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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senate will come to order. This Session is perfunctory.
Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports that the following Legislative Measures have been assigned to committees: Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation - motions to concur with Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1260, and House Amendments 1 and 4 to Senate Bill 1267; to the Committee on Education - the motion to concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1324; to the Committee on Environment and Energy - motions to concur with House Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 230, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 630, House Amendment 6 to Senate Bill 1172, and House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 1326; to the Committee on Executive - the motion to concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1380 -- or 1318 that is; to the Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities - motions to concur with House Amendments 5 and 6 to Senate Bill 1328, House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1329, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1448, House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1479, House Amendment 6 to Senate Bill 1558, and House Amendment 5 to Senate Bill 1620; to the Committee on Judiciary - the motion to concur with House Amendments 1 and 7 to Senate Bill 1357; to the Local Government and Elections Committee - the motion to concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1302; to the Committee on Revenue - motions to concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1191, House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1336, and House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1691; and to the Committee on Transportation - the motions to concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1200, and House Amendments 3 and 4 to Senate Bill 1730.

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If there's no further business, Senate -- the Senate will reconvene in regular Session at noon.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The Senate will come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks, and will our guests in the gallery please rise. Our prayer today will be given by the Reverend Gordon McLean, First Presbyterian Church of Springfield. Reverend McLean.

THE REVEREND GORDON MCLEAN:

(Prayer by the Reverend Gordon McLean)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Reading of the Journal. Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journals of Friday, June 10th and Monday, June 13th, in the year 1994, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Butler moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending the printed copies of the transcript. There being no objection, it is so ordered. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Karpziel, Chair of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Resolution 1560 Be Adopted, Senate Resolution 1394 Be Adopted, as Amended; House Joint Resolutions 96 and 154 Be Adopted, and Senate Joint Resolution 152 Be Adopted.

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Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 1600, offered by Senators Mahar and Tom Dunn.

Senate Resolution 1601, by Senators Fawell, Karpiel and Philip.

Senate Resolution 1602, by Senators Smith and Jones, as is Senate Resolution 1603.

Senator Carroll offers Senate Resolution 1604 -- Senator Carroll and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1605, Senator del Valle.

Senate Resolutions 1606 through 1614 are offered by Senator Madigan.

And Senate Joint Resolution 178, offered by Senators Fawell, Philip and others.

They're all congratulatory and death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Consent Calendar. On page 9 of today's Senate Calendar is the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrence. The intent of the Chair is to proceed to that Order for the purpose of considering motions to non-concur. So if any Senator wishes to non-concur, we'll... Senator Dudycz on the Floor? Senator Madigan, on Senate Bill 398. Senator -- Mr. Secretary -- Madam Secretary, read the bill numbers and the House amendments.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 398.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Madigan moves to non-concur in House Amendments No. 1 and 3. Any discussion? To Senate Bill 398. Senator Madigan moves to non-concur. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall -- shall so inform the House.

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1146, Senator Klemm? Madam Secretary, read the bill number and the House amendments.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 1146.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Any discussion? For what purpose does Senator Cullerton arise?

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I would ask for a roll call on this motion to non-concur. I would suggest to the Members that we should reject this motion to non-concur and to consider concurring in this. This bill is a major criminal law bill of the Session. If we put this bill in a conference committee, it's very possible that we may not be able to pass the measure. The -- the measure contains provisions to create a special State fund, which will be used to hire police officers in our communities. It also contains the -- the Safe Neighborhoods bill. And this bill would include allowing for the strengthening of penalties in juvenile justice, child abuse, gang-related offenses, alcohol and drug abuse, and firearm offenses, which are included in that Safe Neighborhoods provision. It also would provide for the hiring of six thousand six hundred new police officers in this State. And therefore, I -- I think if we were to non-concur, put this in a conference committee, we'd jeopardize the potential for passing these measures. And as a result, I would ask for a roll call and ask people to vote No on the motion to non-concur.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Further discussion? Senator Klemm.

