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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 89th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks, and will our guests in the galleries please rise. Our prayer today will be given by Father Patrick De Meulemeester, Holy Family Catholic Church, Lincoln, Illinois. Father De Meulemeester.

FATHER PATRICK DE MEULEMEESTER:

(Prayer by Father Patrick De Meulemeester)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will you please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance? Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Wednesday, April 24th and Thursday, April 25th, 1996.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler moves to approve the Journals just read. There being no objections, so ordered. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the House by Mr. McLennand, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a House joint resolution constitutional amendment of the following title, in the passage of

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which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 35.

Passed the House, April 26th, 1996.

We have a like Message on House Joint Resolution 97, which was adopted by the House, April 24th, 1996.

Message from the House by Mr. McLennand, 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 1424, with House Amendment No. 1.

Also, Senate Bill 1648, with House Amendment 1.

Both passed the House, as amended, April 25th, 1996.

We have a like Message on House Bills -- or, Senate Bills 1315, with House Amendment 1, and 1389, with House Amendment 1.

Both passed the House, as amended, April 26th, 1996.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 201, offered by Senator Jones and all Members.

It's a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HARRY:

And Senate Resolution 202, offered by Senator Donahue.

It's substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

...Hawkinson, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

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

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your point of personal privilege.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

I'd like the Senate to join in welcoming today, in the President's Gallery, a group of forty students and their teacher, Miss Dickinson, from Churchill Junior High School in Galesburg, Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Welcome to -- to Springfield. And -- please rise so you can be acknowledged. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we will be going to the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, on page 7. Page 7, the Order is House Bills 2nd Reading. If any of the Members are in the building, please come to the Senate Floor so we can get to the business of House Bills 2nd Reading. We're going to start them in just about another minute...the Order of 2nd Reading - House Bills 2nd Reading - House Bill 885. Senator Cronin? Out of the record. House Bill 1014. I'm sorry. House Bill 2516. Senator DeLeo? Out of the record. Senate -- or, House Bill 2616. Senator Maitland? ...the record. House Bill 2631. Senator Lauzen? Out of the record. House Bill 2695. House Bill 2735. Senator Klemm? House Bill 2735? Out of the record. House Bill 2745. Senator Weaver? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary. Mr. Secretary, will you read House Bill 2745?

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2745.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 2915. Senator Burzynski? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2915.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill -- I mean, House Bill 2927. Senator Madigan? Out of the record. House Bill 3047. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3047.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3050. Senator Maitland? Out of the record. House Bill 3141. Senator Dillard? Out of the record. House Bill 3230. Senator Watson? Out of the record. House Bill 3233. Senator Parker? Senator Parker, 3233? Out of the record. House Bill 3396. Senator Barkhausen? Out of the record. House Bill 3436. Senator Klemm? 3436. Out of the record. House Bill 3532. Senator Maitland? Out of the record. House Bill 3578. Senator Raica? Out of the record. House Bill 3617. Senator Raica? Out of the record. ...Syverson, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Madam President. I would like to announce, in -- in the gallery behind us, we have a group of business and civic leaders from Rockford, as well as the -- the Mayor of the great City of Rockford, Mayor Charles Box. If we could have them rise and be recognized.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Welcome to Springfield, Mayor Box, and the contingency from Rockford. Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Also to follow up: Since the Senate-House Softball Game has been cancelled tonight, due to the field being under water, we will have distributed today, on behalf of Rockford, Rockford cubbies, hats and cups will be distributed to everyone. So even though we didn't play, you'll have your little bit of Rockford to take back home with you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Well, we certainly thank Rockford. And again, I'll repeat: Our baseball game between the House and the Senate was cancelled for tonight, because the field is much too wet to take us all in. ...going to proceed to 3rd Reading. On page 3, House Bills 3rd Reading. House Bill 115. Senator Dudycz? Out of the record. Senate -- House Bill 378. Senator Fawell? Out of the record. House Bill 427. Senator Peterson? Out of the record. House Bill 456. Senator Rauschenberger? Out of the record. House Bill 527. Senator DeAngelis? Senator DeAngelis? Out of the record. House Bill 999. Senator Cronin? Out of the record. House Bill 1285. Senator Burzynski? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1285.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Madam President. This bill really is a clean-up bill from the legislation we passed a year ago when we changed the governance system for our State universities. And what this bill

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does will allow those universities with their own separate governing boards to meet on their satellite campus, as well their main campus.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 1285 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Take the record, Mr. Secretary. On that question, there are 49 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And that bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1287. Senator Burzynski? Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1287.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Madam President. Again, this is another bill that has -- that involves an interagency agreement between the State Board of Education and Illinois Community College Board. It's an agreed bill. I'd be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any discussion? Senator Shaw.

SENATOR SHAW:

No. Thank you, Madam President. I would just like for the record to show that I missed the vote on that last bill, and I'd like the record to indicate that I would have voted Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

The -- the record shall be so noted. Senator Hawkinson.

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SENATOR HAWKINSON:

I would just -- point of inquiry, on the analyses. For the first two bills, the only thing that's popping up on the screen is that there's no analysis available. And if that's going to be the case with 3rd Reading, maybe we should deviate from this Order, or at least inquire, in terms of whether the analyses are available.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Demuzio, what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, I'd like to talk about this bill, if it's appropriate time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

It certainly is appropriate. Could you wait just a moment? Senator Demuzio, would -- could you wait just a moment while they're checking the...

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you very much, Mr. -- Madam President. I'd like to ask the...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Demuzio has a question.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Hello?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Hold on, Senator Demuzio. For the purpose of clarification, the analyses of the bills are in the hard copies of the books. ...Demuzio, please proceed.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, thank you very much, Madam President. While -- while I might, on a point of personal privilege, before I start the bill. I notice standing behind me is one of our staff members who just turned forty today, Dave Gross. So I'd like to welcome David a happy -- a happy birthday. Let me ask the sponsor a question, if

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I might. Mr. Sponsor, this funding formula that is to be developed, how much money are we talking about distributing from the State Board to the community colleges?

