes moves to the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1866. All in favor say, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, the amendments been adopted. Mr. Secretary, have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Cervantes.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

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Senator Cervantes.

SENATOR CERVANTES:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is an initiative of the Illinois Department of--

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator, you have a third amendment to be adopted. Do you wish it adopted? Senator Cervantes moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 3, to Senate Bill 1866. All in favor say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

3rd Reading. Now on 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1866. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1866, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Cervantes, to present your bill.

SENATOR CERVANTES:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill is an initiative of the Illinois Department of Financial Professional Regulation. This bill is the real estate omnibus bill. The bill waives continuing education requirements for military service members seeking to reactivate their licenses within two years after a time in service. Prohibits the filing of liens on noncommercial residential estate for unpaid brokers compensation. Allows applicants for real

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estate, community association managers, auctioneer and home inspector applicants to use individual taxpayers ID number and place Social Security numbers and allows IDFPR to seek injustices relief against unlicensed individuals falsely claiming to be licensed. I have no -- heard of no opposition, and urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall Senate Bill 1866 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, none voting No, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1866, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Koehler, in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Going to go to page 42, we're going to go to Senate Bill towards the bottom of the page 1907. Senator Villanueva. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1907, an Act concerning education. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villanueva, to explain your bill.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1907, as amended, establishes the Public Higher Education Act, which requires public institutions of higher education, including community colleges, to offer "emergency contraception" at a reduced price in at least one

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wellness kiosk on each campus. Wellness kiosk may offer additional non-prescription wellness products. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

She indicates she'll yield.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you. Who pays for the kiosks and the -- the upkeep and the items that go in the kiosk?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villanueva.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

So, the customers looking for the items, would pay for the items, and the schools would pay for the wellness kiosk.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Sorry. Used to being in the house when my microphone is on, right. I understand that they'll pay for what they're getting out of the kiosk, but this is discounted, right? So, who pays for the discount?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villanueva.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

The school, Senator. That's what I just said.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

I'm -- the kiosk is paid for by the school, right? But the items in the kiosk are discounted. So, the school pays for those as well, for the --

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villanueva.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

Senator, I said it the first time. Yeah.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Okay, so the kiosk is paid for by the school, which is the taxpayers. The items in it are paid -- the discount is paid for by the school, which is the taxpayers. There is one, just one last thing, and that is wellness kiosk must also include discounted emergency contraceptives. So, there's only one item that is mandated to be in those kiosks. And that's the emergency contraceptives. Why is that the only item that's mandated to be in the kiosk?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villanueva.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

Because we're hoping to provide a resource to students that is available 24 hours a day for students. If you know, depending on the location of the kiosk that they then pay for, if they're not able to go to a pharmacy, which I think in another bill before we talked about, you know, some pharmacies are not open 24 hours a day and people can't always access this.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Obviously, I've made a couple points here which are that this is taxpayer funded. They will have to pay for the kiosk. They'll have to pay for the upkeep. They have to pay for the discount that's being given to those who are taking items out of this. And the only thing, apparently, that you can't, I guess that you can't find any place if a -- if a -- stores are closed at night are emergency contraceptives. So, for the reasons that I've mentioned, I would urge a No vote, on this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield for --

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

She indicates she'll yield.

SENATOR TRACY:

Senator Villanueva, did you have an opportunity to talk to community colleges or universities about this? Or was it them that came to you and said, we -- we would like to have a bill to put wellness kiosks on our campuses?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villanueva.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

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This is actually an initiative of Representative Barbara Hernandez, in the House, that I am working with her on. And as indicated, the University of Illinois is neutral, on this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

And so, I guess you don't -- did you ask Representative Hernandez? Do you know, if it was requested by universities or community colleges?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villanueva?

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

Again, Senator, I think I answered your question already.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Senator, with all due respect, you did not. And I would like to ask if you know where this bill came from? Did --

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villanueva.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

Senator, I answered that question before, and I think I made that very clear as to where this bill came from.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Well, thank you. I would like to, I guess just talk to the bill because I can't get clear answers of what I'm asking. So, to the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR TRACY:

I have no idea if community colleges, the University of Illinois is apparently neutral, and is last I checked, there's probably at least eight other public universities. Many more community colleges. And I just wondered if they had any requests for this bill. But -- there's a cost to putting up a kiosk on a college campus, whether it's community college, public university. It's going to be, I mean, let's think of it. You got to have a concrete base. You got to have a secure vending area. I don't think it's unreasonable to say it's like 25,000, probably. Who knows how much to maintain it each year from the university or the community college. These are things that can be bought in Walgreens or CVSs. Prior to the pandemic, most of these are near college campuses, community colleges there 24/7 by the most part. But suddenly we think it's a good idea to have this 24/7 kiosk available that's going to cost the -- the campuses money. It only mandates that the Plan B pregnancy pill be in there. That's well and good, but you know if we keep heaping these mandates on community colleges, Universities they have to look somewhere to take from someone -- somewhere else to pay for these things. It comes out of student fees. So, we -- we wonder why students have debt? Because, in Illinois we have underfunded universities and community colleges, and now they have to increase their tuition and fees. This goes on and on whether it's free transcripts, whether whatever. And here we go with all the other issues that we have in Illinois. And all of a sudden, we think it's a great idea to have wellness kiosks on every campus. So, I would urge a No

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vote. I think it's a frivolous bill, and that's about all I've got to say about it. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Senator Castro.