SENATOR KLEMM:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. This is actually a major piece of legislation, and -- and what Senator Cullerton has said is partly correct. However, the provisions of the three-hundred-and-eleven-page amendment that's been added has

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never had a hearing, has never had any public input in the Senate. The two proposals that have been added - one is the Police Protection Enhancement Distribution Fund - is estimated to cost the State two hundred million dollars. And the Safe Neighborhoods bill is an additional two hundred million dollars that we're talking about. And I think four-hundred-million-dollar potential impact on the State's budget certainly demands that we have some hearings. And I think by putting it in a -- or not concurring, letting this either go back, and if -- if it must be, to go to a conference committee, would at least allow the public scrutiny, allow Members of the Senate and the House to work together to see if they can resolve it. I might add that these two provisions have been added just about on every Senate bill and House bill that's been coming over here. So this is -- including Democrat provisions of bills. So it's really not something that is unique to this legislation. So I do ask for your support to non-concur with Senate Amendment -- House Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 1146.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Stern.

SENATOR STERN:

I would like to second Senator Cullerton's motion for a roll call vote, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. I too rise in opposition to the Gentleman's motion. You know, I've been bombarded all week in Chicago watching the media talking about crime - who's soft on crime. Here we have an opportunity to really do something about the problem of crime, but I -- I noticed those TV commercials don't say anything about -- about crime. It doesn't say anything about what you got to pay for persons serving

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in prisons. And now all of a sudden we have a bill to come -- along to deal with the real problem, and we want to play this soft-on-crime bit. This is a good -- this is a -- those amendments are very good amendments. But again, who's playing games and who's playing politics with crime in the State of Illinois? I see ad after ad after ad talk about criminals not serving their time in jail. This bill would do it. I see ad after ad talking about who's soft on crime. Is this the Governor's position, for you to non-concur in amendments -- who -- when you want criminals to serve their time in jail, and you are opposing that? Let's stop all the hypocrisy as it relate to this issue. Quit playing politics. You should be concurring in these amendments, because these are the amendments that the people of Illinois want. You want criminals off the street. You want more policemen out there to protect the citizens of the State of Illinois. And I -- I encourage each Member to oppose this motion. We really should be voting Yes for it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

He indicates he would yield.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Senator Klemm, have you got any fiscal note or anything added to this bill that could tell us how much this additional police are going to cost? Because I have one of these amendments on my bill, and I understand everybody else has got it on their bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Klemm.

SENATOR KLEMM:

Well, actually, the only information I have, since the sponsor

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did not come and talk to me about this previous to adding this amendment, is approximately two-hundred-million-dollar cost to the State, at this time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Senator Klemm, do you have any notification? Has anybody come to you and explained where we're going to get this two hundred million dollars?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Klemm.

SENATOR KLEMM:

No, not -- not at all. They haven't talked to us. And -- and it was kind of interesting -- when one of the previous speakers on the other side were talking about the charades and the games we're playing, it was interesting that Governor Edgar's proposal on -- on doing something about crime is still languishing in the House Rules Committee. It hasn't even been out. So I guess if we're talking about games, it's kind of unusual that we'd be criticizing other packages. But, no, I don't know. This is an expensive program. And all I'm asking is that it either have a public hearing to get public input. It's not a matter necessarily of denying that this doesn't have some merit. I just think that at this time, without any input by the Senators in the House -- or the Senate, knowing what's the provision. This is a three-hundred-and-eleven-page amendment, I might add. So I think it calls for the openness that we ask for.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Severns.

SENATOR SEVERNS:

Thank you, Mr. President. As Senator Jones said, we've all seen the statewide ad campaign by the leader of -- of the other

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side, talking about the need to be tough on crime. We have an opportunity here to allow our actions to match the rhetoric. It's a good opportunity to be serious about being tough on crime, and I would hope that in this Body we can join in a bipartisan effort to say that we really mean that we want to do something to diminish the threat of crime that ravishes our neighborhoods throughout this entire State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Cullerton, for a second time.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Thank you. Just on a procedural point: I just wanted to point out to Senator Klemm that if we -- if we don't non-concur, then the alternative motion would be to concur. And as I understand the rules, the concurrence motion would be only after this amendment was fully debated in committee. So we will have a hearing. We will have the benefit of testimony before we would vote on any concurrence motion. And -- and that's merely a procedural note, that we have to be reminded at this time of the year that that's what our rules provide. And so there's no fear of us sneaking anything through by defeating this motion. We'll have plenty of time to debate the concurrence motion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Klemm, to close.

