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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 90th 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 Eugene Costa, St. John's {sic} (John Vianney) Church, Sherman, Illinois. Father Costa.

FATHER EUGENE COSTA:

(Prayer by Father Eugene Costa)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Now, Senator Sieben, for the Pledge of Allegiance.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Friday, February 28th; Tuesday, March the 4th; Wednesday, March the 5th; Thursday, March the 6th; and Friday, March the 7th, 1997.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that 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 objection, so ordered. Senator Butler, for the second time.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 11th, in the year 1997, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Rauschenberger, Chair of the Committee on Appropriations, reports Senate Bills 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874 and 875 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 866 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Burzynski, Chair of the Committee on Licensed Activities, reports Senate Bills 331, 450, 459, 547, 608, 648, 664, 674 and 899 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 314, 356, 372, 497, 595, 857, 858, 859, 897, 901, 929 and 1084 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Hawkinson, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, reports Senate Bills 6, 7, 9, 120, 171, 218, 341, 350, 445, 508, 738, 796, 895, 912, 952, 1002, 1052, 1053, 1058 and 1059 Do Pass; Senate Bills 5, 13, 107, 123, 128, 172, 278, 303, 340, 358, 363, 366, 429, 521, 550, 574, 599, 600, 686, 780, 806, 827, 843, 918, 921 and 1099 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the President, dated March 12th, 1997.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Please be advised that I have appointed Senator Judy Myers to the Committee on Executive Appointments. This appointment is effective immediately.

Signed by President Philip.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 380, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Shadid, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SHADID:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR SHADID:

Thank you. Very pleased, Senator Hawkinson and myself, we have some guests from Peoria, Illinois - you know where that's at, Senator - in the heart of Illinois, and they're with the -- they're with the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce Community Leadership School. And they're accompanied by their Chairman, Pete Russell, of WEEK-TV. Pete, would you stand up, please?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will our guests please stand up and be recognized by the Senate? Senator Shadid.

SENATOR SHADID:

I -- I have just a couple more things to say here, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Oh! Go right ahead.

SENATOR SHADID:

All right. Their topics and speakers, co-chairman Calvin Butler, Jr., of CILCO, and Linda Miller of WTVP-TV. They're field trip coordinator is Maureen Reilly of the WD Boys' Council of Boy Scouts. They're ex-officio, Susie Stockman of Sprinkmann & Sons Corporation, and the Board and Chamber's liaison, Sue Fulton, from the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce. Welcome to Springfield.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Congratulations. If I could have your attention. We're going to -- start at the top of page 4 on the Calendar. We're going to do 2nd Readings and then on to 3rd Readings. So, please be in

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your seat and pay attention. Senate Bill 4. Senator Karpiel.  
Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 21. Senator Peterson.  
Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 21.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government and  
Elections adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved  
for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

2nd Reading -- 3rd Reading. Excuse me. 3rd Reading. Senate  
Bill 25. Senator Hendon. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 25.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government and  
Elections adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any -- any further Floor amendments that have  
been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 63. Senator Madigan. Senator  
Madigan. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 65. Senator  
Trotter. Senate Bill 65. Senator Trotter. Take it out of the  
record. Senate Bill 74. Senator Lauzen. Senate Bill 74.  
Senator Lauzen. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 75.

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Senator Lauzen. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 80.

Senator Bowles. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 80.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 106. Senator Butler. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 106.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government and Elections adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 129. Senator Dudycz. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 129.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government and

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Elections adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 130. Senator Rauschenberger. Senator Rauschenberger. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 130.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 131. Senator Madigan. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill... Take it out of the record. 138. Take it out of the record. Three strikes and you're out, Senator. Senate Bill 140. Senator Radogno. Senator Radogno. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 141. Senator Mahar. Senator Mahar. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 155. Senator Jacobs. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 155.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government and Elections adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 156. Take it out of the record. Bill -- Senate Bill 182. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill... Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 196. Senator... Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 198. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 200. Senator Rauschenberger. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 200.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any other Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No -- no amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 209. Senator Carroll. Senate Bill 209. Senator Carroll. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 240. Senator Karpel. Take it out of the record. Senator -- Senate Bill 250. Senator Rea. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 285. Senator Luechtefeld. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 307. Senator Viverito. Senate Bill -- 317. Senator Syverson. Senate Bill 317. Senator Syverson. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 320. Senator Rauschenberger. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 320.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved

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for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 321. Senator Rauschenberger. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 321.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any other Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Ladies and Gentlemen, if I could have your attention. For purposes of clarification, we are going to take out of the record the action that we just dealt with with respect to Senate Bill 321 and return to that Order of Business. On 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 321.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 321.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 327. Senator Parker. Senator Parker. Senate Bill 345. Senator Cronin. Senate Bill 351.