SENATOR CASTRO:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR CASTRO:

I appreciate the lengthy debate, and we had a lengthy debate in Executive Committee, but I want to clear up a few things about wellness kiosks. There are wellness kiosks everywhere. There is currently, wellness kiosks, in every community college and every university. This is not adding another barrier to that. On top of the fact, universities can add other things to the wellness kiosk, aspirin, Tylenol, feminine products, condoms, other types of products that they can actually sell and make a profit, which many of them currently do sell. So, while I recognize everyone's very passionate about this issue, I think we're making much to do about nothing. And I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion, Senator Villanueva, to close.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

I want to thank Senator Castro that so clearly pointed out the fact that, again, these are not free items. These are items that people will have to purchase. And if we wanted to talk about mandates, let's talk about toilet paper, which you know, is offered to everyone on college campuses free of cost. Why? Because everybody uses toilet paper. But again, we want to always litigate

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and go round and around because certain people make a decision to use Plan B, this is a good bill. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

So, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1907 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted you wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 38 voting Yea, 19 voting Nay, none voting Present. The Senate Bill 1907, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go back up to the top of the page, we're going to go to Senate Bill 1817. We're going -- Senator Gillespie seeks leave of the Body to move Senate Bill 1817 back to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1817. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Gillespie.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR GILLESPIE:

I'd like to adopt the amendment and explain it on 3rd, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

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3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 1817. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1817, an Act concerning human rights. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Gillespie, to explain your bill.

SENATOR GILLESPIE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1817 makes -- amends the Illinois Human Rights Act to make it a civil right violation, to consider immigration status during a real estate transaction of purchase or rental or the financing of one. It -- the amendment took care of some concern on the banker's part that it might conflict with federal law. It now has cleared that up and the bill has no further opposition. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall Senate Bill 1817 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 46 voting Yea, 9 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1817, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to turn the page to page 43, at the top of the page is Senate Bill 1915, Senator Martwick. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Out of the record. We're going to go down to the middle of the page, Senator Aquino, has Senate Bill 1979. Senator Aquino seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1979 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1979. Mr. Secretary, are there

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any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Aquino.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR AQUINO:

I like to adopt the amendment and explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1979. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1979, an Act concerning business. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Aquino, to explain your bill.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1979 amends that the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act to require that retailers with a physical location accept cash as a form of payment for sales of less than \$750. It limits the scope to gas stations, grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, units of government and public utilities. Decreases the threshold for requiring acceptance of cash to \$750 from the original proposed

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\$2000. In the -- in the original legislation provides that cash must be accepted between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. for gas stations, grocery stores, and restaurants, and provides a preemption and establishes a penalty structure for violations ranging from \$50 to \$5000. All in all, this -- this -- this bill is the intention behind it, is to secure that people that are underbanked and unbanked have the ability to -- to -- to participate in -- in the economy and be able to purchase, you know, needed necessities in -- in our communities. And so, we -- we've worked really hard on this piece of legislation, especially with groups like IRMA. Because of their input, we were able to get both them and the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce to neutral. I asked for an Aye vote, but we'll answer any questions from --

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR TRACY:

You know, certainly, I understand Senator Aquino's intent and purpose, and I understand there is a segment that does just do cash basis. What I am concerned about is a small businessman who operates in an area that he's worried about theft, or he's worried about robbery, and he chooses how he should run his business to operate in a certain area. Just as we've talked about food deserts. This is one bill that might create more food deserts or deserts where you don't have a convenience or a gas store because they're worried about robbery or theft, and they've chosen to run their

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business in this manner. And I think -- think that they deserve to be able to operate their business in the manner that they see fit, to be in the location they see fit. And I just don't understand why we want to limit them. And -- and determine how they should run their business and so, certainly, understand what the sponsor is trying to address. But likewise, I think we may be creating another problem in that these businesses will choose not to operate there. And I don't think we want to do that either. So, with that, I will be voting No. And I urge a No vote just for the reasons I stated. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

So, why the -- why the time? So, after 11 p.m., they don't have to accept cash. And then once 6 a.m. hits, they have to accept cash.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Yeah. Well, I appreciate that question. And it goes directly into the comments of the last speaker and it's about making sure that both businesses and those folks that are purchasing, the consumers are -- are utilizing cash at a -- at a -- at a time that is a safer time. So, it's not at, you know, at -- at 2 a.m. or -- or, you know, anything like that. So, the purpose of the having

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the time requirement was brought to us by IRMA in -- in our discussions, and it was specifically to be able to have some understanding that to protect folks and do it in a reasonable time, where folks that only have cash and are underbanked and unbanked are able to get needed, you know, critical retail things at appropriate times.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

And thank you. And -- and then why fuel stations, pharmacies, restaurants or grocery stores? Why those? Why are those the ones selected for this?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

So, this legislation applies to those businesses that employ an individual to accept payment from consumers. Additionally, it was further narrowed to only apply to what's quote unquote critical retail infrastructure, which is fuel, pharmacy, grocery and restaurants. We want to make sure that people are able to to -- to put fuel in their cars so that they get to work and get to the places that they need to go. We want to make sure that pharmacies are accepting cash, so that those folks that need to get their medication are able to pay for those things. We also included groceries and restaurants so that in those food deserts or in other areas, that people are able to feed themselves and their families, and that cash should always sort of be king in this, in this society. But while we move ahead and we have other payment methods which are not exempted in this legislation, you know, or rather,

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they're not regulated, you know, these folks, while we're asking, we're requiring folks to accept cash. We are also saying that you can still accept a debit card, you can still accept credit cards. And if you have a -- a -- another payment option, you're able to do so, as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Does the bill mandate what forms of credit card they can --

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

It does not touch anything on credit cards. This bill doesn't touch credit cards at all.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

To -- to the bill, thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

And thank you, Senator Aquino, for the responses to my questions. Look, if you look at the FBI's list, it's a bit loud. If you look at the FBI's list of places where there is most likely a violent crime to occur, or most likely the business is going to be robbed. Fuel stations are at the top of the list. The local grocery stores at the top of the list. Restaurants are common places where crime occurs. And, you know, recently, very recently, a few months ago, the Mayor of Chicago was chastising businesses

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for accepting cash because she was concerned about crime and people coming, knowing there will be cash there to steal and then stealing it if it's limited to credit cards, banks can stop those credit cards and -- and figure out where the credit card went and who took it. And these are private businesses. Why should this State be mandated, what they do or what they choose to do or not to do because of public safety? These businesses, many, I mean, some have been ransacked. And the times in which they were ransacked in the last several years was not we're not between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. they were in broad daylight. And we are seeing that more and more that crimes are occurring in broad daylight. So, I understand that the sponsor of the bill is bringing this from a good place, but we have to be concerned about public safety and so do these businesses. So, let's give them the tools to keep their businesses safe as they see fit. This is going to strip that away from them. And why would we do that? Especially now when crime is such a major issue for all of us throughout the State. So, for that reason, I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Sally Turner.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

Thank you, Mr. President. This will just be brief, and is to the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

I just want to mention that most of the people in my district mostly use cash. They use cash for all their payments. And I think that's something that's really important to think about everyone.