SENATOR KLEMM:

Well, I really have no problem. Senator LaPaille's bill has this provision on. You can certainly argue that at the time. This is a -- a different bill. It's a bill that certainly has been about indecent solicitation for children. This is an important legislative package that we have been fighting for. I do think this would be inappropriate to add this at this time, when there's another provision that will be before this Chamber. And I do ask for your support to non-concur to this amendment.

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Senator Klemm moves to non-concur in House Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 1146. All those in favor will vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 28, the Nays are 26, 1 voting Present. The Senate non-concurs in House Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 1146, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. The Belleville News-Democrat is requesting permission to take photos. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator O'Malley, on Senate Bill 1181. Madam Secretary, read the number and the House amendments.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Amendments 1, 2 and 4 to Senate Bill 1181.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator O'Malley, to explain the -- the motion.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I move to non-concur in Senate Bill 1181. As it was originally passed here in the Senate, it -- the bill provided for a number of things, including extending the repayment period for interfund loans, allowing downstate school districts to make interfund transfers between different -- different funds, authorized districts to abolish or abate their funds for leasing educational facilities and transfer any balance in such funds to other funds. House Amendment No. 1, which is really the only amendment that's alive in here, because the other amendments -- 4 deleted No. 2. The one that we have to look at is House Amendment No. 1, which contains seventeen different House bills, some of which need some work. And I would expect that what we would end up with is a conference committee and -- and work out the problems there.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? If not, Senator O'Malley moves to

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non-concur in House Amendments No. 1, 2 and 4 to Senate Bill 1181. All in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Senator Geo-Karis, on the Order of Non-concurrence, Senate Bill 1251. Madam Secretary, read the number and the House amendment.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1251.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I move to non-concur in Senate Bill 1251.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, thank you very much, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I -- I hope everybody is listening, as to what we are, in fact, doing here. The Member has made a motion to non-concur in a bill that would afford the county sheriffs the opportunity to operate so-called boot camps. It seems to me that this is a good concept. Seems to me that this is one that we ought to really seriously look at. And I think it's one that ought to remain on the Calendar so that we, in fact, can seriously debate this issue. I would be opposed to sending this to -- to non-concurring, sending this to some oblivion, it -- it seems to me. And I think that there are a lot of people who are in this Chamber that are floating around that are -- really are not reading these synopses, that are taking these non-concurrence motions on their -- on their face value. I would rise in opposition to this motion and suggest that you ought to read it.

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Is there further discussion? Senator Shadid.

SENATOR SHADID:

Yes, Mr. Chairman. As a former sheriff, I don't -- I don't understand why you would not allow a sheriff of any county in the State of Illinois, or the county board, to have a boot camp, if they so want to. I -- I would like to ask the sponsor if she could answer that for me, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'll be happy to answer you. First of all, I'm in -- I -- I like the concept of the bill; however, this bill provides for early -- early release, without certain restrictions. And what I want to do is send the bill back and have them put it in conference, so we can correct it and bring it out. I'm not against the concept. And, Senator Demuzio, you ought to know me well enough to know that I'm certainly in favor of the boot camps. I'm certainly in favor of the sheriffs having some opportunity of working these things, but we've got to clean up the bill. And that's why I'm asking to non-concur, so that it can go back and put it back in -- in conference committee and -- and straighten it out, because if you're going to have early release, you have to have some restrictions. And I certainly am mindful of the public.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Any further discussion? If not, Senator Geo-Karis... Please turn your light on Senator, when you want recognition. Senator Shadid.

SENATOR SHADID:

I would like to -- if you would read where it says early release, in that amendment.

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Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

...(microphone cutoff)...the time in the program commutes their sentence to that amount of time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Any further discussion? If not, Senator Geo-Karis moves to non-concur in... If one seeks recognition, all they have to do is turn their light on. Senator Shadid, did you seek recognition? Senator Geo-Karis moves to non-concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1251. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Senator Thomas Dunn on the Floor? Senator DeAngelis, on 1365. Madam Secretary, would you read the bill number and the House amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1365.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator DeAngelis.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. When Senate Bill 1365 left here, it was a Revenue Committee bill, a bill consisting of a consensus Members of the committee. The House decided that once it got there, that they would kind of pork it up a bit, and the bill has countless amendments on it of House bills that -- some have validity, some have not. Therefore, I would move not to concur, and if there's any good stuff in there, we'll find it later when it's in conference.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, Senator DeAngelis moves to non-concur in House Amendments No. 1 and 2 on Senate Bill 1365. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so