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Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Senator, if I remember correctly, and I don't have it in my notes, I think it was around three million dollars.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Three million dollars, is that -- is that all we're talking about in terms of distributing?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Again, Senator, if I remember correctly, with this bill, yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, then, this is the -- part of the -- the deal that was struck between the Community College Board and the Governor's Office. When he vetoed the bill that would transfer the Community College Board from the Board of Higher Education to make it a separate entity, at such time there was some discussion and some commitment that they would move the entire adult basic education program out of the State Board of Education and over to the community colleges. And since there was reluctance to do that, so now the deal is that they put in three million dollars of additional money now to distribute to the community colleges. And I'm wondering: This three million dollars, are we going to get any more than what we're getting now, or are we going to get less?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

That's -- that's a good question, Senator. My understanding is that these -- these additional dollars are to go for adult education reimbursement for transportation, child care services, and other special needs, in addition to what we're already doing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, I was under the impression that this money -- that this formula that was being developed was based upon performance outcome of students. And I was about to ask: What is the criteria that's going to be utilized in this outcome-based performance that will be distributed to the community colleges?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Senator, if I remember correctly, again, those are the details that are to be worked out by the Community College Board.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, then, this authorizes them to come up with the formula. Do they have to come back to the General Assembly and have the formula approved?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator -- Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Well, like most legislation we pass, they probably will not have to come back to the General Assembly; they would have to go through JCAR, I would imagine, Senator.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yeah. You act like I'm -- you're... The question, I guess, is, is that, first of all, I'm a little concerned that the three million dollars is not a great deal of money. And this was the amount that was struck as the result of that compromise that I mentioned earlier. I'm even a little more concerned about performance -- or, the outcome-based performance standards that are to be met. I'm just curious as whether or not all of the community colleges in Illinois will be able to meet those standards. And if such, will all of them get a part of the three million dollars?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

As I understand it, Senator, these -- the outcomes - the performance-based criteria - will be established by the State Board of Education, in cooperation with the Illinois Community College Board. Therefore, as far as I know, all -- all -- excuse me, colleges would be able to access those funds.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Demuzio? Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 1287 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1645. Senator Luechtefeld? Out of the record. House Bill 1796. Senator Madigan? Out of the record. House Bill 2294.

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Senator Mahar? Out of the record. House Bill 2338. Senator Cronin? Out of the record. House Bill 2347. Senator Madigan? Out of the record. House Bill 2406. Senator Dillard? Out of the record. House Bill 2456. Senator O'Malley? Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2456.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 2456 amends the Abandoned Housing Rehab Act. Adds to the definition of "nuisance" to include property on which streetgang-related activities or illegal activities involving controlled substances or cannabis take place. The Act being amended is designed to allow community organizations to petition the court to acquire and rehabilitate dilapidated housing for use as low-income housing. Currently, nuisance is defined as property which because of its physical condition is a public nuisance, or a blight, or is unfit for habitation. This bill expands the definition of nuisance to include any property on which any of the following occurs: one, illegal controlled substance activity; two, illegal cannabis activity; or three, streetgang activity. Be happy to answer any questions there may be.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, those who are in favor of this bill shall vote Aye and those opposed shall vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Mr. Secretary -- Madam Secretary, take the record. On that

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question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2533. Senator Syverson? Out of the record. Senate {sic} Bill 2564. Senator Jones? Mr. Secretary, read the bill. Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2564.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Mr. -- Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 2564 requires the Department of Public Health to make available information pertaining to the disease known as sarcoidosis. And what that information is -- or, must be provided includes the symptoms and the treatment of the disease in the pamphlets that are published by the Department of Public Health. Sarcoidosis is known as a lung disease, and no information is given out as relate to this particular disease. The Department of Public Health is willing to do such. They can do it within their existing budget. That's all that it does. Ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2564 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Madam Secretary, take the roll. On -- on that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill

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2579. Senator Smith? Madam Secretary, will you read the bill?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2579.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Secretary -- Senate -- Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH:

Thank you, Madam President. Twenty -- House Bill 2579 requires the Department of Public Aid to make grants to employers in Illinois to assist them in implementing preventive health screening tools, such as quality stress analysis. 2579 is the recommendation of the Public Affairs Group, which represents Mercy Hospital and quality stress control. Currently, Mercy Hospital provides preventive health screening tools, such as the quality stress analysis. Medical studies show that the decreasing in the person's life will reduce the incident of cancer, strokes, high blood pressure, heart -- diabetes, heart attacks and early death. In the House, it passed out a 115, and in the committee - Senate Welfare Committee - it passed out 11 to nothing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any...

SENATOR SMITH:

The Department of Public Health and HMO are neutral on this. I ask for a favorable vote, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2579 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, none voting No, none voting

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Present. And this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2587. Senator Dillard? House Bill 2617. Senator Burzynski? Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2617.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. As Members of the Chamber will remember, we have an organ task force -- organ donor task force that's been out there on the books for the last year and a half now. And, basically what we're doing is giving the Director the opportunity to put more members on there in order to create more awareness and have more discussion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion on this bill? Any further discussion? Hearing none, those in favor of voting for House Bill 2617 will vote Aye. Those against will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared duly passed. Senate Bill -- I mean, House Bill 2618. Senator Syverson? House Bill 2626. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2626.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 2626 merely prevents locksmiths from carrying weapons or guns on the job. That's all it does.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2626 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Madam Secretary, take the roll. On this question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2649. Senator Petka? Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Hold on just a minute. I'm sorry. Senator Petka. Out of the record?