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And then also the issue of maybe local control, if it's a specific issue that's hurting your area or your city or your village or whatever it is, maybe that you could have something done specifically for your village. And that's all I need to say. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Senator Villivalam. Senator. Senator Aquino, to close.

SENATOR AQUINO:

I just want to -- I thank my colleagues on the other side and look, the -- the I want to be very specific that this bill is making sure that those folks that are underbanked and unbanked, that so from poor communities both in Southern Illinois to the urban center in Chicago, that use cash because they're underbanked or unbanked, have an ability to still purchase needed things, getting fuel, getting their -- their medicine at the pharmacy, getting food on the table at -- from being able to purchase at groceries and restaurants. The reason for 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. it goes directly into trying to keep people safe. Businesses are accepting cash. We're just trying to get ahead of a trend where we're seeing that more locations are going to -- to non-cash payment, and we do -- we also in this bill do nothing to -- to the extent of prepaid cards that are location that if you use cash and do not have a credit card or a debit card, you can put into a prepaid card. And if those businesses offer that, this bill does not affect those businesses whatsoever. So, what we're trying to do is to make sure that those folks that are amongst us are the ones that are at the lowest end of the economic spectrum here in the State of Illinois, still have an ability to use cash to

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purchase items. This bill is a great bill for businesses as we've worked with IRMA to -- to -- to -- to narrow the scope where they -- they in the Chicagoland Chamber are now neutral on this bill. I would -- I would urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote Yes on this bill, to ensure that all of us are still able to utilize cash, especially those that are underbanked and unbanked in this -- in our State. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

So, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1979 pass. 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 40 voting Yea, 16 voting Nay, none voting Present. The Senate Bill 1979, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go over to page 44, in the middle of the page, to Senate Bill 2102, Senator Martwick. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 2102, an Act concerning public employee benefits. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Martwick, to explain your bill.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 2102 provides that consolidated -- the consolidated police and fire funds shall examine or investigate each pension fund established under the Downstate Police or Downstate Firefighter Article of the Pension Code. Happy to answer any questions. Ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2102 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2102, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Now we're going to page 45, in the middle of the page, Senator Johnson on Senate Bill 2240. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 2240, an Act concerning education. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Johnson, to explain your bill.

SENATOR JOHNSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Is there an amendment? No. Okay. Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2240, as amended, simply provides that after the completion and posting of Illinois State School Report Card, individualized disaggregated data on the enrollment of students and Community College -- College's remediation courses from the most recent completed academic year must be made available to school districts on an annual basis by a data sharing agreement, consistent with the State Education Authority disclosing data from the longitudinal data system. Now also, and this is really important. It also provides that this data must not be used in the evaluation of licensed educators. This is agreed language between ED-RED, IFT and the ICCB. I know of no opposition, and I ask for an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2240 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 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2240, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. And, so now, skipping around we're going to go back to page 4. On Senate Bill 63, Senator Castro seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 63 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 63. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Castro.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR CASTRO:

I wish the amendment be adopted and I'll explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 63. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 63, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of

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the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Castro, to explain your bill.

SENATOR CASTRO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 63, as amended, provides that upon receipt of an application and payment of the appropriate fee, the Department of Transportation shall have up to 45 days to review and approve an application or notify the applicant of any deficiencies necessary for the Department's renewal approval. If deficiencies are noted, the application shall have 45 days to correct them. Once the correction has been submitted to the Department shall issue a 30 day to make a final determination. Senate Bill 63 further provides that if a permit application is for a sign within an area subject to the Airport Zoning Act, the process exceeds the timeline. We worked extensively with this, with IDOT, they are neutral. It passed at a Senate Executive Committee, unanimously. I asked for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

And so, the question is, shall Senate Bill 63 pass. All those in favor vote, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted to wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Yea, 5 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 63, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're now going to go to page 5, up towards the top, is Senator Murphy with Senate Bill 201. Okay. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 201, an Act concerning civil law. 3rd Reading of

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the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy, to explain your bill.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 201 would permit judicial foreclosures for those people that did not -- were evicted and had to file during the COVID-19. And then it would similarly eliminate the clause that requires notification to aldermen and Mayors of a foreclosure filing and that's an effort to help protect people's privacy. So, I know of no opposition, and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 201 pass. All those in favor vote, Aye. I'm sorry. Senator Tracy, I'm sorry.

SENATOR TRACY:

My apologies, Mr. President. Sometimes, you know, you lose your little box and you can't figure out how to poke it back up. Thank you. Just to the bill, please. I'm from Southern Illinois. What do you expect?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Take your time. Deep breath.

SENATOR TRACY:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR TRACY:

I'm wondering how timely this bill is. I know COVID is still going on, but I didn't know if we were pressed to do another

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moratorium. Let's hope not. But anyway, I just questioned, why? But it -- it just seems like this bill is a little past prime, fortunately, and so, I don't know, it seems like it's filling up needless space. No offense to the sponsor, but thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Senator Bennett. Senator Bennett, further discussion? Your light is on. All right. Seeing no further discussion. Senator Murphy, to close.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

So, the question is, shall Senate Bill 201 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 40 voting Yea, 15 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. And Senate Bill 201, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Bennett, for what purpose do you seek recognition? We're going to go to Senator Joyce, Senate Bill 273. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Joyce seeks leave of the Body to send Senate Bills 273 back to Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 273. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Joyce.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, on your amendment?

SENATOR JOYCE:

I'd like to adopt the amendment and explain it on 3rd.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 273. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 273, an Act concerning transportation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Joyce, to explain your amendment or your bill.