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inform the House. Senator O'Malley, on 1366. Madam Secretary, will you read the number and the House amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1366.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

I -- thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I -- I'm moving to non-concur in Senate Bill 1366. The original bill, as it left the Senate, was a vehicle for an impact fee agreed legislation. It came back with that gutted out of it and contains language in favor of something for the Cook County Forest Preserve District. I have talked with the parties who are negotiating the impact fee language, and I believe that it's very possible that we'll be able to still get this done this Session. So I would request your support on my motion, so that we can keep this process moving along.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? If not, Senator O'Malley moves to non-concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1366. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Senator Raica, on 1477. Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Amendments 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 to Senate Bill 1477.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Raica.

SENATOR RAICA:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move to non-concur in House Amendments 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? Senator del Valle.

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SENATOR DEL VALLE:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

He indicates he would yield.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Senator Raica, could you please explain why we are non-concurring with House Amendment No. 4? My understanding is that that's an amendment that was tacked on after an agreement was reached with the University of Illinois and the other systems, regarding the need for diversity training for the campus police departments. There's great interest in this, on the part of that campus, and I don't understand why -- if it was agreed to with the University, why we're not proceeding with this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Raica.

SENATOR RAICA:

Senator, my understanding is the Police Training Board already does this and has asked that we hold it at this point in time and, if need be, go to conference committee to discuss both sides of the story. And I have agreed, as the sponsor of this bill, to -- to their wishes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator del Valle.

SENATOR del VALLE:

So -- so, Senator Raica, you're saying that -- that it's a matter of coming together and agreeing on -- on language? Because nowhere in the Statute, my understanding is, is there a mention of diversity training, and for the -- the Local Law Enforcement Training Board to be involved in this area. And that's what we're attempting to do here. Are you saying that we will be able to continue to talk about this and work towards agreed language?

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Senator Raica.

SENATOR RAICA:

Senator, I'm always willing to sit down and talk. But what I have in front of me is that the Local Government Law Officers' Training Board already has culture diversity training for police departments on public college campuses. You are correct; that -- my understanding is, it is not in law; however, it is taught presently during training. So, as soon as we come to a conference committee, I'd be more than happy to entertain any of your wishes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator del Valle.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Well, I -- I do want to be involved in the discussions, because this particular amendment indicates clearly that the university campus police will be involved in helping to -- and the university system, in helping to shape the curriculum in this particular area. So, it is different from what the Law Enforcement Training Board looks at, and we want to make sure that this occurs on a regular basis, rather than whenever funding becomes available at any given point.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Any further discussion? If not, Senator Raica moves to non-concur in House Amendments No. 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 on Senate Bill 1477. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Senator Mahar, on 1724. Madam Secretary, read the bill numbers and the House amendments, please.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12 to Senate Bill 1724.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Mahar.

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SENATOR MAHAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would move that we non-concur in all House amendments to -- to the -- or to Senate Bill 1724.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? If not, Senator Mahar moves to non-concur in House Amendments No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12 on Senate Bill 1724. Those in favor shall say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Senator Geo-Karis, on the Order of Non-concurrence, Senate Bill 1726. Madam Secretary, please read the amendments.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Amendments 1, 2 and 9 to Senate Bill 1726.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I move to non-concur with House Amendments 1, 2 and 9.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? Senator Palmer. Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President. If I first may ask a question of the sponsor, and then I'll -- I'll try and catch my light again to make sure that the President sees me to continue on in the discussion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

She indicates she would yield.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Why, thank you, Mr. President. Senator Geo-Karis, it is my understanding that one of the amendments - House Amendment No. 2 - is the money to pay for the fourth quarter for those people who paid the granny tax under the old Nursing Home Act, and that this

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amendment would, in fact, require the Department of Revenue to repay those funds. Why are you moving to non-concur?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Ordinarily, I would not have a problem with that. Ordinarily, I would not have a problem with that, Senator Carroll; however, the Department of Revenue feels that it has to be tightened up, and that's why I'm not concurring.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President. Then I would rise in strong opposition to the motion. I remember when Senator Maitland stood on this Floor asking for this money. We joined in that request. Department of Revenue has always been against paying out money to anybody, at any time, any place, anywhere. These people paid a granny tax, something we said we were wrong in initially doing; that it was abhorrent; that we should be not taxing the elderly while in a nursing home. They paid the six thirty a day. In the fourth quarter, they did not get reimbursed. This amendment says that we shall pay them back that money that they paid, based on appropriations. And I feel very strongly that we have a moral and, hopefully now, a legal commitment to repay these people who had been paying that granny tax, as they had been promised by this General Assembly. General Assembly said that the granny tax would be reimbursed. The Department did not do so. This amendment says, "Hey, you're going to do so." And I would urge opposition, and ask for a roll call to oppose any motion to non-concur. I think this absolutely has to be the law.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Palmer.

