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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will the regular Session of the 90th General Assembly 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 Pastor Houser, St. John's Lutheran Church, Springfield, Illinois. Pastor Houser.

PASTOR JERENE HOUSER:

(Prayer by Pastor Jerene Houser)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will you please remain standing 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 29th, and Thursday, April 30th, 1998.

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.

SECRETARY HARRY:

The 1998 Report of the Illinois Compensation Review Board. Filed in the Office of the Secretary, on April 30th, 1998.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Messages from the House.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

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

Senate Bill 1215.

We have a like Message on -- or that -- Senate Bill 1215, with House Amendment No. 1.

We have a like Message on Senate Bill 1756, with House Amendment 1.

Both passed the House, as amended, April 30th, 1998.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Weaver, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WEAVER:

For purpose of an announcement. Pat O'Malley may not be with us today. His office burned down last night, so he's kind of waiting for the adjusters. So, just for the record, he may or he may not be here today.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The record will so indicate. Thank you, Senator Weaver. On page 6 today, on today's Calendar, the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading. Then we're going to proceed to 3rd Reading. So if you're interested in passing anything, I would suggest you be in your seat. House Bills 2nd Reading. House Bill 1612. Senator Parker. Take it out of the record. House Bill 2306. Senator Mahar. Senator Mahar. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2306.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted one amendment.

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

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 2411. Senator Mahar. Senate {sic} (House) Bill 2411. Senator Mahar. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate {sic} Bill 2411.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 2503. Senator Karpiel. Senator Karpiel. Take it out of the record. House Bill 2700. Senator Dillard. House Bill 2700. Senator Dillard. Take it out of the record. Senate {sic} Bill 2729. Senator Weaver. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2729.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate {sic} Bill 2887. Senator Karpiel. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill -- or, House Bill 2887.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading -- have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

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No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 3000. Senator Hawkinson. House Bill 3000. Senator Hawkinson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3000.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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

SECRETARY HARRY:

Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Hawkinson.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 1 is simply a technical amendment to send this bill into conference committee to deal with the subject of corrections reform.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Any discussion? If not, Senator Hawkinson moved the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 3000. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Any further Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 3129. Senator Luechtefeld. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3129.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Environment and Energy 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. House Bill 3162. Senator Dillard. Senator Dillard. Take it out of the record. House Bill 3254. Senator Walsh. Take it out of the record. House Bill 3256. Senator Mahar. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3256.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 3257. Senator Butler. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3257.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. House Bill 3279. Senator Karpiel. Take it out of the record. House Bill 3631. Senator Burzynski. Senator Burzynski. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3631.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading, Mr. Secretary. Senator Carroll, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. On a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Some people have wondered why we might even be here today, but we're here today because it is a day of -- in history of Illinois, a very famous day. It is the day when we celebrate the birthday of the former President of this Body, President Phil Rock. It is also the day of the 60th birthday of the former Attorney General Neil Hartigan. Likewise, it is the 95th birthday of W. Clement Stone. It is also a day that's getting very close to Clem Stone's birthday, the 95th. It is the birthday of my seatmate, Senator Art Berman. So we're here to really wish him a very happy birthday, and since Arthur always danced to a different drummer than the rest of us, instead of having cake for his birthday, we have his favorite, ice cream sundaes, over on this side. So come and help yourself. We will -- we will not say how old -- we will not say how old Senator Berman has become, but it is something greater than Neil Hartigan and less than Clem Stone.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Congratulations, Senator Berman. ...Watson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WATSON:

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Yes, Mr. President, a similar request. State a point.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes, as long as we're talking about birthdays, Mrs. Barnes, up here with St. Elmo group, which I'd like to recognize St. Elmo High School is here with us today visiting. And Mrs. Barnes is having a birthday too. We won't tell what birthday number it is, but I'd like for the Senate to welcome the group from St. Elmo and wish a happy birthday, also, to Mrs. Barnes.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will you please rise and be recognized by the Senate?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

It's the intention of the Chair to go to House Bills 3rd Reading, on page 4. Those of you that would like to have your bills called, this would be an excellent opportunity to do so. We're starting on the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading, page 4. House Bill 1151. Senator Cullerton. Senator Cullerton on the Floor? Out of the record. House Bill 1217. Senator Sieben. Out of the record. House Bill 1422. Senator Hawkinson. Out of the record. House Bill 1640. Senator Cronin. Senator Dan Cronin? You on the Floor, Dan? Out of the record. House Bill 1670. Senator Radogno. Very good. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1670.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill attempts to address the

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problem of unscrupulous solicitors representing themselves as being associated...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