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Senator Carroll. Senator Carroll, on 321 {sic}. Senate Bill 369.  
Senator Dudycz. Senator Dudycz. Senator Dudycz, on 369. Senate  
Bill 378. Senator Mahar. Senator Mahar. Senate Bill 381.  
Senator Fawell. Senate Bill 385. Senator Dillard. Read the  
bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 385.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 406. Senator Rauschenberger. 406,  
Senator Rauschenberger. Senate Bill 418. Senator Cullerton.  
Senator Cullerton, on 418. Senate Bill 432. Senator Butler.  
Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 432.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 433. Senator Butler. Read the  
bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 433.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 438. Senator Parker. Senate Bill  
443. Senator Berman. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

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Senate Bill 443.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 444. Senator Halvorson. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 444.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted Committee Amendments 1 and 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 457. Senator Parker. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 457.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 467. Senator Burzynski. Senator Burzynski, on 467. Senate Bill 493. Senator Weaver. Senate Bill 495. Senator Geo-Karis. Ladies and Gentlemen, please. The sponsors can't even hear their name called. Now, as we did yesterday, if we can't have some respect for the sponsors, we'll have to ask the staff to leave the Floor and ask everyone to be in

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their seat. Thank you. Senate Bill 495. Senator Geo-Karis.  
Senate Bill 509. Senator Shadid. Senator Shadid? Read the bill,  
Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 509.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government and  
Elections adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for  
consideration, Madam Secretary?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 533. Senator Walsh. Read the bill,  
Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 533.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 544. Senator Walsh. Read the bill,  
Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 544.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government and  
Elections adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

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ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 592. Senator Peterson. Senator Peterson? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 592.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 594. Senator Butler. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 594.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government and Elections adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 605. Senator Madigan. Senator Madigan, on 605? Senator Madigan, on... Okay. Senate Bill 610. Senator Burzynski. Senate Bill 612. Senator Link. Senator Link?

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Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 612.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government and Elections adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 626. Senator Demuzio. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 626.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 658. Senator Lauzen. Senator Lauzen? Senate Bill 659. Senator Madigan. Senate Bill 667. Senator Madigan. Senate Bill 670. Senator Cullerton. Senator Cullerton on the Floor? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 670.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

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ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 671. Senator Cullerton. 671,  
Senator Cullerton. Senator Cullerton, on 671. Read the bill,  
Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 671.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 672. Senator Hawkinson. Senate Bill  
675. Senator Dillard. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 675.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Environment and Energy  
adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for  
consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 685. Senator Walsh. Senator Walsh?  
Senator Walsh, on 685? Okay. Senate Bill 691. Senator Butler.  
Senator Butler on the Floor? Senate Bill 699. Senator  
Rauschenberger. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 699.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 711. Senator Parker. Senator Parker, on... Senate Bill 713. Senator Dudycz. Senator Dudycz? Senate Bill 734. Senator Smith. Senator Smith, on 734. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 734.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted Committee Amendments 1 and 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senator Obama, on 755? Senate Bill 762. Senator Dudycz. Senate Bill 772. Senator Halvorson. Senate Bill 776. Senator Halvorson. Senate Bill 785. Senator Fitzgerald. Senator Fitzgerald? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 785.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 795. Senator Sieben. Senate Bill 801. Senator Madigan. Senate Bill 802. Senator Madigan. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 802.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Insurance and Pensions adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator -- Senate Bill... I'm sorry. 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 807. Senator Lauzen. Senator Lauzen? Senate Bill 860. Senator Mahar. Senator Mahar? Okay. Senate Bill 861? Senate Bill 902. Senator Burzynski. Senate Bill 909. Senator Luechtefeld. Senate Bill 920. Senator O'Malley. I'm sorry, Senator, we got a note on that bill. Okay. Senate Bill 922. Senator Shadid. Senate Bill 996. Senator Cullerton. Senator Cullerton, where are you now? Senate Bill 1000. Senator Philip. Senate Bill 1018. Senator Butler? On 1018? Senate Bill 1019. Senator Karpziel. Senate Bill 1024. Senator Severns. Senator Severns on the Floor? Senate Bill 1031. Senator Burzynski. Senate Bill 1041. Senator Parker. Senate Bill 1044. Senator Geo-Karis. Senator -- Senate Bill 1048. Senator Jones. Senator Jones, on 1048? Senate Bill 1075. Senator Severns. Senate Bill 1076. Senator Severns. Senate Bill 1097. Senator Dillard. Senator Dillard on the Floor? 1103. Senator Severns. Senate Bill 1105. Senator Dudycz. Senate Bill 1108. Senator Butler.



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Senator Butler, on 1108. Senate Bill 1109. Senator Klemm. Senate Bill 1118. Senator Severns. All right. And Senate Bill 1120. Senator Bowles. All right. All right. All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, that... Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President, on a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

State your point, ma'am.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

I'm delighted to have with us today Barbara Anderson who is Director of the Independent -- the Independent -- the Lake County Center of Independent Living, with nine of her legislative interns. They're sitting in the back gallery. I would like us to welcome them here. Barbara is my constituent.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Would our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized by the Senate? Welcome to Springfield. Committee Reports.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Fawell, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, reports Senate Bills numbered 454, 730, 798, 818, 890, 927, 928, 936, 954, 955 and 1042 {sic} (1032) Do Pass; and Senate Bills numbered 30, 86, 225, 452, 496, 543, 800, 950 and 951 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Bill 967 tabled by sponsor.