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SENATOR PALMER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I support what has been said. And I certainly do not understand why, at this time, we should not keep our promises. We agreed to return the money. We went through a great deal of discussion about whether it was legitimate, and now we had agreed to return it, and we should keep that promise. Perhaps there are difficulties with this, and I understand we're still in the midst of a Medicaid crisis. But this has nothing to do with this particular amendment, and I suggest that we do agree to this Act. And I'm sorry, Senator Geo-Karis. I just can't agree with you on this one.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Garcia.

SENATOR GARCIA:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise for a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

State your point, sir.

SENATOR GARCIA:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome and to recognize in the gallery on this side, Mr. David McWilliams and a group of outstanding students from my district, from the Irma Ruiz School. Would you please join me in welcoming them to Springfield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Will our guests please rise? Welcome to Springfield. Is there further discussion? Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would make a motion that the question be divided, so that we can consider each of these House amendments separately.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

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Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I too am -- am mindful of the commitment that I made, and I certainly am supporting my commitment to -- to pay back what we're supposed to pay back. But it has to be cleaned up, and I give you my word, that I intend to keep it in the bill, as long as it's -- it's tightened up and cleaned up the way it should be. Now there have been about six bills in these three amendments, and I'm -- all I ask is non-concurrence, so we can put it in conference and clean it up and -- and -- and put it out whole. I certainly made the same commitment as Senator Carroll made, Senator Palmer made, and everyone else made, to pay back what we should pay back. But it has to be tightened up, and it has to be cleaned up. And if we put it in conference, we'll have both staffs go into it and clean it up, and bring it out. I am in -- I will support it - no question about it - once it's cleaned up.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Berman, do you withdraw your request? Thank you. Senator Geo-Karis moves to non-concur in House Amendments No. 1, 2 and 9 to Senate Bill 1726. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. There's been a request for a roll call. The question is -- those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. For what purpose does Senator Geo-Karis arise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

If we vote Yes, are we voting to non-concur?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

We're in the process of taking a vote on your motion. If you're in favor, you will vote Aye. If you're opposed, you will vote Nay. All -- have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 30, the Nays are 26, none voting Present. The Senate -- the motion

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carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Senator Shaw, on Resolutions, has asked to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration and adoption. Will you explain your resolutions, Senator Shaw?

SENATOR SHAW:

Thank you, Mr. President. One is a congratulatory resolution -- 1596 is a congratulatory resolution, and Senate Resolution 1616 is a death resolution. I ask for the passage of the resolutions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Shaw has moved to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules have been suspended. Now Senator Shaw moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 1596. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Senator Shaw now moves to -- the adoption of Senate Resolution 1616. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution's adopted. Introduction of Bills.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1837, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 1838, offered by Senators Cronin, Petka and Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 1615, offered by Senator Woodyard.

It is congratulatory.

And Senate Resolution 1616, offered by Senators Jones, Shaw, Demuzio and others.

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It is a death resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Consent Calendar. For what purpose does Senator Madigan arise?

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Purposes -- purpose of an announcement. That the Senate Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities will meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon, in Room 400, for -- to hear motions for concurrence.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Woodyard.

SENATOR WOODYARD:

Thank you, Mr. President. An announcement: The Senate Ag-Conservation Committee will meet sharply at 12:30 p.m. And since the clock outrun us, we'll meet immediately after Session is over.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Mahar.

SENATOR MAHAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Environment and Energy Committee will meet in Room 400, at 1:30.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Announcement concerning the Education Committee hearing, which will be at 2:30, in Room A-1 in the Stratton Building. That's this afternoon, to hear Senate Bill 1324, House Amendment No. 1. 2:30. Stratton Office Building. A-1. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

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Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. The Transportation Committee will meet at 1 o'clock - 1 o'clock - in Room 400. We have a half an hour to get the work done, so please be on time. Right away.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator DeAngelis.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President. The Senate Revenue Committee will meet at 1:30, in Room 212. Senate Revenue Committee, 212, 1:30.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Raica.