SENATOR PETKA:

Madam President, I'd like to have the bill brought back to 2nd Reading for the purposes of adding an amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

No amendment has approved for consideration at the present time on this bill. We'll take it out of the record right now. House Bill 2659. Senator Woodyard? Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2659.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Woodyard.

SENATOR WOODYARD:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 2659 now does basically three things. The underlying bill puts a statute of limitation on -- on property tax bills in error. We've had a problem over in my district, certainly, and I would presume a lot of you others have also, in which people got property tax bills due to an administrative area -- error ten and twelve years after the bill was due, and -- and it's amounted into thousands and thousands of dollars, which, quite frankly, the taxpayers have a big problem in coming up with that kind of money. And so the underlying bill really limits to two years a property tax bill in error. The second provision was originally - and it's on as an amendment - was originally in House Bill 431, and it simply says something that -- that the county clerks are doing already, but it would allow them to statutorily issue a duplicate certificate of purchase if a certificate is lost. The third thing that it does was requested by the Cook County Clerk, and it would allow counties using accelerated building -- billings to not have to put that onto the regular property tax bill, but could do that on a separate bill. And at this time, I know of no opposition to this and would appreciate a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Madam President. Will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

He indicates he will.

SENATOR HENDON:

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Senator Woodyard, just so I can be clear, this bill -- if a person is given a tax bill by error because of the administration and -- and they do not pay it, they will -- the -- the administration will only have two years in order to collect that, and then the person does not owe it. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Woodyard.

SENATOR WOODYARD:

Yes, that's correct, that they would not be able to send them a bill five or ten years later and try to collect all the back taxes, because they made the mistake.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

We would like to have a little more order so people can be heard. This is an important bill. Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Madam President. It most certainly is a very important bill and a fine piece of legislation. I want to commend Senator Woodyard on his -- his determination to help the taxpayers of this State. This has happened a lot in my district, and it's not just by error. It's by corruption. It's by people who are playing games with these tax buyers who actually go back and erase a zero or move a decimal point, and then some poor homeowner who thinks that they've paid all their taxes gets a bill, years and years later, saying they owe a fortune. They cannot pay. A sale by error -- a tax buyer then buys the property. A sale by error is declared, and the county -- the taxpayers end up paying twice. We end up paying for that property because it was a -- a, quote, unquote, "sale by error" when we all know -- at least, I know, in Cook County, it's a lot of corruption, and therefore I urge an Aye vote. And I commend you on this excellent legislation, my friend.

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Further discussion? Senator Bomke.

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you, Madam President. Question to the sponsor. Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

He indicates he will.

SENATOR BOMKE:

Senator, we had a problem in Sangamon County where - it went back as long as ten years - where individuals would buy a piece of property, particularly around Lake Springfield, and they would later build a home on that property, and because the assessor had abrogated their responsibility in putting that home on the tax roll, for as many as ten years those individuals had not paid on anything other than a vacant lot. The county attempted to go back -- has attempted to go back and pick up some of those back taxes. And -- and my question is: Would this legislation keep the County of Sangamon from going back and picking up those back taxes?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Woodyard.

SENATOR WOODYARD:

Well, let -- let me indicate what this bill does include when we say "administrative error": Failure to include an extension for a taxing district on the tax bill; an error in the -- in the calculation of tax rates, or extensions, or other mathematical error by the county clerk; or a defective coding of the county. The administrative error does not include these things: Failure by the county to send a tax bill to the taxpayer; failure by the taxpayer to notify the assessor of a change - it does not include that; any error concerning the assessment of the property.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Bomke? Any further discussion? Senator Jacobs. No further discussion? Any further discussion? Any further

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discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2659 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill -- I mean, House Bill 2664. Senator Karpziel? Out of the record. House Bill 2667 -- 65. Senator Sieben? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2665.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This bill amends numerous Sections of the Illinois Feed {sic} (Food), Drug and Cosmetics Act and the Grade A Pasteurized Milk and Milk Products Act. Establishes the appropriate fees and registration required by the Department of Public Health. This will eventually allow -- or see that there will be no prohibitions against the shipment of milk interstate and to neighboring states from Illinois. Know of no opposition. I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Is there any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2665 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. And the voting is open? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Aye, none voting

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No, none voting Present. And this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2670. Senator Dudycz? Madam Secretary, will you read the bill?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2670.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Dudycz.

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 2670 passed the House with a vote of 110 to nothing. What it does, it amends the Illinois Police Training Act, permitting the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and {sic} Standards Board to use a portion of the Traffic and Criminal Conviction Surcharge Fund for grant-in-aid programs and services for training county and municipal employees whose functions include corrections or enforcement of criminal or traffic law. I know of no opposition. I would seek your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2670 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those in favor -- against will vote Nay. And the voting's open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2702. Senator -- Luechtefeld? Madam Secretary, will you read the bill?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

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House Bill 2702.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Madam Chairman and Members of the Senate, House Bill 2702 is exactly like a -- a bill that we passed here earlier dealing with taking the tax off of coal -- the coal industry, with regard to spare parts and -- and -- and new equipment under two hundred and fifty dollars. Excuse me. Take -- could you take it out of the record, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

All right. This will be out of the record. House Bill 2711. Senator Sieben? Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2711.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Thank you, Madam President and Ladies...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

...Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate {sic} Bill 2711 amends the Illinois Farm Development Authority {sic} (Act). Provides that the Authority may issue State Guarantees to lenders for loans to finance or refinance debts for specialized livestock operations located in Illinois. Sets a limit on those loans of a million dollars per applicant. Similar to legislation that we

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passed previously in the Senate, and I'd ask for your Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Senator Demuzio. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I just had a quick question. Are we -- are we now bounding the cows?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

I'm not sure. Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Would -- would the -- would he please repeat the question? I -- I couldn't hear the question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Are we now bounding the cows?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Are you saying bombing or bonding? Which is it? Speak clearer. Thank you. Any -- Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

I don't think we're doing anything to the cows. I'm not sure exactly what activity you were suggesting we do to cows, but we will be providing some State Guarantees to lenders who want to help finance livestock operations in the State of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2711 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Aye, 3 voting No, none voting Present. And this bill, having received the required

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constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2741. Senator -- Shadid? And, Madam Secretary, will you read the bill?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2741.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Shadid.