Senator Cronin, Chairperson of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Bills numbered 1, 2, 529, 558, 569, 709, 720 and 1072 Do Pass; and Senate Bills numbered 226, 560, 781, -- pardon me, 878 and 1070 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to be going to the Order of 3rd Reading. We have a lot of bills to move. President Philip and Minority Leader Jones has -- have urged us to

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keep our comments on the Floor to a minimum, our conferences to a minimum. We have much work to do, and I'm going to insist that we maintain decorum in the Chamber so that we can move forward with these bills in an expeditious way. So, please, please take that suggestion then to heart, and I will gavel down very quickly if the noise becomes too strong. All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, in the middle of page 8, Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3. Senator Bomke. Senator Bomke. Senate Bill 20. Senator Garcia. Senator Garcia. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 20.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Garcia.

SENATOR GARCIA:

Thank you, Mr. President. Oh, I'm sorry. Out of the record.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Out of the record. Senate Bill 29. Senator Parker. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 29.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Parker.

SENATOR PARKER:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 29 provides that vehicles in funeral processions, in addition to having their headlights on, can also have their hazard warning signal flashers on, and this will help them as far as safety, and they were all in favor of this. I

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would answer any questions and ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 29 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 58 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. Senate Bill 29, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 31. Senator Sieben. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 31.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This legislation would establish a requirement for school buses in the State of Illinois to have crossing arms on the front of the buses. It would provide approximately two and a half years to retrofit existing buses and require by 1998 the purchase of new buses to come equipped with crossing arms on it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Senator, the State Board -- and I think it had discussions about an amendment that would clarify a liability situation or

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lack of liability in the urban area where they have a -- an activation switch. Has this been amended since committee to put that language in?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

We have had that discussion. They're in the process of reviewing that issue, but with our time lines, I doubt that we can get that amendment on until it's in the House. So it has not been done yet, but we are in that discussion. That would be...in the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there further discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 31 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 58 Ayes, no -- 1 Nay, no Members voting Present. Senate Bill 31, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 39. Senator Karpel. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 39.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Karpel.

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment became the bill. The Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 39 became the bill, and what it does, it amends the Illinois Library System Act to provide that libraries that fall below the qualifying rates for the equalization on per capita grants because of property tax caps

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will not lose their State grant monies if they levy a dollar amount that is greater than the prior year's levy by the lessor of five percent or the rate of inflation. This is to ensure that these grants won't be withheld from these library districts that have -- as they have -- increase EAV and perhaps their rate goes below the qualifying amount. And I ask for your Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 39 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 59 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. Senate Bill 39, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 55, Senator Mahar? Senate Bill 56. Senate Bill 66. Senator Sieben. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 66.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This legislation provides that in school districts that elect their board members according to area of residence and that are filling the unexpired term of one or more vacancies, the winners of the unexpired terms shall be determined first, with the winners of the full terms then determined on the basis of area residence. This comes from the regional superintendent in Henry, Bureau and Stark County to resolve an election issue they had there. I know of no opposition.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 66 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 59 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. House Bill -- Senate Bill 66, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 67. Senator Watson. On 67? All right. Senate Bill 103. Senator Butler. Senate Bill 110. Senator Geo-Karis. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 110.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, this bill, as amended, provides that the -- the preliminary breath screening test Sections of both the Registration and Safety Act {sic} (Acts) is to follow the same -- same rules as is set forth in the Vehicle Code and -- and uses the term "reasonable suspicion" which -- and that's the way it is in the Vehicle Code. It's making it consistent, and I ask for favorable consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 110 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 58 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. Senate Bill 110, having

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received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed.  
Senate Bill 124. Senator Garcia. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 124.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Garcia.

SENATOR GARCIA:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill comes out of the Insurance Committee with no opposition. It basically provides that insurers may not use the fact that a person operates a day care operation from the home for purposes of purchase or renewal of homeowner's or renter's insurance. We expect that this legislation will protect and encourage the creation of more affordable home day care facilities in Illinois. It's based on an Oregon law that's working quite smoothly. I would urge a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 124 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 59 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. Senate Bill 124, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 151. Senator Mahar. Senate Bill 164. Senator Philip. Senate Bill 166. Senator Cullerton. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 166.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This bill is -- it passed unanimously out of the Senate Transportation Committee, and it's identical to a bill that we passed last year that was held up in the House. It amends the Child Passenger Protection Act to increase the age that that law covers. Right now it goes up to age five. This increases it up to age fifteen. We -- the Committee decided that it was appropriate to -- to have it at age -- age fifteen. It would not apply to sixteen- or seventeen-year-olds or anyone older than that. Be happy to answer any questions and ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Well, I had a question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

He indicates he will yield. Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

What -- the Child Restraint Law was a -- I thought that was a separate type of restraint for a small child. Is this just expanding that to age fifteen, or does this just include seat belts?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. The Child Passenger Protection Act says that age -- birth through age three you have to be in a -- in a car seat; four- and five-year-olds have to be in a seat belt. So this just says that ages six through fifteen have to be in a seat belt.