SENATOR JOYCE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Under current law, IDOT safety inspections must be conducted at established brick and mortar locations. Senate Bill 273 allows companies to provide similar mobile safety inspections for IDOT compliance. We've worked with IDOT. There is no opposition. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall Senate Bill 273 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Yea, 3 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 273, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to jump to page 34, and we're going to go up towards the top of the page, Senator Rose has Senate Bill

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1115. Mr -- Mr. Secretary, please read the bill, Senate Bill 1115. It's a recall? Senator Rose seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1115 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1115. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Rose.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR ROSE:

Yeah. Thank you. If we could adopt it, we'll talk about the whole thing on 3rd. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1115. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1115, an Act concerning public employee benefits. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rose, to explain your bill.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is an important bill, and I want to explain some of the background. Senator Scott Bennett

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and I were working on this last summer, and we started on it last spring, but it became clear we weren't going to get it right before the end of Session. And so, we worked on it in the summer and fall with intend to bring it back this -- this spring. And sadly, Scott's not here to -- to -- to do this, but I do consider it somewhat of a legacy bill for Senator Bennett. I want to thank Senator Halpin before I explain it, and also Senator Faraci and Senator Anderson. Right now, university police officers at our public four institutions who are sworn law enforcement officers, they put their lives on the line just like any other municipal police officer. In Champaign, the area that Senator Faraci and I represent, the University of Illinois, the University Police Department actually has a contract with the City of Champaign to police quite a bit of the city. This week they took -- had to deal with a knife fight. They've had to deal with shootings. They're on SWAT. But here's the critical difference. And this is what this bill does. If they get injured in the line of duty, they don't get the same benefits that the police officer with the municipality gets. So, if they're on SWAT and a Champaign police officer gets injured, they get a better line of duty benefit than the University of Illinois police officer that's not right. This fixes that. It makes it an equal across the board, brings parity to the situation. And for all of our university employees, whether it's the folks I represent at Eastern University, the folks that Senator Faraci represents, the University of Illinois. Senator Halpin at Western, even up to University of Illinois Chicago. They should be treated equally with anybody else wearing blue if they get injured. And so, that's what this bill does. It brings them parity, and I can't imagine that anyone's against it. But, I'd be happy to answer any

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questions. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there discussion? Senator Halpin.

SENATOR HALPIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR HALPIN:

I just want to thank Senator Rose for bringing this bill. You know, this is an issue, that it's the kind of thing where we -- you're surprised to learn that this isn't already in statute. And I want to bring the -- the good news is that when we looked at this in the past couple of years, only two Members statewide would have been affected and or would be affected. And so, this is fortunately a benefit that isn't used often. And we hope we never really have to use. But it -- it's not any significant cost to the State, and it's just the right thing to do. So, I'd ask you to vote Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion, Senator Rose, to close.

SENATOR ROSE:

Just appreciate everyone's attention. I -- I wish to heck that my buddy, Scott Bennett, had his name up here today, but -- but he can't. So, with -- with that, I just ask for everybody to vote for it, please. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

And so, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1115 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

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who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1 -- 1115, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Okay, Now we're going to page 40, And if you go to the top of the page towards the top, we have Senator Morrison with Senate Bill 1563. Senator Morrison seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1563 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Just -- just one second. It's an adopted amendment. So, we'll go to Senate Bill 1563. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1563, an Act concerning safety. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison, to explain your bill.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill requires the IEPA to stand up a public webpage with information regarding microplastics, and then to submit a report to the G.A. And Governor regarding microplastics, which will include what other states are doing to address this issue.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1563 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 Nay {sic} (Yea), None voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1563, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to the next page, page 41 down towards the bottom, Senator Morrison

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has Senate Bill 1772. Senator Morrison seeks leave of the Body to return 1772 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Excuse me. Wait one second. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading -- Mr. Secretary, please put that bill on 3rd Reading, we'll come back to it. We're going to go to page 42. Senator Holmes has Senate Bill 1882. Mr. Secretary, please -- Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.
SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1882, an Act concerning animals. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Holmes, to explain your bill.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you so much, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1882 prohibits testing facilities from conducting canine or feline toxicology experiments. It does allow for experiments for medical purposes to comply with federal requirements regarding the approval or maintenance of a medical device, or to achieve discovery, approval, or maintenance of drugs, biologics, or pesticides as required by various federal agencies where they have no indicated acceptance of alternative test methods. I would appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1882 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 Yes, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1882, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go over to page 43, up towards the top is, Senator Gillespie's, Senate Bill 1964. Mr. Secretary,

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please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1964, an Act concerning public aid. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Gillespie, to explain your bill.

SENATOR GILLESPIE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill, 1964 is an amendment that requires a six-month implementation period for benefit or reimbursement changes to the Medicaid program beginning January 1st of 2024. This is an agreed amendment and the -- there's no opposition. I request an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1964 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1964, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We'll go right to the next one down. Senator Gillespie has Senate Bill 1965. Mr. Secretary, would you please read the bill?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Bill 1965, an Act concerning public aid. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Gillespie, to explain your bill.

SENATOR GILLESPIE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1965 is an initiative

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of HFS. As part of the managed care program, HFS pays MCOs a fixed capitation rate for the cost of medical services. Currently, HFS withholds 2 percent of capitation rates to hold MCOs accountable for quality measures. The provision in statute, however, required that HFS return the full aggregate amount withheld from all MCOs, regardless of whether they fully met the quality goals. This is intended to close that loophole. The parties are currently, in discussion, regarding some parameters around what would be the quality standards and the time frame to meet them. They've agreed to continue to work on that in the House, and so, there's no opposition to moving this forward in the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion, Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates she will yield.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Senator, is the intent that this negotiation, when it gets worked out, that -- that 2 percent is still going to stay in the pot to go towards those MCOs?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Gillespie.