SENATOR SHADID:

Yes, Madam Chairman. What this does is corrects a problem in one township in Fulton County where the senior citizens did not get the proper credit for their taxes. So what this is going to do is correct that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2741 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. And the -- the voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 57 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared duly passed. 2773. Senator Dillard? Madam Secretary, will you read the bill?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2773.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Madam President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the

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Senate. This bill amends the Vehicle Code of Illinois to -- correct what many of us, I think, were astonished to find out, and that's that in the definition of schools, under Illinois law, high schools are not included in what IDOT uses as their manuals when it comes to recommending school speed zones, the twenty-mile-an-hour signs that we see. It stems from a tragedy in front of Hinsdale Central High School where a young man was killed literally in front of the school where 55th Street through the western suburbs is at forty miles an hour or thirty-five miles an hour. And upon further research after this young man's tragic death, we found out that the definition of school speed zones in Illinois is really limited to elementary schools, middle schools and junior high schools, and does not include high schools. And what this does is it clarifies that high schools may have and be included in the requirements for school speed zones, up to the local unit of government. And this just clarifies it, and I urge a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill... Sorry. Mr. Jacobs. Didn't see your light on.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Dillard? He indicates he will.

SENATOR JACOBS:

You know, what you're doing is noble, here again, Senator, but here we again. We just passed a constitutional amendment out here, over to the Senate {sic} which dealt with mandates. And according to our analysis, this has a fiscal impact of which fifty percent of the hundred percent of the increased cost to units of local

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government is required, and there's no estimate of the amount of reimbursement required. Do you have any idea how much it's going to cost? And is this exempt from the State Mandates Law if we pass it with thirty-six votes? Or, what is the situation now?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Could we have it a little more quiet, because this is an important bill? Senator Dillard, would you respond?

SENATOR DILLARD:

Sure. With all due deference, Senator Jacobs, to your staff, I believe this is not a mandate. All we're doing is saying that in the definition of school speed zones that it "can" - it "may" include high schools. And I believe that the ultimate decision as to whether to post a sign that says "School Speed Zone" is up to the local unit of government. They don't have to do it if they don't want to.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

So we're going to have laws in the State of Illinois that says in some high school areas, you're going to have a twenty-mile-an-hour speed zone, and some high school areas, you're not. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Senator Jacobs, that's the way it is now not only with high schools, but also your local elementary schools, middle schools, junior high schools.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

It appears to me, however, that, you know, there will be

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signage cost in this particular bill. And just, again, I think that it is a mandate, and just want to pass that on for whatever it's worth. I don't think it deters the bill, but I just want to point out that here we go again.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2773 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. And the -- the voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. I wonder if we could have it a little bit more quiet. I don't mind if you talk with each other, but please confine it to a whisper so your -- your colleagues here can hear. House Bill 2796. Senator Demuzio? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2796.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Madam President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is a bill that deals with the -- deferred compensation plan. Apparently, it is in response to the Orange County, California, bankruptcy case, which apparently revealed some serious flaws in the federal law on asset ownership of deferred compensation plans, and that, in effect, Congress is currently considering some changes. These are technical changes, as I understand it. And I know of no opposition.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2796 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those against will vote Nay. And the voting's open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2799. Out of the record. House Bill 2809. Senator Hawkinson? Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2809.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Thank you, Madam President. This bill does three things, as amended. There was one controversial -- or, fairly controversial part dealing with mineral rights, which was deleted by Senate amendment. As amended, it passed out of Revenue unanimously. It provides that the county collector may recommend that a county board pass an ordinance or a resolution allowing the collector to stop publishing or sending notice of delinquent or forfeited property taxes owed. This applies to delinquent or forfeited taxes at least ten years old as long as there are no current delinquent or forfeited taxes. A second provision clarifies and provides that for purposes of -- of the establishment of multi-township districts, that townships are contiguous if they share a common boundary line or meet at any point. And finally, where there's been a tax objection filed and the objector takes

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absolutely no action for ten years, it allows the court then to dismiss those objections with prejudice and allow the collector to distribute the money to the taxing districts. With the amendment, I know of no opposition, and would ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Indicates he will.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Is there any mention of the term "contiguous" in this bill, dealing with the multi-township taxing district contiguous issue?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Yes, Senator. As I just explained, it'll -- it'll -- defines contiguous where they meet at a point, for purposes of establishing the multi-township districts.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2809 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And House Bill 2809, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2819. Senator Karpziel? House Bill 2819, Senator Karpziel? Out of the record. House Bill 2836. Senator Burzynski? Madam Secretary, read the bill.