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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Senator, then what's the penalty for not doing that? What's the penalty now and what does it change if your fifteen-year-old isn't in a seat belt today, and what would it be under your bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

The penalty is the same. It's a twenty-five-dollar fine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Then how -- how does your bill change the law if there's a penalty of twenty-five dollars either way?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

No, the -- the current law, there's a twenty-five-dollar fine, and the current law covers ages birth through five. What this bill does is it extends it to age -- through age fifteen, and it keeps the penalty the same.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Well, you misunderstood my question. Apparently the answer is, currently if it's -- your son is fifteen and he's not in a seat belt, there is no penalty. Under your bill, it would be a twenty-five-dollar penalty. That's -- that was my question. Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there further discussion? Further discussion? If not, the

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question is, shall Senate Bill 166 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, 3 Nays, no Members voting Present. Senate Bill 166, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 186. Senator Garcia. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 186.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator -- Senator Garcia.

SENATOR GARCIA:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill, which came out of the Transportation Committee, amends the Vehicle Code and establishes -- specifies the definition of "organ transport vehicle". It arises out of a case in my district where a company which is involved in the transportation of organs wanted to ensure that the regulations were established by the Secretary of State so that they can conduct business per State legislation. The Senate Amendment No. 1 adds specific language to satisfy the concerns of the Secretary of State. The definition of "organ transport vehicle" was included into the Vehicle Code.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 186 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 49 Ayes, no -- 6 Nays, no Members voting Present. Senate Bill 186, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed.

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Senate Bill 213. Senator O'Malley. Senator O'Malley, on 213.  
Senate Bill 222. Senator Cronin. On Senate Bill 222? Read the  
bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 222.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd -- pardon me. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Cronin.

SENATOR CRONIN:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
Senate. Senate Bill 222 is -- is -- is a vehicle bill. It makes  
a technical change. Just want to keep things moving along in the  
process. This has to do with the School Code, and I ask for your  
favorable consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate  
Bill 222 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The  
voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who  
wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary.  
On that question, there are 56 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting  
Present. Senate Bill 222, having received the required  
constitutional majority, is declared passed. All right, Ladies  
and Gentlemen, just a reminder. The decibel level is getting just  
a little beyond my tolerance rate here, so please let's hold down  
the -- the loud talking, if we could, please. Senate Bill 230.  
Senator Lauzen. Senator Lauzen. Senate Bill 237. Senator  
Rauschenberger. Senate Bill 239. Senator Rauschenberger. Senate  
Bill 245. Senator Jacobs. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 245.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This bill merely allows for a shortened school day in which school opening is delayed because of adverse weather conditions to count as a full day for purpose of the State Aid Formula. We currently allow it for those that have to be let -- be -- to go home early, but for some reason it was mixed up and wasn't included in the very beginning to include those in the morning. And the State Board has drafted the language. I know of no known opposition and ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 245 pass. Those in favor, vote -- vote Yes. Those opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 57 Ayes, 1 Nay, no Members voting Present. Senate Bill 245, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 248. Senator Fitzgerald. Senate Bill 255. Senator Rea. Senate Bill 256. Senator Rea. Senate Bill 271. Senator Cronin. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 271.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Cronin.

SENATOR CRONIN:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the

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Senate. This bill simply provides that the State Board of Education make available to school districts throughout the State information regarding alternatives to animals for purposes of dissection. This issue came to my attention through some interested citizens in my district who pointed out to me that there's a little bit of an industry with these animals that are used for purposes of dissection. They also point out, and it was verified through letters from reputable medical schools, that you can learn better through computer models. We didn't want to mandate it on the local school districts. The State Board of Education will simply provide information, and they may choose alternatives if they so desire. I ask for your favorable consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Well, I had a question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

He indicates he will yield, Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Senator, are you going to expand this from animal to physicians as well, that we can't experiment on live people, or dead people?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Cronin

SENATOR CRONIN:

Dissecting physicians, you mean? Or, dissecting cadavers, medical school... No, it's not my intention. I'd rather have them practice on, you know, the real thing before they do the real thing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Further discussion? If not, the question

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is, shall Senate Bill 271 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 58 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. Senate Bill 271, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 279. Senator Syverson. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 279.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 279 is on behalf of the OIC Vocational School in Rockford. Last year we passed legislation having the armory sold to the OIC. That legislation had a reverter clause in it which has made them unable to take out a mortgage against the building to bring the building up to ADA codes. This legislation removes that reverter so they can update their building.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? Senator Molaro.

SENATOR MOLARO:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Molaro.

SENATOR MOLARO:

Well, obviously, when -- we deeded this to the -- this group. So we gave the Rockford Armory to someone. What's the name of the group again?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

It's the OIC Vocational School. It's a national organization that was formed in 1960s from Philadelphia. They've been around for over thirty years. It's a vocational school, with between two and three hundred students annually served.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Molaro.