SENATOR GILLESPIE:

It is the intention that the money will be used for the Medicaid Program and will be used towards quality improvements, but not at the direction of the MCOs. The Department will be directing how it's to be used.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Okay, but the intent then would be that this money would be used, as part of the, whatever that formula is going to be, for those -- for the MCOs and I know the concern is, as you know, none of the MCOs were ran at a 2 percent profit margin. This would be -- this \$4 or \$500 million taken away from the MCOs would pretty much devastate them if those funds weren't still in there. So, is the goal to come up with a -- a formula or come up with benchmarks that as long as those benchmarks are met, that those dollars would stay in that formula for the MCOs?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Gillespie.

SENATOR GILLESPIE:

The intent is that the withhold should function as a true withhold, and if plans aren't meeting the quality standards, then they do not get the money back as payment. The intent here is to ensure that the quality standards are reasonable, that they can be met, that it is not a backdoor rate cut, as the industry put it, and that it is -- will stay in the Medicaid Managed Care Program and not be scraped for anything else. But it is intended to function as a true withhold.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Okay, I appreciate that. And -- and again, from -- from our side, this is -- I know this is a concern, but there are -- there are discussions going on. And I think, at this point, I would be fine with us supporting this and in hopes that this final

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negotiation will be worked out so we can keep these programs going for the MCOs, which clearly have met benchmarks higher than what fee for service is. And so, it just we ran out of time in negotiating to come up with this agreement. So, I am hopeful that when this gets to the House, we'll have something that is workable. So, I am supportive of the idea of moving this forward and then hopes that we can get something worked out shortly. So, thank you. And Senator, thank you for your work on trying to get that worked out.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion, Senator Gillespie, to close.

SENATOR GILLESPIE:

I ask for an -- an Aye vote. This is a real step forward in rate transparency. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

So, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1965 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1965, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go back to page 39, Senator Ventura has Senate Bill 1474. Senator Ventura seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 7 -- 4 -- 1474 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading now is Senate Bill 1474. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Ventura.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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Senator Ventura, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR VENTURA:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to adopt the amendment, discuss on 3rd please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1474. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1474, an Act concerning State government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ventura, to explain your bill.

SENATOR VENTURA:

Thank you, as amended, 1474 amends the IPA, Illinois Power Agency to procure renewable energy credits from the hydropower dams. It bars incentives for new construction dams. This would allow us to create more baseload capacity in the State. It also defines the environmental justice communities and projects located within 82 percent of the median income, and then it requires prevailing wage on these projects. I asked for an Aye vote. There's no -- the amendment removed all opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion, Senator Rezin.

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SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

She indicates she will yield.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. Senator, can you tell us are these new RECs that you're accessing or are you using already existing RECs?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ventura.

SENATOR VENTURA:

Yes, these RECs come from the wind portfolio.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. And are there caps on what can be -- how many RECs or how much money is spent?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ventura.

SENATOR VENTURA:

So, the portfolio splits out 55 percent for solar and 45 percent for wind. These will be competitively bid against the wind project. So, there's no cap. They would compete equally with the wind RECs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

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SENATOR REZIN:

I rise in support of this bill. This bill takes already existing wind RECs, a very small portion, and we have the ability to use them for hydro, which is another just kind of energy that we have available. I believe it equates to about two megawatts in total that would be able to be used for these projects in Illinois. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion. Senator Ventura, to close.

SENATOR VENTURA:

This is exciting legislation as it moves the State further into renewable energy, especially as it addresses the base load capacity. And I ask for an Aye vote on this. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

So, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1474 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1474, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to page 40, towards the middle of the page, Senator Martwick has Senate Bill 1648. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1648, an Act concerning public employee benefits. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Martwick, to explain your bill.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

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Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1648 addresses an issue of minimum annuities for disabilities in the Laborers Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago, is an initiative of the fund. I know of no opposition. Happy to answer any questions. Ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1648 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1648, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to the top of page 45. Senator Cunningham is Senate Bill 2152. Senator Cunningham seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2152 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now, on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2152. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Cunningham.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Cunningham, on your amendment.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment becomes the bill I move for its adoption, and I'll explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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 KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, is Senate Bill 2152. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2152, an Act concerning public employee benefits. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Cunningham, to explain your bill.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2152 would enable the State University Retirement System to Teachers Retirement System and the Illinois State Board of Investments to authorize the State Treasurer to manage the proxy voting activities of their investments. This is a permissive bill. It does not require them to use the Treasurer for this purpose, but they can enter into an agreement with the Treasurer to do so. There are also some transparency provisions that will require the Boards to publish their proxy voting practices, information on their proxy voting practices, and how the Board considers sustainability factors. The amendment removed all known opposition of the bill. I'd be happy to answer any questions and I ask for the Chamber's support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion, Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

He indicates he'll yield.

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SENATOR ANDERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, we had some back and forth about some language in this bill. Your -- attorneys say it's kind of cleared up and ours are kind of iffy on it. So, if I could just a question for legislative intent. Under the language of this bill that we passed in Executive, is it clear that the Treasurer is liable for any damage or suits where damages are sought for negligent or wrongful acts alleged to be -- to have been committed in connection with the management of proxy voting activity?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Yes, thank you, Senator. Senate Bill 2152 addresses a relevant legal obligations like fiduciary status and liability matters in several subsections. One such -- such subsection states that quote "the Treasurer, the State Treasurer shall act as fiduciary to the system with regard to all aspects of the State Treasurer's management of the proxy voting activities". Further, the Pension Code states that any person who is a fiduciary thereunder who breaches any duty imposed upon fiduciaries by the Code shall be personally liable to make good on any losses to a relevant pension fund.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion. Senator Cunningham, to close.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. I ask for the Chamber's support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

So, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2152 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all

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voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 50 voting Yea, 5 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2152, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. All right, we've cleared up our paperwork. We're going to go back to page 41. We're going to go to 1772, Senator Morrison. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1772, an Act concerning safety. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison, to explain your bill.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This legislation will require that schools serving students, kindergarten through eighth grade, are prohibited from scheduling pesticide applications on school grounds in areas where children may be present during a school day.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall Senate Bill 1772 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 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1772, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. President Harmon, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I just want to call to