I'd like to remind the Body, this is 3rd Reading, final action. We'd like to have everybody in their chairs, listening intently to the sponsor. Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you. As I said, this bill attempts to address the problem of unscrupulous solicitors representing themselves as being associated with law enforcement or public safety departments in order to raise money. The bill does three things by amending the Criminal Code. It increases penalties for such misrepresentation. It adds sheriffs to the list of public safety groups that are covered under the Act. And finally, it requires the authorization from the chief of the public safety department, if a fund-raiser is, in fact, representing themselves to be associated with that group. I would ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? ...discussion? Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Inquiry of the Chair, Mr. President. We've got House Bill 1640 on our computer screens and we'd like to move to the bill we're -- being considered now before we vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 1670 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. House Bill 1670, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 1685. Senator Cronin. Senator Cronin on the Floor? House Bill

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2297. Senator Geo-Karis. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2297.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

I'm sorry to delay you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

It's not a problem.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Thank you very much. I appreciate it. 2297 is the bill that was referred to me by the -- Department of Corrections, and if you'll bear with me for a moment... Thank you. It amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to reenact one of the provisions of Public Act 89-428, permitting hearsay statements made by minor children to be used in court. And the bill allows child advocacy center employees who hear child statements of victims under thirteen to testify about the statement in court. And this was -- legislation was proposed by the Kane County Child Advocacy Center, and the provisions were a part of Senate Bill 721, which was found to be unconstitutional - that was the LUST Fund bill - on the grounds of the single-subject rule. And I ask for favorable consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 2297 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. House Bill 2297, having received the

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required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 2299. Senator Myers. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2299.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, Members of the Senate, this amends the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act to make two changes. The original bill was introduced at the request of the Savanna Local Redevelopment Authority to affect the Savanna Army Depot, which will be abandoned by the Department of Defense between 9/2000 and 7/2001. It would permit two changes in regard to enterprise zone law. First, the existing Vermilion County enterprise zone may be extended to thirty years or a lessor time frame as determined by local authorities and certified by DCCA. And secondly, the legislation authorizes an additional manner in which DCCA may certify an area as an enterprise zone and they are: If the county board of any county in which a current military base is located, in part or in whole, or in which a military base has been closed within twenty years or -- of the effective date of this bill is located, adopts an ordinance to designate the military base as an enterprise zone and if the property otherwise meets the qualifications for an enterprise zone as prescribed in this Act. So I would answer any questions; I would ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 2299 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the

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record. On that question, there are 54 voting Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. House Bill 2299, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 2326. Senator Molaro. Senator Molaro on the Floor? Out of the record. House Bill 2370. Senator Parker. Out of the record. House Bill 2447. Senator Geo-Karis. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2447.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Could you just pass me and come back to me, sir?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

With leave of the Body, we will return to House Bill 2447. Leave is granted. Moving on the Calendar, on page 5, middle of page 5, is House Bill 2510. Senator Klemm. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2510.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Klemm.

SENATOR KLEMM:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. 2510, House Bill, amends the Motor Fuel Tax Law. Requires the Illinois Commerce Commission to develop an annual and a five-year plan, the projects that they intend to improve. As you know, last year we increased the contributions to that fund, and it's no different than what we do for the highways. I think it's an

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appropriate measure for us to know what crossing -- railroad crossings will be improved, and I ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 2510 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. House Bill 2510, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 2533. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2533.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. House Bill 2533 creates an Economic Development Matching Grant Program to finance and promote local economic development. DCCA shall administer the program which may provide matching grants from monies appropriated by the General Assembly to nonprofit organizations or units of local government whose objectives are to promote Illinois communities as sites for industrial and business location and expansion. Most of what we do at the present time through DCCA deals a lot with job training. This, I think, can help us for the promotion of -- of businesses throughout the State. Would be glad to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? If not, the -- oh, excuse me. Senator Demuzio.

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SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

I'm sorry.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Is my light burnt out up there?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

No, it's on. I beg your pardon.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

There is two sides of the aisle. There's that side and then there's this side.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

I keep looking over here, but nobody -- nobody seems to be much interested, but that's okay. Go right ahead.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, here we go again. This is another laudable program - can you hear me? - another laudable program with no money. Economic development, establishing a new program, no money in the budget, makes everybody feel good. I guess it's okay to go ahead and vote for it, because we're not going to fund it anyway.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any further discussion? Would anybody else over here like to speak? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 2533 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Yes, 1 voting No, no voting Present. House Bill 2533, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 2557. Senator Geo-Karis. Please read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2557.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, House Bill 2557 permits counties to pass an ordinance providing that legal and nonconforming uses under the county zoning code may be eliminated in three very limited circumstances. One, when the existing nonconforming use is discontinued; two, when the buildings are adapted to -- a permitted use; and three, when the buildings are destroyed. If any of these three events happen, then the property owner must rebuild or reuse the property for only legally permitted uses under the county zoning -- code. It does not provide for the termination of any use, even a nonconforming use, unless one of those three events takes place, and it does not alter, in any way, the current public process for making changes to the county zoning ordinances. And I ask for your favorable consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Petka.