SENATOR MOLARO:

Yes. Well, we gave it to this group to make sure that the armory -- we gave it to them. They needed it. It's a good group. It was terrific. It passed out. And the reversion that we put on there, if it -- if it serves me right, that we said that as long as for -- they kept using it for educational purposes or whatever purpose we put on the bill -- because it made sense. We're not just going to give the armory just to some group to do with whatever they wanted to. They may change their charter; they maybe -- decide to move it somewhere. We put this on there to make sure that when we gave away State land or State property, that it would be used for a purpose. Now for some reason - I'm not going to question their board of governors - they wanted to go out and get some money, get a mortgage on it. I'm sure they're going to use it for great purposes. But obviously, when you go out and get a mortgage, the mortgage -- the person giving the mortgage is going to say, "Well, wait a second, if you don't pay, I can't go out and sell your property to get my money back." So by taking this out, we're going to allow this mortgage holder, in case they don't meet their mortgage, to go out and this mortgage company may wind up owning this armory if this rehabilitation -- people don't pay their mortgage. We did not give this property to them so they could go out and put it in jeopardy so a mortgage

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holder sometime in the future could hold it. I don't think it's a good idea to take this away. I understand what they're trying to do, and that certainly makes sense. But if we take this away, let's be clear. If this leaves - this reversionary - they could go out and do whatever they want with the property. And if they don't meet their mortgage payment, it could wind up being owned by First National Bank of Springfield or someone, and they could go sell it to someone to turn it into a bar or restaurant, and I don't think that's what we want to do.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Syverson, just a moment, please. I hope the Body heard what you said, Senator Molaro. I'm not convinced that they did. But did you understand and do you hear, Senator Syverson? Proceed.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

First of all, this -- this -- the -- where the armory is located at and the current value of the armory actually has negative value. That's one of the reasons why. It's located in downtown Rockford, next to some -- next to our art museum. The concerns we've had for many, many years with this facility is trying to find someone who's willing to take a building that has no parking, that is old, that, from most standpoints, has a negative value. Because what are you going to use an old armory for that's in the middle of a -- a city with no parking? The school has taken this, working in conjunction with the art museum, which is right next door. They do have an arrangement that the art museum has the first right of refusal on this property as well. I would certainly be open to an amendment to this legislation which would build some safeguards that if -- if it goes back, if they cannot make their payment and it goes back to the -- the bank, that it would be used for educational purposes or would go to a -- the museum center next door, some kind of



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protection. But the bottom line is, there's a big difference between conventional loans and mortgages. This facility needs a mortgage to be able to meet the needs that they have to, bring this building up to ADA. A mortgage is the only way they can do that, and you cannot take out a mortgage on a building that has a reverter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Molaro. Senator Molaro. Why don't you move to Senator DeLeo's microphone.

SENATOR MOLARO:

Well, then, just quickly, a couple of points. I mean, I -- I don't know who would give a mortgage on property that has a negative value. So if you're telling us it has a negative value and they're telling you they have some mortgage company or -- or bank that's going to give you a mortgage on it, and the only reason they will give you the mortgage, if we take off the reverter to property that has no value, that certainly doesn't make any sense to me. All the bankers -- I was going to say, on your side of the aisle, but we have some bankers here, I would hope. But they will tell you that you don't give mortgages on properties that aren't worth anything. Then if you're going to say, "Well, I might put an amendment on that forces the mortgage company to use it for the same purpose we gave it away on", I don't know how you would do that. Third thing is, was this property put up for public sale and public auction? You know, maybe K-Mart or one of these other people would bid on it. And was it -- you know, 'cause certain State lands or certain State property would be put up for public auction. I just think that there's -- there's -- if we're going to put that kind of amendment - I don't think we're near our deadline - Maybe you would consider taking it out of the record and work on a -- on an amendment. But if you want to move it today, then the last

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question I would ask is: Was this put up for public sale or public auction before we gave it away with the rider that it would be used for educational purposes, and now we're asked to take that off?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

First of all, the -- the building will have value once it's upgraded and once they put the -- the money into the building to bring it up to code, replace the windows. Once they put their money into it, this building will have some value and that's one of the reasons why the bank is willing to do that. Second, I've worked with the mayor of Rockford, as well as the Rockford Chamber of Commerce and the Rockford Art Museum for four years to try to find a home for this. We -- we went to many different organizations and there was no interest in this -- in this building because, again, the -- how it's zoned, the fact that it has no parking with it, and so it can't be used for a commercial basis. That's why the school works out; perfect for them. But, again, I certainly have a commitment that we'll work on some language to tighten up the -- the reverter, if that's the wish of the Body.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there further discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 279 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 46 Ayes, 3 Nays, 7 Members voting Present. Senate Bill 279, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 301. Senator O'Malley. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

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Senate Bill 301.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. The -- Senate Bill 301, as amended, deals with chronic obstructions of rail crossing throughout the State of Illinois. In particular, there's a problem in the City of Blue Island where there's a short span of a number of railroad tracks that -- within a short period of a mile, and there are many yards in that area and there's backing up of freight traffic and so forth, and there is a chronic problem that exists. What this legislation does is -- is allow for the -- the Illinois Commerce Commission to enforce its fines and -- and also to allow for more technical equipment that's available, more -- that's more reasonably available today than has been in the past, controlling switch devices at rails and so forth. But I'd be happy to answer any questions anybody has.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? Senator Shaw.