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ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2836.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Madam President. As before, this is another bill that's really related to the fact that we now have separate governing boards for our State universities. What this bill does is establish a locally held income fund for universities to keep their tuition fees and other income locally, rather than sending them to the State and then having them appropriated back out. I'd be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

He -- he indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Senator, on this bill, is there any reference in this to the oversight that the General Assembly currently enjoys on tuition -- setting tuition?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Not on this particular bill, no, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Then, a second question. What you're saying here is that the

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State -- is it the State General Revenue Fund that would lose this interest, and that would go over into the budgets of higher education of the various schools?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Correct. Actually, I guess the estimates are, there's about three million dollars to four million that would be lost in General Revenue Fund due to the investment income; however, this will allow for the universities to utilize those same funds and, hopefully, keep down their tuition cost.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any -- Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Just a final question then, for the sponsor. Is it the intention of these various universities then to reduce their requests for appropriation from the -- from the General Revenue Fund by that three to four million dollars of interest, which will swell their coffers in the future?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Well, I don't know that three to four million dollars will swell the coffers of -- of seven or eight State universities too greatly, but -- but certainly, as far as I know, there is no request on their part to reduce their appropriations.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Further discussion? Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you, Madam President. I'd just like to alert the Members on this side that this is three million dollars directly out of the State Treasury every year, three million dollars that

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we're giving away and getting nothing in return for it. In addition, several years ago we were able to keep tuition from being raised exorbitantly by some of these universities when we said we wouldn't appropriate the money in the fund that the tuition went -- into here in the State of Illinois. So there are two good reasons to vote No: It's three million dollars we're throwing away; and secondly, it's not going to do anything to stop tuition from going up. So I would urge a No vote. And I agree, for once, with our State Treasurer and our State Comptroller that this should not be passed. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

He indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Senator Burzynski, in -- in -- in the rare case, although it seems to happen almost annually, that a university inadvertently or, perhaps, purposefully underestimates its income fund, and since we're not appropriating the income fund any longer, wouldn't we have to rely on their estimates of the income fund in -- in deciding how much GRF to apportion to the university?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

That would be true. I think that this would be a perfect opportunity for us to look at the universities with the rest of their appropriations and do that, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

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Senator, inadvertently, then wouldn't -- wouldn't we be rewarding universities for underestimating their income funds, which is done at times -- or it appears to be done at times, and in effect, giving them more GRF, and then allowing them, as they collected more tuition, to have far more flexibility than the intention of the General Assembly?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Well, certainly, I think that the General Assembly would like to see our universities have flexibility for the funds that they derive from their tuitions and fees. The other General Revenue Fund's appropriations, I think it's appropriate for us to take a look at those and make sure that they are dealing with those in a manner which is suitable to the State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Well, Senator, I -- I appreciate your clarifying remarks, but I guess I -- I would want to point out that if -- if the expectation of this General Assembly is that the appropriation committees will exercise oversight and -- and make an effort to control the expenditures of the universities and oversee them, we shouldn't take away the valuable tool of appropriating the income funds. There's not a good substantive reason, except for greater administrative freedom, for ending the practice of appropriating income funds. I'd also like to point out that we're in the very first year of a complex reorganization of higher education. We -- we've dissolved the Board of Governors; we've dissolved the Board of Visitors {sic}. I -- I think the General Assembly ought to think very long and hard about whether you want to gut the appropriation process' ability to review the fiscal behavior of

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our universities. I appreciate the sponsor's good intentions and I realize he brings this bill only to -- to make the university system better, but my recommendation to Members is this is a bill that could wait. I'd urge a -- an unfavorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President -- Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I join with Senator Rauschenberger in opposition to this. I think, at a time when we're looking for how to control things like tuition increases, to give them the -- to give the universities total unfettered control over the budgetary process would be counterproductive and, I think, an abrogation of our responsibilities as State legislators. Clearly we want to, in the legislative process, in the appropriations process, have the ability to look-see and to impact on things that affect our constituents. You might as well just say that the universities no longer belong to the legislative process and just give them a standard percentage of the State budget and let them go their own way and do whatever they want, if you're going to start down this road by giving them a -- the process over the income fund that, as has been pointed out by other speakers, they have appeared to have abused in the past. So I think we should be strongly opposed to this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any -- any further discussion? Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Madam President. I certainly appreciate the concerns of my -- of my colleagues that have been expressed here today. But I do want to just make a couple of comments very quickly...

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You're not closing now are you?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

No, ma'am.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Okay. 'Cause there's other -- others who want to be heard.
Senator...

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

First -- first of all, let me indicate that we're talking about four hundred million dollars, and there's still 2.7 billion dollars that are appropriated by the State for our State universities. So the oversight still is there. Secondly, let me indicate to you, these are not State dollars that we're dealing with. These are dollars that come from the students for tuitions and fees. So the dollars don't belong to the State at this time, anyway. I would suggest that. So the leverage is still there. But finally, because of some of the concerns, I do want to take a moment to consider this, spend some time with my colleagues, and I would ask that it be taken from the record.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

The bill is taken out of the record. House Bill 2861.
Senator Hawkinson? Madam Secretary, will you read the bill?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2861.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Thank you, Madam President. This is the soy ink bill that the Senate passed a couple of times last year as House Bill 1653. It's in the form that we passed it last year. The problem became, in the Veto Session and at the end of Session, that the bill

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became something of a vehicle for other measures, all of which did not have the same level of support. What it does is require printing done by the State to be of soy -- soybean oil-based ink, where practical. So it -- it is not an absolute requirement, but where practical it requires that soy ink be used. It's supported by the Department of Ag, the Soybean Council, Farmer's Union, the Farm Bureau, and the Environmental Council. And I would ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Senator Fitzgerald.

