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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. Will our guests in the galleries please rise. Our prayer today will be given by Father John Spreen, St. Augustine Church, Ashland, Illinois. Father Spreen.

FATHER JOHN SPREEN:

(Prayer by Father John Spreen)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please arise 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, May 14th and Thursday, May 15th, 1997.

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 objection, so ordered. Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journals of Friday, May 16th; Monday, May 19th; Tuesday, May 20th; and Wednesday, May 22nd {sic} (21st), in the year 1997, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

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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 Syverson, Chair of the Committee on Public Health and Welfare, reports Senate Bill 345, the Motion to Concur with House Amendments 2 and 3 Be Adopted.

Senator Fawell, Chair of the Committee on Transportation, reports Senate Bill 454, the Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 Be Adopted.

Senator Butler, Chair of the Committee on Local Government and Elections, reports Senate Bill 25, the Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1; Senate Bill 285, Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 3; and House Bill -- Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 729 all Be Adopted.

Senator Cronin, Chair of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Bill 529, the Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2; Senate Bill 709, Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1, 2, 3 and 5; Senate Bill 763, the Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1, 2 and 3; and Senate Bill 878, the Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 all Be Adopted.

Senator Sieben, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, reports Senate Bill 795, the Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 Be Adopted.

Senator Peterson, Chair of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Bill 435, the Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1; Senate Bill 856, the Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5; and House Bill 1118, the Motion to Recede from Senate Amendment No. 1 all Be Adopted.

Senator Hawkinson, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, reports Senate Bill 303, the Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1, and Senate Bill 1099, the Motion to Concur with House Amendment

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2, both Be Approved for Consideration.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message for the Governor by Deno Perdiou, Director of Legislative Affairs, May 21st, 1997.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 90th General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments of your Honorable Body.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator O'Daniel, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR O'DANIEL:

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

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR O'DANIEL:

I have three outstanding young people here from the Mt. Vernon High School who were active in the Youth In Government. I have Eric Knoche here. I have Jeremy Davis and Mindy Connor. Help me welcome them to the Illinois Senate.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will they please be welcomed by the Senate. ...Karpziel, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

I rise to announce a Republican Caucus now - now - now, at 9:45, in Senator Philip's Office.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank you, Senator Karpziel. The Senate will stand at ease

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until 11 o'clock -- 10 o'clock. Excuse me. 10 o'clock. I'm sorry. I was right the first time. 11 o'clock.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

...Senate will -- will reconvene. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you're within the sound of my voice, would you please come to the Floor. We'll get started here in five or ten minutes. ...from the House, Mr. Secretary. ...from the House, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has refused to recede from their Amendment No. 1 to a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 955.

I am further directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representative requests a First Committee of Conference.

Action taken by the House, May 9th {sic} (19), 1997.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Without objection, the Senate does accede to the request of the House for conference committees on those bills just read by the Secretary. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Ladies and Gentlemen, let me make a second request. We are about ready to roll, so please come to the Floor. ...O'Daniel, do you know where all the Democratic Members are? We're going momentarily to the bottom of page 8, and we will be dealing with the nonconcurrency motions. First bill will be Senate Bill 56, Senator Mahar. Next

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bill will be Senate Bill 172, Senator Cronin, and then 271, Senator Cronin, Senator Fitzgerald, and Senator Syverson, in that order. Senator Mahar, on Senate Bill 56, on the Order of Non-concurrence. Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to nonconcur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 56.

The motion offered by Senator Mahar.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Mahar moves to nonconcur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 56. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Senator Cronin, on Senate Bill 172. Senator Cronin on the Floor? Senator Cronin, on Senate Bill 172. Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to nonconcur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 2 and 5 to Senate Bill 172.

The motion, by Senator Cronin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Cronin moves to nonconcur in House Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill -- and 5 to Senate Bill 172. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Senate Bill 271. Senator Cronin, on -- on motion to nonconcur. Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to nonconcur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 271.

The motion, by Senator Cronin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Cronin moves to nonconcur in House Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 271. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The

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Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Senator Syverson, on Senate Bill 317. Senator Syverson. Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to nonconcur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 317.

That motion, by Senator Syverson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Syverson moves to nonconcur in House Amendments No. 1 to Senate Bill 317. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. All right. Middle of page 10. Senate Bill 473. Senator Syverson. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to nonconcur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 473.

The motion, by Senator Syverson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Syverson moves to nonconcur in House Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 473. Those in favor will vote Aye. Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and Secretary shall so inform the House. Senate Bill 574. Senator Obama. Senator Obama on the Floor? Senator Obama on the Floor? Out of the record. Senate Bill 773. Senator Halvorson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary. Read the motion, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to nonconcur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 773.

The motion, by Senator Halvorson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Halvorson moves to nonconcur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 773. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay.

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The Ayes have it. The motion carries. The Secretary shall so inform the House. All right. With leave of the Body, Senator Obama, we will return to Senate Bill... All right. Senator Obama, we're going to do -- we're going to do Senate Bill 837. It's already on the screen. Read the motion, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to nonconcur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 837.

The motion, by Senator Obama.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Obama has moved to nonconcur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 837. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. With leave of the Body we will return now to Senate Bill 574. Senate Bill 574. Senator Obama. Read the motion, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to nonconcur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 574.