SENATOR PETKA:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Sponsor indicates she'll yield, Senator Petka.

SENATOR PETKA:

Senator Geo-Karis, does this legislation have any direct or indirect impact to manufactured housing communities in the State of Illinois?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

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No, not to my knowledge at all.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Petka.

SENATOR PETKA:

Is it your intent, then, that this legislation have any direct or indirect impact to manufactured housing communities in Illinois?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

It is my intent that this bill not have any direct or indirect impact to manufactured -- manufactured housing communities in Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any other discussion? Any other discussion? If not, the question is -- or, do you wish to close, ma'am? Question is, shall House Bill 2557 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. House Bill 2557, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 2746. Senator Fawell. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2746.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Thank you very much. This is a municipal -- this bill is at the request of the Municipal League. And it allows IDOT to enter

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into a written contract with another highway authority for the transfer of jurisdiction and the Department is authorized to convey, without any compensation, any land, dedication, easement, access right, or any interest in the property it holds to the highway authority that has accepted the jurisdiction. There has also been an amendment that has been added on, in the Senate, and basically what the amendment does -- it's from the request from the City of Springfield, and it will allow the Capital City Railroad Relocation Authority Act to be extended so that they can see if they can get an agreement with the railroad for a bike path. Be glad to answer any question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Is any there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 2746 pass. All those in favor, vote Yes. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. House Bill 2746, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 3048. Senator Shaw. Senator Shaw on the Floor? Out of the record. House Bill 3181. Senator Luechtefeld. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3181.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. House Bill 3181 amends the Election Code and the Emergency Telephone Systems Act. It provides that a person who is otherwise qualified

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to vote and who has not moved but whose address has been changed because of the implementation of 9-1-1 emergency telephone system is eligible to vote by signing an affidavit at the polling place. An Emergency Telephone Systems Board in any county which implements 9-1-1 system that changes a person's address shall notify the person of the new address and that the person shall -- should contact the local election authority to determine if the person shall -- shall reregister to vote. Be glad to answer any questions with regard to this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Senator Bowles.

SENATOR BOWLES:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield, Senator Bowles.

SENATOR BOWLES:

In committee we discussed this situation on the 9-1-1 and I agree with the Senator that something has to be done. However, I feel that the -- if we depend upon the signing of affidavits at the polling place on election day, we are going to encumber the voting process to the point and to the extent where people will be angry, people will leave the polling place, we will have discord and -- and complete turmoil at the polling place on election day, if we're going to go that route. I have suggested and I would -- had hoped that there would be some attempt made where the 9-1-1 authority could give to the election authority the changes of address and then the election authority would mail out a new registration card, so -- and if it came back, you would know that there was a problem, rather than having all of this take place at the polling place on election day. And I've discussed this with Senator Luechtefeld. I think it's a problem that needs to be resolved because it's going to happen elsewhere in the State. And

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I think that we need to look at this a little more completely. I agree that there has to be some way that this -- this exchange of information can take place, but I understand it cannot go through the federal government by way of the postal service.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Well, Senator, I -- you know, I think there will be some confusion. I think part of the bill does give the -- or, at least, instruct the Emergency Telephone System Board in any county to -- to notify that person that his address has been changed and he needs to reregister. That, I think, could take -- will take care of some of that. My concern is -- and I understand what you're saying, but my concern is that there's even many more angry people who simply do everything that they need to do to vote and then are not allowed to vote, or their -- their vote's simply, on the day of the election, thrown out. And so, again, I -- I understand what you're saying. I think that in the future there's a possibility of -- of taking a look at this again, but right now, we'd like to, I think, go ahead with this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Demuzio. Beg your pardon. Senator -- Senator Bowles. Excuse me.

SENATOR BOWLES:

This is fine. I will vote for the bill in its present form; however, if I may, I would suggest that we pursue this a little further, Senator Luechtefeld, with your concurrence, to see if we can't get a more equitable resolution to the problem.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, thank you. I -- I certainly agree that there is a -- a

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significant problem with this, particularly in -- in downstate Illinois. I am particularly distressed, obviously, because of the fact that in our recent colleague, in Senator Severns' petition challenge, many of the signatures that were obtained on the petitions were challenged on the basis that the address had changed through the implementation of the 9-1-1 system and not due to a voter's having moved. You would think, for heaven sakes, that the State Board of Elections and those who worked on that challenge would recognize that this system was going to be in place and, in fact, the person hadn't moved and, therefore, should never have been challenged in the first place. The question, I guess, I have here is I see that there's going to be some ambiguity continued to -- to exist as a result of -- of this bill. And I would like to ask you: What ambiguity is the staff referring to in this analysis that may still exist as a result of this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is that a question of your staff?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you very much. It's a question of the Senator, if he -- if he will yield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Thank you for asking.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Very -- thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Luechtefeld says he'll yield, Senator Demuzio. Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Senator, our staff really didn't have any ambiguity on this -- your staff may have -- that we could talk about.