SENATOR SHAW:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the speaker -- will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Shaw.

SENATOR SHAW:

Would -- could you explain exactly how this works, like in Dolton there, where that -- you're about two miles from a switching station and they tie up the grade crossing there for, sometime, thirty-five -- thirty-five to forty minutes? Would this allow the local police to issue a summons to those trains

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that's tying up the grade crossing there?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Senator, yes, it would, but even more importantly - and I'm remotely familiar with the problem you're referring to in Dolton - but the particular stretch of Western Avenue - and I didn't mention that earlier - where there's this chronic problem happens to also be in your district. As you know, you and I share the City of Blue Island. And this would actually allow, in those situations, the -- the installation by -- for the Illinois Commerce Commission to direct that certain equipment be installed at those rail crossings that would prevent a lot of the obstructions that are happening. So, yes, it allows the enforcement powers to be broadened, but at the same time, it also allows for the ICC to go ahead and instruct that certain equipment be put in place that would allow the -- the elimination of some of the obstructions, which would certainly lessen the amount of chronic obstruction that has been going on in both locations.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Shaw.

SENATOR SHAW:

I just urge your Aye vote for it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Further discussion? Senator O'Malley, you wish to close?

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Just request an affirmative roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

The -- the question is, shall Senate Bill 301 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who

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wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 57 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. Senate Bill 301, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 315. Senator Watson. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 315.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. This bill comes up to us from Marion County Clerk -- Marion County Coroner Tom Nicolay and the American Heart Association and expands the use of automatic defibrillators to what we would call "First Responders". Under current Illinois law, the Emergency Medical Service Systems Act only allows persons licensed as an EMT-B, an EMT-1 {sic} (EMT-I), and an EMT-P to operate an automatic defibrillator. A First Responder would be allowed to operate an automatic defibrillator and a First Responder would be a person who has successfully completed a course of instruction in emergency first response as prescribed by the Department of Public Health and who first provides a response service prior to the arrival of an ambulance or a EMS vehicle. What we understand is that this could have a impact of saving -- the survival rate of about twenty-five percent, due to the fact that it would be people who would be on the scene of a situation at an earlier rate. These defibrillators have become very sophisticated in their operation and it's not a great deal to -- to learn and operate one of these now, and we would think that this would be a good public safety and health matter. And I appreciate your support.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 315 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 59 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. Senate Bill 315, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 316. Senator Fawell. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 316.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Thank you very much. This bill is coming out of the task force that was set up...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Excuse me, Senator Fawell. Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

This bill comes out of the task force that was set up to look at the Health Care Workers' Background Check Act. This is not the final version of what we will -- will see. The task force is still meeting. Right now, the criminal backgrounds that are -- are identified are things like forgery, possession of a controlled substance, armed violence, attempted rape, attempted robbery, attempted theft, and so on. As I said, this is not a -- a final version. I would ask a -- that the Assembly allow it to continue on its journey, and by the time spring rolls around, we will have the -- the final version.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

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Is there discussion? Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. Would the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Indicates she will yield, Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Yeah. Senator Fawell, when you say health care workers, does that include physicians?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Physicians, is that your question? My understanding is physicians are already covered under -- by this -- by -- when they -- when they get their license. But that certainly can be something that can be brought up at the task force, when we meet. We can double-check on that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Molaro.

SENATOR MOLARO:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. There -- there was some discussion in committee about what crimes were going to be added or what crimes were being taken off, because we all remember, I think it was the teacher who smoked marijuana and was convicted of having a marijuana cigarette twenty-two years ago, then he was precluded from being a teacher. This -- it's health care workers. One -- one of the charges on here, and we talked about it, was forgery. Now, I don't know what that has to do with being a health care worker. So, if somehow you wrote a bad check or whatever it may -- considered forgery twenty years ago, you're precluded from being a health care worker. Now, one of the things we talked about, that this bill would be worked on, and I thought it was that we were going to clear this up before we voted on it,

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and I heard the sponsor say vote on it, even though this is not what it's going to look like. So we're voting on a bill today that is not going to resemble what it's going to look like when it becomes law. And I guess that's okay. I -- I really don't know, 'cause -- I -- I guess that's a question, because, you know...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

I was wondering. I didn't know for sure.

SENATOR MOLARO:

Yeah. Well, I guess it's a statement, too. So are we being asked to vote on a bill that looks like something now, but it's going to look like something later?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Senator, this is a -- a bipartisan task -- this is a bipartisan task force. In fact, I believe Senator Jones is a member of it. Now, if you would like me to hold it, I think they have got one more meeting scheduled before we have to get the bill out, but, you know, it's -- if you'd like me to take it out of the record, I will -- I will do so, but I -- you know, I do want to keep it alive and moving.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Molaro. Senator Molaro, on Senator DeLeo's microphone.

SENATOR MOLARO:

If -- yeah, I mean, if you feel that, within the next week or so, this could take more of a -- less nebulous and become a clearer bill, then certainly. But if you think it's going to take five, six, eight weeks or something to get this done, then we might as well vote on it one way or the other today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Fawell.