SENATOR FITZGERALD:

Yes, Madam President, a question of the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

He indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR FITZGERALD:

Senator Hawkinson, does this bill attempt to enact an artificial market for soybean ink?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

It does just what I said it did, Senator Fitzgerald.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Further discussion? Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

I -- I guess he asked my question. But is it more cost-effective to use soybean ink?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

We believe this does aid in a market for soy ink. It is done now, in large measure, by the State. We passed this unanimously a

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couple of times last year. It doesn't require it where it's impractical or too costly to use. But where practical, it does require us to use soy ink.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

You didn't -- you didn't answer my question, Senator Hawkinson. I asked: Would it save us more money to use soy ink than to use whatever ink -- I mean, printing that they're -- companies that they're using now -- products that they're using now?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Perhaps not in the sense of -- of the State expenditure for ink, but clearly as a leading soybean-producing State and income to our people and consequent income taxes paid to the State, I think that it would be -- have a positive fiscal impact on the State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2861 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, 1 voting No, none voting Present. And this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2916. Senator Raica? Out of the record. House Bill 2918. Senator Peterson? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2918.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 2918 amends the Illinois Horse Racing Act, and provides that Quad City Downs racetrack shall be exempt from making a portion of the charitable contribution for backstretch workers required by the Act for years where no live racing is conducted at the track.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. -- Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senator, it's a little ironic and it's hard for me to rise, being a Senator from the Quad Cities, where Quad City Downs is located. We have been attempting, and last year, if you remember, as part of the horse race bill, we put on an amendment that would have allowed Quad City Downs the opportunity to go back to live racing. If that would have passed, this bill would not have even been necessary. And I think this bill, clearly, just drives a peg a little bit deeper into the heart of Quad City Downs ever having live horse racing again, whether by this owner or any other future owner that may desire to run that track. When you give incentives for not doing business, the business that you are licensed to do, I think that's an incentive that is misdirected. And I have a problem with this. I know that many of my local horsemen have a problem with this, and many of the people that have been -- been involved with Quad City Downs have a problem with this. I understand the need for it. I understand the concern for it, but I think it's a step in the wrong direction, and it ensures that live racing will not be re-continued at the

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Quad City Downs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Further discussion? Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Would the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

He indicates he will.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Senator, it's my understanding that there is an amendment on this bill. As it came over from the House, we amended it, and therefore it has to go back for concurrence. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

That's correct, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

And I understand that if the bill was to pass, there might be some reallocation of the responsibility to pay this -- this -- some thirty thousand dollars among the various tracks. And it was my understanding that these tracks were going to attempt to work out an agreement before this bill was to be called on concurrence. Is -- is that also what you understand?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

That's my understanding, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2918 pass. Those who are

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-- are in favor will vote Aye. Those who are against it will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Take the record. On that question, there are 38 voting Aye, 12 voting No, 1 voting Present. And this bill having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3091? Out of the record. House Bill 3133? Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3133.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Little more quiet. Thank you. Senator Dunn.

SENATOR DUNN:

Thank you, Madam President. This bill is permissive, and I know of no opposition. It would allow a taxing district to abate taxes over twenty years in an aggregate amount up to twelve million dollars. I'm happy to answer any questions, if there are any.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3133 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The -- the voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 50 voting Aye, 3 voting Nay, none voting Present. This bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3177. Senator Syverson? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3177.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate -- or, House Bill 3177 is the Governor's initiative. It's a pilot program that combines Aid to Families with Dependent Children, as well as the -- DASA, combining programs for treatment. I know of no objection. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3177 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting's open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3186. Senator Madigan? 3186? Out of the record. House Bill 3300. Senators -- Rauschenberger. Out of the record. House Bill 3367. Senator Fawell? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3367.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Thank you -- thank you very much. This is a bill that was requested by the Secretary of State. It -- he wants to issue a Universal Charity Organization license plate, which could be

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customized for various charitable groups through a decal. It also eliminates the provision in the current law that states that any special event license plates should not be issued in excess of two hundred pairs for any events. Be glad to answer any question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3367 pass. Those in favor -- those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting's open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? On that question, there are 56 -- take the record, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. This bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3368. Senator Dudycz? Read -- read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3368.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Dudycz.

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 3368 provides that a person who displays a false insurance card to a court is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. Currently, current law makes it a Class A misdemeanor for a person to display evidence of insurance to a police officer knowing that that insurance is invalid, is currently affecting the police officers. As far as those people who display these insurance cards to the courts, the only thing that the courts can do currently is -- or, the State's attorney can currently do is file a felony charge of -- of obstruction of justice. And the chief supervising judge of the Chicago Traffic Center has said that they're very reluctant to do that because it

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would clog up the system. What this would do is, would provide that anyone who provides a false insurance card to a court would be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, just like they would be if they provided that insurance card to a police officer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

I have a question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

He indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR WELCH:

Senator Dudycz, a lot of these insurance cards are only good for six months. If someone is pulled over by a State trooper and the trooper asks them for the insurance card and, because they're nervous, they hand him one that expired a couple weeks ago, isn't that showing a false insurance card, and would that be punishable under this Statute?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Dudycz.

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

This has nothing to do with that, Senator Welch. Senate {sic} Bill 3368 affects -- it involves only those who present a false insurance card intentionally to a court or -- or an employee of the court - a clerk of the court or the judge.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

So just to clarify: The police officer is totally out of it; it has to be in -- in a courtroom. Is that what you're saying?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Would you repeat your question? He couldn't hear you.

SENATOR WELCH:

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What you're saying is, the police officer or the State trooper is totally out of the picture. It's only when it's presented in a courtroom that this law will apply. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Dudycz.

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

That -- that's correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Madam President. Will the sponsor yield for question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

He indicates he will.

SENATOR HENDON:

Senator Dudycz, my computer will not go to the next page to show me the list of opponents. Could you read off the list of opponents to this bill, because I'm at a disadvantage here?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Dudycz.

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Well, Senator Hendon, I have no list of opponents on my staff analysis.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Okay. Are there any opponents that you -- that you know of, or staff knows of, to this legislation?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Dudycz.