SENATOR RAICA:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The Local Government and Elections Committee will meet immediately following Session today, at A-1 in the Stratton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. All the Members have been called, but just to remind them that the Senate Judiciary Committee will meet at 2:30, in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The Senate will stand in recess until the call of the Chair, for the purpose of accepting paperwork. There will be no further substantive business to come before the Senate today, so the Senate will stand in recess. For what purpose does Senator Hall arise?

SENATOR HALL:

If there's -- if we don't return this evening, what time do we return tomorrow?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

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Nine o'clock in the morning, Senator Hall. Nine o'clock.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Will the Senate come to order? Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Woodyard, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, reports Senate Bill No. 1260, the motion to concur with House Amendment No. 1 Be Adopted; Senate Bill 1267 motion to concur with House Amendment No. 4 Be Adopted.

Senator Raica, Chair of the Committee on Local Government and Elections, reports Senate Bill 1302, the motion to concur with House Amendment 1 Be Adopted.

Senator Fawell, Chair of the Committee on Transportation, reports Senate Bill 1200, motion to concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 Be Adopted, and Senate Bill 1730, motion to concur with House Amendments 3 and 4 Be Adopted.

Senator Mahar, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Energy, reports Senate Bill 630, the motion to concur with House Amendment 1 Be Adopted; Senate Bill 1172, the motion to concur with House Amendment 6 Be Adopted; Senate Bill 1326, motion to concur with House Amendments 1 and 3 Be Adopted.

Senator DeAngelis, Chair of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Bill 1336, motion to concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 Be Adopted; Senate Bill 1691, the motion to concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 Be Adopted.

Senator Hawkinson, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary,

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reports Senate Bill 1357, the motion to concur with House Amendments 1 and 7 Be Adopted.

Senator Watson, Chair of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Bill 1324, motion to concur with House Amendment No. 1 Be Adopted.

And Senator Madigan, Chair of the Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities, reports Senate Bill 1328, motion to concur with House Amendments 5 and 6 Be Adopted; Senate Bill 1329, motion to concur with House Amendment 1 Be Adopted; Senate Bill 1448, motion to concur with House Amendment 1 Be Adopted; Senate Bill 1479, motion to concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 Be Adopted; Senate Bill 1558, motion to concur with House Amendment 6 Be Adopted; and Senate Bill 1620, motion to concur with House Amendment No. 5 Be Adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Messages from the -- from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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

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

Senate Bill 1182, together with the following amendments: House Amendment 1, House Amendment 2, House Amendment 3 and House Amendment 4, to Senate Bill 1182.

All passed the House, as amended, June 14, 1994.

We have like Messages on Senate Bill 1182, with House Amendments 1, 2, 3, and 4 <sic>; Senate Bill 1232, with House Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16 and 19; Senate Bill 1299, with Amendments 1, 7 and 9; Senate Bill 1672, with Amendment 1; Senate Bill 1693, with Amendments 1, 2 and 3; Senate Bill 1705, with Amendments 2 and 4; Senate Bill 1707, with Amendments 2, 4 and 8; Senate Bill 1722, with Amendment 2. Senate Bill 1766,

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with Amendments 1, 2 and 3; and Senate Bill 1803, with Amendment 2.

All passed the House, as amended, June 14, 1994.

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

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

House Bill 61, with Senate Amendment No. 1.

Non-concurred in by the House, June 14, 1994.

We have like Messages on House Bill 742, with Senate Amendments 1 and 2; and House Bill 2424, with Senate Amendments 1, 2 and 3.

Both non-concurred in by the House, June 14, 1994.

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

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

House Bill 2221, with Senate Amendment 1.

I am further directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has refused to concur with the Senate in the adoption of Amendment No. 2.

Action taken by the House, June 14, 1994.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any resolutions, Mr. Secretary?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 1617, offered by Senator Trotter.

It's congratulatory, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Consent Calendar. Is there anything further? If there's no further business, we will be adjourned until 9 a.m., Wednesday

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morning, June 15. Thank you.

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