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Further discussion? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, I'm -- I'm as interested in resolving this -- this problem as anybody is, because it affects all of us, particularly in the rural areas. State Board of Elections have a position with respect to this bill, when it was in committee?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

I don't recall them having any, no.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? If not, Senator Luechtefeld, to close.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Well, this particular situation, as you said, happened to Senator Severns. It also happened...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Excuse me. I'm sorry, but we're having a problem with communicating, the Chair with Senator Demuzio. I'm sorry. You raised your hand up. Your light wasn't on. I thought you were done. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I think in the rules it says you still can wave your hand, too, in addition to putting your light on. I was interested in solving this problem. I hope that this resolves the problem, and if there is any kind of questions, I would ask them, you know, to -- perhaps we could look at this further and see if we can't resolve it, 'cause I think it's to everybody's benefit. I, you know, applaud you for bringing the thing to our -- to our attention and it should be resolved. I hope this does it. And with that, Mr. President, I notice you're getting your picture taken, but I think I'm finished now. Thank you.

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Anytime. Senator Shadid.

SENATOR SHADID:

Would the -- would the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield, Senator Shadid.

SENATOR SHADID:

Senator, bring me up to date a little bit. Did the Board of Elections throw out some of these voters because of the 9-1-1 change?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Well, from -- from what I understand, in the case of Senator Severns' votes, which were really a petition, I understand that those were questioned. I know in my election, everyone knew that those votes were good, honest votes, but they were challenged also, and costing a great deal of money and so on to fight that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Shadid.

SENATOR SHADID:

Well, then you're saying that the Board of Elections ruled against these people who voted without having their address changed?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

In my situation, they did not. In the case of Senator Severns, I'm not quite aware of how that worked out.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Shadid.

SENATOR SHADID:

Well, I'd just like to make a comment. Thank you for

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answering, but I happen to live in a rural area, and several years ago they did change our box numbers into addresses, and a lot of people didn't change them right away, until the postal department said they will not deliver your mail until you get your new address on it. But it seems to me, in this situation, that whoever would not acknowledge that those people could vote made a bad decision and didn't use very good common sense or judgment. That's my opinion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Is there any further discussion? If not, Senator Luechtefeld, to close.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Well, I -- I think this is something that needs to be addressed. Hopefully it can be. If there are glitches in this situation in the future, hopefully we will address that at that time. So I would ask for your vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

The question is, shall House Bill 3181 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. House Bill 3181, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 3248. Senator Hawkinson. Out of the record. House Bill 3463. Senator Lauzen. Out of the record. Moving over on page 6. Top of page 6 is House Bill 3481. Senator Maitland. Senator Maitland on the Floor? Out of the record. House Bill 3484. Senator Cronin. Senator Cronin on the Floor? Out of the record. House Bill 3500. Senator O'Malley. Out of the record. House Bill 3790. Senator O'Malley. Out of the record. House Bill 3793. Senator Fitzgerald. Out of the record. House Bill 3843. Senator Shadid. Out of the record. We had leave of the

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Body to return to page 5, the middle of page 5. Senator Geo-Karis asks leave of the Body to return to this order of business. Leave is being granted. House Bill 2447. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2447.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. House Bill 2447 - excuse me - amends the Code of Corrections to permit the Department of Corrections to establish a Women's and Children's Pre-release Community Supervision Program. The program is currently being pursued as a pilot program and they now seek statutory authority -- authority to do so permanently. There are already two current residential halfway houses established for this purpose. It is commonly -- commonly known that children are a significant positive motivator for female inmates. And I ask for favorable consideration. This bill simply authorizes the Department of Corrections to develop a program for integrating women with young children back into the community after a prison sentence. And I'd like a favorable consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 2447 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 50 voting Yes, 2 voting No, no voting Present. House Bill 2447, having received the required constitutional majority, is

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declared passed. Senator Hawkinson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Proceed.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

The Senate Judiciary Committee will meet at 1 o'clock in Room 400, as per schedule.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Burzynski, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Licensed Activities Committee will be meeting at 1 o'clock, as posted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Very good. We'd like to welcome your daughter to the Senate Floor, by the way. Beth, nice to have you with us. Yes, would she please stand and be recognized? Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The Senate Appropriation Committee will convene as promptly -- as close to 1 o'clock as possible, for a meeting that will probably be shorter than this announcement, if everybody gets down there, so that people can go off to other committees. We'd appreciate people being in Room 212 for a brief meeting.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any further business to become before the Senate? Is there any further business? If not, Senator Demuzio, moves that the Senate stands adjourned until noon, Tuesday, May 5th.

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