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SENATOR FAWELL:

I don't believe it's going to be done by the time we have to get these bills out. As I said, it is a bipartisan committee. I know one of the discussions that we entered into was the fact, how long do some of these -- these types of crimes have to be in the bill, and there is a -- there is a concern among all of us that, you know, we don't want to drag this thing out forever. If some kid commits a petty theft or a robbery or something, you know, when he's seventeen and the guy's fifty-seven now, that's crazy; however, if it's a violent crime, I think that's another horse of a different color.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Indicates she will yield, Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Senator Fawell, is there a -- you -- you alluded to it a little bit, but right now in your bill there's no limit to how far back the crime could have taken place? And -- and the reason I'm concerned is I have health care workers and others who are now under this, coming to me all the time and, like you say, they say, "Senator, I did that when I was eighteen. Now I'm forty-three, forty-four, have a family to feed." We're supposed to be about turning people's lives around and giving them another chance, but now a background check comes up that says you did something twenty-five years ago and you're fired. Is there anything in here that puts a limit on it, any amount of time?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

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Not at this point. I do expect that there will be. We are -- we are talking about it, and I think there's a general consensus of -- of the committee that, indeed, with some of these things, it should be done.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Well, I don't have as much confidence in the House as some others may have that they will fix this at that -- at that point. They may pass it just like you drafted it, and while the intent is good, I have a -- a problem with the fact that it -- it can go back thirty or forty years, and an employer who wanted to get rid of you anyway could get rid of you. In addition to that, I have an alderman serving in the City Council, a convicted armed robber, a carjacker and kidnapper, but he could be an alderman, but yet you can't work for a health care center. I think it's just too broad, and as it's currently drafted, without some kind of reasonable limitation on how long back you could go, I will reluctantly have to vote No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Senator Fawell, to close.

SENATOR FAWELL:

I think I will take this out of the record and wait one more week and see if we can answer any of these questions, but I do think it's important that we continue the discussion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Out of the record. Senate Bill 347. Senator Mahar. Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

State your point, ma'am.

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SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, today we have in our audience, up in the President's Gallery, a number of members from the -- the General Federation Women's Clubs of Illinois, the Tenth District. My colleague here from the other side has some that he will introduce. You'll come over here, Terry. I'd like to introduce Marge Keenan-Denniston, from Grayslake Women's Club and the American Business Women's Association; and Jackie Victor, Corresponding Secretary of the Tenth District and President of the Wauconda Woman's Club; and Rosemary Mers, who is the Legislative Chairman of the Tenth District Wauconda Woman's Club. And, Terry.

SENATOR LINK:

And we have LaVerne Brauch, from the Waukegan Woman's Club; and Ann Hughes, who is the GFWC Illinois Tenth District President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Would our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized by the Senate? Welcome to Springfield. Senate Bill 348. Senator Mahar. Senate Bill 361. Senator O'Malley. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 361.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 361, as amended, provides that no appointment of a representative of ward is necessary when the personal estate of the ward does not exceed ten thousand dollars. The current limit is five thousand dollars, and this was recommended to me by the Southwest Bar Association. And

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by the way, the current limit has been in place for many years and -- and, frankly, is not practical any longer. I'd be happy to answer any questions. If there are none, I would request an affirmative roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 361 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 57 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. Senate Bill 361, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 368. Senator O'Malley. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 368.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Again, thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 368 provides that a child support order shall include a provision requiring the obligor to report to the obligee each time the obligor obtains a new job and each time the obligor's employment is terminated for any reason. Currently this is not required, and it tends to make enforcement orders difficult to be effective. Senate Bill 368 basically provides that failure to report a change of job situation is punishable as contempt of court. An arrest warrant could be issued and bond set in the amount of the child support that would have been paid during the period of unreported employment. The -- the support order would include a provision requiring the parents to advise each other of any change of

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address within five days of -- of the change. Again, I'd be happy to answer any questions there may be.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 368 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 57 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. Senate Bill 368, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 370. Senator Peterson. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 370.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Under current law there's a sales tax exemption for materials sold to a common carrier by rail that receives the property in Illinois and then ships it out of Illinois for use outside of Illinois. This bill expands the definition to include motor carriers. Appreciate your support of Senate Bill 370.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 370 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 59 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. Senate Bill 370, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate

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Bill 373. Senator Rauschenberger. Senate Bill 382. Senator Hawkinson. Senate Bill 396. Senator Fitzgerald. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 396.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Fitzgerald.

SENATOR FITZGERALD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 396 provides that the standard and additional exemptions allowed for individuals on the Illinois income tax return would be subject to annual adjustments equal to the percentage of increase in the previous year's Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for all items. The adjustments would begin with tax years ending on or after December 31, 1998. Under current law; individual income tax payers may claim the following exemptions: a thousand-dollar personal exemption, a thousand-dollar dependent exemption, a thousand-dollar exemption for the elderly age sixty-five or older, and a thousand-dollar blindness exemption for the taxpayers or spouse. That thousand-dollar figure was set back twenty-seven years ago when Illinois first enacted its income tax. That amount has been eroded over the years by inflation. In fact, I understand that the exemption to have kept pace with inflation would have to be about forty-five hundred dollars to equal its value back when the income tax was first introduced in Illinois. This bill would provide modest tax relief for the taxpaying citizens of this State, going forward in that there would be no further erosion in the value of their personal income tax exemption because of inflation. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Would the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Senator, was there ever any discussion about what price index to use, in light of the -- the debate at the national level of the accuracy of the Consumer Price Index? Was there any talk about that being modified?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Fitzgerald.