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your attention, we are at a brief lull in the action. We are expecting the Assignments Committee to meet shortly, to release the amendments that will be taken up in committee this evening. We do have a bit of work left to do on the Floor, but there is dinner in the hallway, pizza and I think salad. So, please help yourselves. After the Assignments Committee meets, we'll spend a little bit more time here on the Floor as the hour posting period elapses. But please have some pizza and -- and prepare for a little bit more work here on the Floor this evening. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The committee {sic} (Senate) will stand at ease to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet in the front room. Committee on Assignments. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Referred to Environment and Conservation Committee - Floor Amendments 4 and 5 to Senate Bill 7 -- 1769, and Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2212; refer to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 64 Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 376 Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 422 Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 506 Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1344 Floor Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 1509 Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1653 Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1913 Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2228; refer to State Government Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2100 Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2121 Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1997 and Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2278; refer to Transportation Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1211 Floor Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1213

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re-referred to the Assignments Committee - Senate Resolution 98, and Be Approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1438. Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Members of the Senate, if you can all get back in your seats, we're going to continue with business. If there's anybody in the hallway, please have them come in. We're going to be finishing up some of our bills, and we're also going to be posting some -- some amendments to be heard in Executive Committee and State Government later tonight. We're going to go to page 38, Senator Lightford, has Senate Bill 1351. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1351, an Act concerning education. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Leader Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

I don't know what happened to the bill. I think it evaporated. Oh, no. There it is. Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Senate Bill 1351, as amended, allows teachers who are due to be evaluated on the last year before they retire to waive their evaluation and retain their most recent rating unless the late -- the latest rating was -- needs improvement or unsatisfactory. It also provides that a school district may still evaluate a teacher who is about to retire, provided that the district gives a 14-day notice and a reason for the evaluation. I know of no opposition. This bill did come out on a unanimous roll call, and I'd be happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1351 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, No. 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1351, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to page 39. We're going to go to Senator Simmons has 1484. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1484, an Act concerning finance. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Simmons, to explain your bill.

SENATOR SIMMONS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1484 is legislation that would set up a Cooperative Housing Fund in the State of Illinois, which is a keyway to address the affordable housing shortage in our State. Right now, we have over 100 cooperative housing buildings in Chicago, and so it'd be great to have a statewide initiative that would incentivize the development of cooperative housing that gives lower and moderate-income people an opportunity to own a unit and collectively own the building that is collectively managed by the tenants. It's a great way to get people equity who otherwise would lack access to it, and of course, a path to home ownership. I've worked with IDA on this legislation. I don't know of any opposition at this time and would respectfully request an Aye vote. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there discussion? Senator McClure. Senator Rezin.

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SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. First of all, I'd like to thank the Senator for dealing with an important topic. We -- we agree on the topic. It needs to be dealt with, but sometimes we disagree on how to advance policy. My question for you on this particular piece of legislation is, where do the realtors support or oppose this legislation?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Simmons.

SENATOR SIMMONS:

Thank you, Senator Rezin, for the question. I am at this time not aware that the Realtors are opposed to this legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I stand in support of this bill. This is a topic that we all need to talk about, and I think that this is a good first step in handling an issue that's increasing in our State. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion -- further discussion. Senator Simmons, to close.

SENATOR SIMMONS:

Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Rezin, for engaging on this bill. I would urge my colleagues to vote in support of this legislation, because every

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single one of our districts is a part of the affordable housing shortage in Illinois. And so, this is something that would just be a magnificent way to start to address that shortage. And as I said earlier, it gives people a chance to actually own -- own their homes and own their units and collectively own their -- their buildings. So, thank you so much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 1484 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 Yays, 15 Nays, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1484, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. President Harmon, in the Chair.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

With leave of the Body, we'll return to page 21 of your printed Calendar, still on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 757, Senator Koehler. Mr. Secretary, Senator Koehler seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 757 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading Senate Bill 757. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Koehler.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Koehler, on your amendment.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes. I'd like to withdraw the first amendment.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

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Mr. Secretary, please withdraw the first amendment. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Koehler.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes. I move to adopt the amendment. I'll speak to it on 3rd.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Koehler moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2, to Senate Bill 757. All in favor say, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment has been adopted. Mr. Secretary, have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

3rd Reading. Now on 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 757. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 757, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes. The Floor Amendment No. 2, becomes the bill that establishes the process and procedures for auditing a pharmacy. The bill lists the responsibilities and duties of the auditing

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individual or entity, and provides the appeals process available to the pharmacy or pharmacist. Additionally, it makes technical changes to bring about the audit frequency, the number of prescriptions that can be audited in a year and in a time frame for conducting the audit, in appealing, and finding the audit in line with industry standards. This is an agreed upon bill. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall Senate Bill 757 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, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 757, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we'll turn to page 43 on your Calendar. Senate Bill 1960, Senator Koehler. Mr. Secretary, Senator Koehler seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1960 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on 2nd Reading, is Senate Bill 1960. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Koehler.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes. I move for the adoption, and I'll speak to it on 3rd.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Koehler moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment

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No. 2, to Senate Bill 1960. All in favor say, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Koehler.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes. I move for the adoption.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Koehler moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1960. All in favor say, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

3rd Reading. Now on 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1960. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1960, an Act concerning transportation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. This bill provides that low speed electric scooters device that weighs less than 100 pounds with the 2 or 3 wheels, handlebars, and a floorboard with a maximum

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speed of ten miles per hour. And it provides that a municipality or park district may authorize use of electric scooters on roadways, sidewalks, trails, and other public right of ways under their jurisdiction. The use of low-speed electric scooters is allowed only if authorized by the municipality or park district. It provides that low speed scooter may operate -- may not operate on a roadway with a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles an hour. An operator must be 18 years of age or older, carry only one person at a time, and a person may not carry any article which prevents the operator from keeping both hands on the handlebars. It retains the original language of the bill. This -- this is important because electric scooters are already something that is happening in most of our communities. And so, this is a bill that sets a statewide standard. We've worked this out with the Illinois State Police, with -- with -- with the legal counsel for one of the municipalities that was interested in this. It's -- it's permissive. It -- the only way you can actually do this is if a entity actually approves it. They may not be driven on any streets that have any kind of speeds. So, that's why the speed limit was put in there. They're limited to ten miles an hour. And the -- the -- the village or the town or the city may be more restrictive, but they can't be less restrictive than this. So, I'd ask for your Aye vote, and I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall Senate Bill 1960 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,