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

As far as I know, Senator Hendon, there are no opponents.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator -- anything further -- any further discussion? Any further discussion? Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

As Chairman of the Transportation Committee, I can tell you nobody came in as an opponent on this bill. I think it's a good bill, and I think we should support it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3368 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting's open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, none voting Nay, 1 voting Present. And this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Committee Reports.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Weaver, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports that -- reports that the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Referred to Agriculture and Conservation Committee - Senate Resolution 202; referred to Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities Committee - Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2616; referred to Judiciary Committee - Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2649; referred to Transportation Committee - Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2799, Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2916, Senate Amendments 3 and 4 to House Bill 3436; and Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 427, Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 3233, and Senate Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 3451.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

...to page 6. Senator Bomke, on 3451. Do you wish this bill returned to 2nd Reading? Senator Bomke seeks leave of the Body to

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return House Bill 3451 to the Order of 2nd Reading for purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 3451. Madam Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Cullerton, on Amendment No. 2.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. This amendment came out of discussions with the Judiciary Committee. It deletes provisions prohibiting periodicals from being purchased by the State for inmates unless, in the opinion of the Director of the Department of Corrections, the periodicals are primarily devoted to news or related to a vocation or educational programs available to the inmates. There was a concern about possible litigation that may come as a result of this particular language remaining in the committee -- in the bill. There is a Supreme Court decision which seems to be at odds with this language, but also is buttressed by testimony by the Department of Corrections indicating that the agency already does screen the types of magazines that it lets in the institutions. So I think, as a result, this is something that should be agreed to. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? If -- all those in favor of the amendment, signify by saying Aye. All opposed, No. In the opinion of the -- the Chair, the Ayes have it. No objection, the leave -- the amendment is duly approved for consideration. Any further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3669. Senator Bomke? Read the bill,
Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3669.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Bomke.

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you, Madam President. It simply requires the Prison
{sic} Review Board, prior to inmates' release from custody, to
provide upon a request a recent photo of inmates to a victim or
material witness. It was on an Agreed Bill List in committee.
And I will answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Senator
Molaro.

SENATOR MOLARO:

Thank you, Madam President, Members in the Senate. According
to our analysis, and maybe the sponsor could clarify, seems to
make sense -- "material witness" makes sense to me, but I don't
know if the Statute says material witness. According to our
analysis, it says "concerned citizen." And if it does say
concerned citizen and not material witness, would you care to give
a definition of concerned citizen?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Bomke.

SENATOR BOMKE:

The -- thank you, Senator. The Statute has a definition of
concerned citizen, and I will read: "'concerned citizen' includes
relatives of the victim, friends of the victim, witnesses to the

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crime, or any other person associated with the victim or prisoner."

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Molaro.

SENATOR MOLARO:

All right. Two -- two other questions then. First, who's going to make a determination when you use the words "friends of the victim"? You know, I don't know what the word "friends" mean. And if there is a legal definition of the term "friends," are we talking acquaintances? You know, I have a hard time telling who's an acquaintance in this Body or who's a friend of mine, and I don't know if there's someone there who can... Laura's waving. You're my friend. I agree with that, Laura. The -- the second question would be: Do you have any apparatus to let victim, friends of victims, know that they have a right to this photograph? So, those are the two questions I'd like you to answer if -- if you could.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Bomke.

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you, Senator. First of all, it'd be up to the Prison {sic} Review Board to make those determination who should get it. Secondly, the Prison {sic} Review Board sends out the prisoner rights and victims' rights, and it's -- it's -- it's very common right now, and it'll be up to the Prison {sic} Review Board to make it known to those victims or witnesses.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Molaro.

SENATOR MOLARO:

I just want to make a legislative record so we understand this, for whatever that's worth nowadays. But the fact still remains that I -- I assume you want it to be that there is some

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close proximity to the victim and this criminal. I don't want it to be that any person in the State of Illinois, maybe because they want to grab recent photographs, pick up a book and say "I have a book here that I'll give you for ten bucks of all recently released criminals" and start peddling it on the street, when they have no interest whatsoever in that specific crime or that specific criminal.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Further discussion? Senator Palmer.

SENATOR PALMER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

He indicates that he will yield.

SENATOR PALMER:

Senator Bomke, what kinds of crimes are we talking about?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Bomke.

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you. All violent crimes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Palmer.

SENATOR PALMER:

So this is limited to violent crimes? Because that -- it doesn't say so in my analysis.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Bomke. Senator Bomke.

SENATOR BOMKE:

...the Prison {sic} Review Board.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Palmer.

SENATOR PALMER:

Senator, I'm just trying to get the intent of this

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legislation. I -- I share some of Senator Molaro's concerns that we certainly don't want to create a vigilante situation here. I can certainly appreciate that victims of crime will want to be protected. But could you just give me some sense of your intention in this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Bomke.

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you, Senator. If I may read -- it's up to the Prison {sic} Review Board, and the Prison -- and it -- and it reads in the Statute: The Prison {sic} Review Board shall inform a victim or any other concerned citizen upon written request of the prison's {sic} release or -- or parole." Excuse me. But it's up to the Prison {sic} Review Board to make that determination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Further discussion? Senator Collins. No further discussion? Any -- any further discussion? Further discussion? Hearing none -- Senator Collins, did you want to be heard or not? Oh. Any further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3689 -- 3669 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Aye, 1 voting Nay, 1 -- 4 voting Present, and 3 not voting. And this bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. ...Secretary, have there any -- been any motions filed?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Yes, Madam President. Senator Cullerton has filed a motion with respect to House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 35.