SENATOR FITZGERALD:

Senator Cullerton, that did not come up in committee. Clearly, you have a good point, though. If they change the Consumer Price Index or make it no longer viable, we would have to look for a substitute, but that really is a premature question because they haven't done that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Well, are you saying that there's really no other index that -- at this point and time that we can use besides the Consumer Price Index, or could we not make our own adjustments, as was recommended by the -- by the committee?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Fitzgerald.

SENATOR FITZGERALD:

I'm not aware of any other index that is as known as the Consumer Price Index. There may well be others out there. If they change the Consumer Price Index at the federal level to make it

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less advantageous, I could certainly see us adopting our own index. I would -- the important point here is I would not like to see the exemption eroded by inflation any more in Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Not to the bill, but I'm just curious how we can follow along when we have 373 on our computers and 396 on the board up there. I don't -- you know, I know computers never fail, but in this case, we seem to have a failure. And I just wanted to bring that to your attention, sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Thank you, Senator Jacobs. Further discussion? Senator Fitzgerald, to close.

SENATOR FITZGERALD:

Thank you. As I said, this is modest tax relief for the citizens of this State. The estimated fiscal impact would be eleven million dollars in the first year. The State's in a position where we can afford that, and we need to see some tax relief for the citizens of this State and to stop the erosion of the income tax exemption. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 396 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 58 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. Senate Bill 396, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 408. Senator Cullerton. Senator Cullerton on the Floor? Senate Bill 423. Senator Fitzgerald. Senator Fitzgerald, on 423? Senate Bill 437. Senator Butler. Senate Bill 460. Senator Cullerton. Senate Bill 463. Senator Cullerton. Read the



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bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 463.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. When the bill was originally introduced it called for car rental companies to keep a photocopy of the driver's license or the photo identification of a person when they rent a car. When the car rental companies objected to that, we looked at the Statute and amended it such that they are no longer in opposition, because what we did was to change it and just clarify what is probably the practice among most of the car rental companies right now, and that is to keep a copy of the actual driver's license number. And -- and we clarified that they -- they would have a record of the driver's license number. If law enforcement people ever wanted to find out who rented a car, they could obtain that information from the Secretary of State's Office, and I'm also told that in a few years, the Secretary of State's Office will have, on their computers, actual photographs of people that are -- found on their -- on their driver's licenses. So with that amendment, there's no opposition, and be happy to answer any questions and ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 463 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 3

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Nays, no Members voting Present. Senate Bill 463, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Parker, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR PARKER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

State your point.

SENATOR PARKER:

Up in the gallery, over here, I am very honored to have the GFWC Illinois Federated Club women. They are in the gallery. Phyllis Cossarek is the President, and they are here actually to work on child abuse prevention. They are a Illinois Federation of Women's Club in cooperation with Prevent Child Abuse in Illinois, and they are here today in the gallery.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Would our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized by the Senate? Welcome to Springfield. Senator Molaro, for what purpose do you arise, sir? At Senator DeLeo's microphone, once again.

SENATOR MOLARO:

Thank you, Mr. President. On Senate Bill 396, I was having trouble with my button. I would have voted Aye, if I would have pressed it correctly. I'd like...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

The record will so indicate your intent, Senator Molaro. Senator Karpiel, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Mr. President. To announce there will be a Republican Caucus immediately upon adjournment in Senator Philip's Office and it will last about an hour.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

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All right. Republican Caucus in Senator Philip's Office.  
Senator Klemm, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR KLEMM:

For the purposes of an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

State your point.

SENATOR KLEMM:

The Senate Executive Committee will meet approximately  
3 o'clock, or after the Republican Caucus, in Room 212. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Thank you. Senator Lauzen, for what purpose do you arise,  
sir?

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. For an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

State your announcement.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

The Commerce and Industry Committee will reconvene tomorrow  
afternoon at 4 o'clock, in Room 212, or right after adjournment of  
tomorrow's Session. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Resolutions, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 35, offered by Senator Demuzio.

It's a death resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

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ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Weaver, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports  
that the following Legislative Measures have been  
assigned: Referred to the Executive Committee - Senate Joint  
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Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 685, and Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1044; referred to Judiciary Committee - Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 710; referred to Local Government and Elections Committee - Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 373; referred to Transportation Committee - Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 495; and Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 20, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 484, Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 592, and Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 785.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there any further business to come before the Senate?  
Senator Fitzgerald.

SENATOR FITZGERALD:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. The State Government Operations Committee will meet immediately after the Senate Republican Caucus, in Room A-1. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right. Is there any further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Myers moves the Senate stand adjourned until Thursday, March 13th, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon. Senate is adjourned.

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