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5 voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1960, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, just as a reminder, as previously posted and announced, we will have a line of committees meeting tonight. We do have some work left to do on the Floor, but a reminder that the Senate Executive Committee will meet at 7:20 this evening in Room 212. The Committee on State Government will meet at 7:20, in Room 409, and the Committee on Environment and Conservation will meet at 7:20, in Room 400. Please report promptly to your committees. With leave of the Body, we're going to turn to page 46 on your Calendar. On the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading and Senate Bill 2368, Senator Koehler. Senator Koehler seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2368 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now, on 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2368. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Koehler.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Koehler, on your amendment.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes. I'd move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Koehler moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 2368. All in favor say, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

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PRESIDENT HARMON:

3rd Reading. Now on 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 2368. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2368, an Act concerning business. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This bill, as amended, amends the Capital Development Board to begin July 1st of 2024 to prohibit the application of a newly constructed commercial building or a non-building code jurisdiction until the building is inspected by an inspector to ensure it is compliant with the International Building Code, the National Electric Code, either the Energy Efficiency Building Code or the Stretch Energy Code, the Accessibility Code in the Plumbing Code and the Fire Investigation Act. Basically, what this does is it establishes a statewide building code as a minimum standard. Now, most communities are going to have well above the minimum standard. But the reason that this is important is because Illinois is one of only six states in the Union that does not have a statewide building code. And so, when we have a natural disaster, a flood or a tornado or something like that, the first thing that happens on a FEMA application for -- for help is -- is to have them -- you have to answer the question, do you have a statewide building code. And we have to always check that box no. And so, it costs us money. Believe me, I know that the folks that have worked on this have been in touch with -- with FEMA. They're elated that we're

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considering this. And so, I'd be happy to answer any questions. But we worked diligently to resolve as many of the issues, we -- we changed some timelines, we -- we moved some things around, we didn't satisfy everybody. There is still some opposition from the Illinois Municipal League, but there are some places that don't have building codes. And they want -- and they don't want them. So, but this really helps us out as a State because we need to establish this as a -- as a statewide standard. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

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

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Questions for the sponsor.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Sponsor indicates that he'll yield. Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, you said that you've been working with some of the opponents to address some of their concerns. Is IML still opposed to this?

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes, they are.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Any -- any reason, do you think they're just not going to come to any agreement, or is there a specific language issue they

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have?

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Well, I'll give you my opinion on this. I think they have a political problem. There are some places that don't have building codes and they don't want them. And so, it becomes kind of an issue within -- Now, most places, most communities already have building codes that are well above this. But I understand that I work this out with Brad Cole and, you know, we -- we worked in a very friendly way to try to accommodate other things that he had in terms of dates that we moved around for him. But I understand his -- his situation, but and he understands ours in the need to move ahead with this.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

And the other opponents of -- of the legislation, would you say they have a similar mindset as far as perhaps buildings or structures in their areas that don't meet these -- these new requirements?

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

No, we brought everybody else on -- on board. The Illinois Municipal League was the only opponent at this point.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

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Okay. Just for clarification. So, the DuPage Mayors and Managers and the Illinois chapter of the National Fire Sprinkler Association, they are no longer opposed. It's just IML?

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

I don't -- I don't think they slipped it. I guess I thought they were part of the IML. I don't know if they were for it or not, but I don't think they slipped it, that I know of.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Thank you.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

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

SENATOR ROSE:

Questions of the sponsor, if I May.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

The sponsor indicates that he'll yield. Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you. Senator Koehler, a couple of questions here. The first being, I think I heard you say that places don't want this, which to me would mean why are we doing it? But is there any opt out provision for those who don't want to comply with this?

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

No, and that reminds me of a good point. I think that's one

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of the reasons the IML didn't like it, because it -- it didn't allow home rule communities to opt out.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Is there a minimum population of community that this applies to?

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

No, this would be statewide. I mean, already agriculture is I mean, you don't -- you don't need a building permit to build a barn or whatever. But in terms of whether it's a county or municipality, this would be a minimal code throughout the State, including Chicago. Chicago is in this. So, they're not exempted, but it's a statewide minimal building code standard.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Who's going to enforce this?

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Well, it -- it's up to a municipality as to as to how they want to enforce it. And, you know, the Capital Development Board is responsible for having, you know, organizations say that they're, you know, what codes they have and all that. In terms of who enforces it, I don't know.

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Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

To the bill.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Mr. President. And I have immense respect for the sponsor, but this is really bad public policy. And I'm going to say why. First of all, you have locally elected officials who said they don't want this. So, we should respect that. But more importantly, I -- I mean, the Village of Metcalf couldn't even find anybody to run for Village of Trustees. I got communities that it's impossible to find people to show up. They have no budget at all. There's nobody to enforce this. But here's the big concern. I have -- I have poor people just like everybody here. And you're going to now tell them that they can't fix their home up because hiring, you know, Joe down the street to come over and make a couple, you know, tweaks here and there. They got to go find some inspector to say, it's okay. They're not going to -- who can afford this? And I'm not I mean, statewide building code, folks. I get like, all you guys in Chicago think that you're just used to it. You're used to somebody from the Mayor's office coming by or not even Chicago, Peoria, or Champaign. You're used to somebody being there to just do it for you. But in Metcalf, Illinois, there ain't anybody to do -- to mow the lawn, okay, let alone inspect the house. But more importantly, you're telling an awful lot of people who couldn't afford a -- who couldn't afford to repair and maintain their home in the first place, that we just doubled or tripled the bill and there may or may not be some guy from the CDB knocking on