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Mr. Secretary, the Chair requests that these motions be printed on the Calendar. So ordered. Senator Cullerton, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Madam President, I did make the motion in writing to suspend the applicable Senate rules so that the House Joint Constitutional Amendment No. 35 be placed on the Calendar, 1st Reading. And I heard that -- you indicated that it should be printed on the Calendar. The problem is that if we are not going to be in Session here on Friday, that has the same effect as killing the constitutional amendment. It has to be read. It has to be read. This is a merit selection constitutional amendment. It's the only one we have a chance to -- to pass this year. And it has come over from the House, has to be read three times. Today would be the day it would have to be read in full on 1st Reading; hasn't been done yet, and that's what the motion's about. It would also require us to not have the luxury of sending it to committee, because the House didn't pass it in time. But it's not a complicated matter; it just says that judges have to have been on -- lawyers for at least ten years and be over a certain age. So it's something I think we can deal with on the -- by debating on the Senate Floor. But if we were to not deal with this motion directly, right now, it's the same effect as -- as killing the constitutional amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Well, the precedent has been that all motions in writing have to be printed before they're called. And it's the ruling of the Chair that we cannot take it up at this time.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

...Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Not on this matter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Just so it's clear. My motion -- and it's to suspend the applicable rules, so that we can deal with the constitutional amendment, and that it be placed on the -- on the Order of Constitutional Amendments 1st Reading, and be read. That's what my motion is, to suspend the rules.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Well, I made a ruling and if you don't like my ruling, Senator Cullerton, you can move to override my ruling. Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

No. I'm not disagreeing with your -- with your ruling. All I'm doing now is making a motion. I'm making an oral motion to suspend the rule.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

I don't think you're in order.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Well...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

I consider it out of order, because I've already ruled, unless you want to appeal the ruling of the Chair. What do you want to do? Mr. Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. I would be forced to, unfortunately, appeal the ruling

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of the Chair, because, as I've indicated, it's the same thing as voting -- killing the constitutional amendment, which I would like to pass. So I would move to overrule the -- appeal the ruling of the Chair on -- on the House Joint Constitutional Amendment No. 35 -- that the rules be suspended and that it be placed on the Calendar on the Order of Constitutional Amendments 1st Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

There's a motion to overrule the Chair. The question is, shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained? Those in favor of supporting the ruling of the Chair, will vote Aye. Those who oppose to sustaining the rule, will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 35, the Nays are 16, Present is 1, and this motion, having failed to receive the necessary three-fifths negative votes on the -- the appeal fails and the ruling of the Chair is sustained. Senator Watson. Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

For purposes of announcement. The Commerce and Industry Committee will meet immediately following the close of the Session, in Room 400. We have a short agenda. If we get there on time, we'll be out of there quick.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Further -- Senator Molaro.

SENATOR MOLARO:

Thank you, Madam President. Point of order. Apparently, last week we voted -- I waited for Senator Mahar to leave to bring this up. Apparently we voted to allow him not to wear a sport coat because of his -- his injury. That's fine, but he's got to be a little decorum with those shirts and ties, because on your side of the aisle, when the -- from the lights, when they glare down on his shirt and tie, we cannot see some of the people on the other

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side of the aisle. So if you have a caucus, if you could point that out to Senator Mahar, we would appreciate it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Did you want to -- did you want to wear his shirts and ties? Oh. Senator Mahar, please take note. Senator Carroll. Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you. Madam President, an inquiry of the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your inquiry.

SENATOR CARROLL:

It has been commented around the Chamber today, that it is the intent of the Senate Republicans tomorrow to offer a thousand-page plus reorganization of State government, as an alternative to the Governor's plan in the social service agencies. We would wonder if that is, in fact the case, if we could see copies of it today, as opposed to one hour before committee, if it's going to be a thousand-page amendment?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Senator Carroll, Senator Philip communicated to your Leader, Senator Jones, that he will get him a copy today, with the analysis, so that that won't happen.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any -- any further business to come before this -- Senator O'Malley, what purpose...

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Thank you, Madam President. Just wanted to announce, as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Telecommunications, that there will be a hearing -- the first hearing of that -- that subcommittee, tomorrow, Wednesday, at 2:30 p.m., in Room 400.

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Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Tomorrow, at Room 400, at what time?

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

2:30 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

2:30 p.m., the subcommittee. Senator Fawell, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR FAWELL:

Thank you. For the purposes of an announcement. We do have a few bills in Transportation. So the Transportation Committee, we'll still meet at one o'clock, so that everyone can have time for lunch.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Thank you. Transportation meeting will be meeting at one o'clock. Senator Donahue, for what purpose do you rise, ma'am?

SENATOR DONAHUE:

Thank you -- thank you, Madam President. I would -- purposes of an announcement. The Senate Appropriations Committee will meet at one o'clock. And it will start on time. It'll be the first time we've had the opportunity. One o'clock, Senate Approp.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

We're not going to adjourn right now, we're just going to recess to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of reading in Committee Reports. And we'll conclude our business, and we will then stand adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday morning. 11:00 a.m., Wednesday morning. However, we are going to be open still at the call of the Chair, in order to read Committee Reports and others. The Senate now stands at ease.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE)

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...will come to order. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Butler, Chair of the Committee on Commerce and Industry, reports House Bills 2593, 3193 and 3548 Do Pass.

Senator Woodyard, Chair of the Committee Agriculture and Conservation, reports House Bills 2738, 3151 Do Pass; and House Bills 907 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Fawell, Chair of the Committee on Transportation, reports House Bills 739, 3349, 3629 Do Pass; House Bill 379 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2799 Be Adopted.

And Senator Cronin, Chair of the Committee on Education, reports House Bill 3426 Do Pass; House Bills 545, 995, 1684, 2230, 2596, 2651 and 3052 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

The report of the Compensation Review Board, State of Illinois, dated April 30th, 1996, was filed in the Secretary's Office on this date.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message from the House by Mr. McLennand, 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 817, along with House Amendment 1, to that bill.

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Passed the House, as amended, April 30th, 1996.

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...there's no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until, Wednesday, May 1st, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock. Senate stands adjourned.

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