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their door. Guys, sometimes we greatly overthink things here, and sometimes we just need to realize that there are people that either want to be left alone. And if that's the case, we should respect them or B can't afford to comply with all the stuff we keep putting on them, one after the other, after the other, and here's another. I hear people talk about homelessness all the time. You should come to downstate rural Illinois sometime and see some of the houses people are living in. And now, we're going to tell them have to go comply with the building code to fix their toilet. By the way, I've, I've pulled toilets, and I've replaced them several times in my life, but I'll be damned if I'm going to go get some frickin building inspector to change out my own toilet. That's just nuts. And, I've said enough. But, at some point in time, I told another Senator your side of the aisle earlier that a lot of people just walked away and said, we're not complying anymore. We're not paying attention to any of this stuff. We're just not going to do it. And everybody can feel good about voting for this. Oh yeah, we're going to make sure housing is all acceptable. The truth is, in Metcalf, Illinois, there are anybody to enforce it anyway. But -- but my goodness gracious, I can't wait for somebody to show up from the State of Illinois and tell them that I got to have it and licensed inspector change out my toilet. No, thank you.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Is there any further -- is there any further discussion?
Senator Plummer, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

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Sponsor indicates that he will yield, Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

I'll be brief here. Senator, I appreciate your work on this. Hard to follow that. I won't try to. But in your opening comments, you said that some places don't have building codes and they don't want them. So, just philosophically walk me through why you're trying to force them on them.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

The impetus of this whole bill was really because FEMA requires this if they're going to -- if you're going to maximize help from them when you have a disaster. So, the same communities that you've talked about, if they get wiped out by a tornado, it would certainly be a shame not to be able to maximize the help that we could give them to rebuild and just to correct something in terms of rehab or -- or refurbishing your house. It's only when you're increasing the value more than 50 percent of the house. So, changing your toilet is not going to require an inspector. The -- this is, you know, as I said, think about this. Only six states don't have statewide building codes. That means that all the southern states, which have all kinds of weather, tornadoes, hurricanes and all that, they have learned to understand that you have to have a statewide building code to be able to do this.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

For the sake of brevity, I'll go to the bill.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

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To the bill.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

So, six states don't have statewide building code, but you haven't explained to anybody what kind of code the other states have. Many of them don't go to the standard. If you expect me to believe that a tornado is going to wipe out Metcalf, Illinois or Nashville, Illinois, and FEMA is not going to show up because Senator Koehler's bill didn't pass. I think we all know that's a farce. Okay. I had a community, in my district, passed this locally, and I didn't oppose it because the local community chose to do it. And this was before inflation. And the average new construction for a single-family residence in that community went up 18 percent because they passed this identical thing locally. I thought it was kind of nuts. I didn't think they needed to do it, but it's their option. It's their right. It's their decision. But when you stand up and say, people don't want this, people don't have this, and we've made it this long without having it, and then you want to jam it down their throat and drive up the cost of construction for families who just want to live in their own home. It's absolutely absurd. This hurts families. This hurts people that want to buy a house. This drives up costs. It's completely unnecessary. And I think we need to start thinking about the -- the ability of families to afford to live in Illinois anymore. And we're just going to keep driving up costs, driving up costs, driving up costs. We've driven up the costs enough. Vote No.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senator Koehler, to close.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Well, thank you for the discussion on this. I thought this

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was a pretty simple idea that since most states recognize that it's important to have these standards, and it's important to always maximize the dollars that you can get back for your State and for your community, that -- that this would be a little easier than it was. I mean, this is a minimal standard, a minimal standard. Most communities, I would say probably 95 percent of the communities far exceed the minimal standard. But a -- you know, my reasoning, it's -- it's to help protect us in the future from natural disasters. I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2368 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 34 voting Aye, 18 voting No, 1 voting Present. And Senate Bill 2368, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Rezin, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I thought I pushed my button. I would like to be recorded as a Yes on 2363.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

The record will reflect your intent. Thank you. With leave of the Body, we're going to return briefly to the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading to put legislation in position for the morning. At the top of page 2, of the printed Calendar, Senate Bill 167 Senator Villivalam. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 167, an Act concerning health. 2nd Reading of the bill. Committee on Education adopted Amendment No. 1.

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PRESIDENT HARMON:

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we'll turn to page 3, Still on the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Senate Bill 2337, Senator Edly-Allen. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2337, an Act concerning education. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Education adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

And have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2340, Senator Turner. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2340, an Act concerning transportation. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Transportation adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

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PRESIDENT HARMON:

3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Calendar -- Supplemental Calendar No. 1 has been printed and distributed to the Members desks. At the top of that Order is Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Senate Bill 218, Senator Gillespie. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 218, an Act concerning regulations. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Licensing Activities adopted Amendment No. 2.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1909, Senator Villanueva. Senator Villanueva. Senate Bill 1909. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1909, an Act concerning civil law. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

3rd Reading. Continuing on the Supplemental Calendar, we are going to turn now to the Order of House Bills Second Reading and

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there is House Bill 559, Senator Glowiak Hilton. Mr. Secretary, please read the Bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 559, an Act concerning regulation. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

3rd Reading. Turning back to the printed Calendar, Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Near the top of page 2, is Senate Bill 188, Senator McClure. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 188, an Act concerning civil law. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Health and Human Services adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

And have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

3rd Reading. Mr. Secretary, Introduction of Senate Bills.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2560, offered by Senator Villa, an Act concerning appropriations. 1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk. Mr. President, I am directed to inform the Senate the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution in the

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adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit: House Joint Resolution 21, offered by Senator Erica Harriss adopted by the House, March 30th, 2023. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House. It is substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, it is just a moment or two before the hour of 7 p.m. Our posted committees are at 7:20. That'll give you time to get from the Senate to the committee hearing rooms. If you are a Member of the committee or a sponsor of an amendment before them, please report directly to the committees. We would like to move expeditiously through our committee work and return tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. to finish up Senate bills before the 3rd Reading deadline. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 9 a.m. on the 31st day of March 2023. The Senate stands adjourned.