The motion, by Senator Obama.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Obama has moved to nonconcur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 574. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Senator Luechtefeld, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

For a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

State your point, sir.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

In the balcony behind the Republican -- right behind me are

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the eighth graders from Waterloo Grade School, with their teachers, Jay Blossom and Kathy Johnson. I would like you to give them a welcome, if you would, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Would our guest in the galleries please rise and be recognized by the Senate? Welcome to Springfield. All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, we are going to be going to our concurrence motions. This, of course, will be final action, so I would invite everyone to please come to the Floor. We will deal with Senator Hendon, Senator Mahar -- I'm sorry, Senator Lauzen, Senator Lauzen, in that order. On page 8 of the Calendar, in the Order of Concurrence, is Senate Bill 76. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 76.

The motion, by Senator Lauzen.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. This -- this compromise with the Governor's Office changes the State budget to the accrual basis, or GAAP accounting method where income and expense items are recognized as they're earned or incurred, even though they might not be received or actually paid. The current State budget uses a cash basis accounting method which recognizes revenues when cash is received and recognized as expenses when cash is paid out. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many sponsors over the past five years and special thanks to Loleta Didrickson, the Comptroller of the State of Illinois, and her staff for moving this very important legislation along. And I'd be happy to answer any questions.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Discussion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Lauzen, if the Gentleman will yield for a question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Did I hear you say that the Governor's Office was in support of this amendment?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

That's correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

The Governor's Office has signed off on this amendment. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Yes, and that's -- that has something to do with why it passed out of the House 118 to 0.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

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Well, if the Governor's Office signed off on that proposal, are you -- by the virtue of the vote of 118 to nothing in the House, are you saying that if he signs off on the education proposal it'll get 118 votes tomorrow, too? Is that what you're suggesting?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there further discussion? Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Would the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Senator Lauzen, maybe you could explain in greater detail how this would work, and maybe you could use an example of, say, this year and our budget, which we have yet to -- to pass, but which has been obviously proposed. How does it work?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Basically the thrust of this legislation is that the budget that we report to the citizens of Illinois is calculated in the same manner under the same types of accounting rules, generally speaking, as the financial statements that we report to the New York bankers when we go for the bond ratings. The funds that are covered under the plan are the ones that are most affected by a difference in accounting methods, and those are the General Revenue Fund, Common School Fund, Education Assistance Fund, Road Fund, Motor Fuel Tax Fund, and Agricultural Premium.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

So, using this year as an example, how would the budget

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procedure be different if this law was in effect?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Basically, in the past, how we've produced our budget is based on the -- the expenses that are actually paid in cash or anticipated to be paid in cash and the revenues that are actually received in cash. And what this -- the effect that this has on the budgeting process is that we begin to count the same way we do when we go to get our bond ratings, recognizing revenue as it's earned or -- as it's earned or expenses when they're incurred. So if we establish a liability for greater Medicaid or greater expense in a certain area, even though we don't anticipate paying it, we would count that expense in this -- this year's budget. Although, I believe that this is effective in the -- in the next year.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Further discussion? Senator Garcia.

SENATOR GARCIA:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of this bill, and I want to commend Senator Lauzen for championing this good government legislation, which is actually a piece of truth-in-budgeting instrument that will help the citizens of Illinois better understand, and each one of us better understand, what it is that we do when we approve a statewide budget. The information that Wall Street gets is what we ought to be having here, and what the public ought to also receive. And I commend him and urge favorable passage.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Senator Jacobs.

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SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I'd just like to make a comment along the same lines. I think what you're doing, Senator, is a step in the right direction. I'd like to see us go one step further, perhaps next year do some zero-base accounting, which I think this Body needs very, very much. And hopefully we'll keep that in mind for the future.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President. Question of the sponsor first, if he would yield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Senator Lauzen, am I correct to say basically we're -- we're adopting an accrual form of an accounting procedure, and maybe if you could, for the edification of Members, give an example each on the revenue side and on the expense side of how it differs from what we had been doing in the past.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you, Senator Carroll. I would use as an example the build up of Medicaid, previous years where we would incur an expense and have that liability on the books, but because we hadn't paid it yet, it didn't show up on the State budget.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Just, again, for the edification of Members, are there any that you can think of on the revenue income side that would be on

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an accrual basis, compared to what we do now?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

That's a very good question. In my -- in my understanding, no -- I don't see any substantial on the revenue side.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there further discussion? Senator Lauzen, do you wish to... I'm sorry. Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you. A question, then I would have a final comment. At least on our analysis, the Bureau of the Budget, at some point in time, said that this would cost - and I challenge that, obviously - nine hundred and fifty-one million dollars had -- the first year. Had you seen that, and -- and do you have any comment on that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

I -- I have seen that, and I think that that is -- that's the accumulated deficit as opposed to any one year. And I think that we all teach our children that you tell the truth no matter what the outcome is, and I've found that no matter how bad a problem is, that if you address the truth first, people are willing to spend their energy helping solve the problem, rather than trying to sweep it under the rug.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Another question. This says that the Ec and Fisc -- Economic and Fiscal Commission has to give us and the Governor their estimate in March, as I recall it. Will the Governor be required

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to prepare his budget based on Economic and Fiscal, or will he still do it based on the Bureau of the Budget, under this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

I'm -- it's a good question. I'm not sure. I'd have to check the language. I know that there is a certification by Economic and Fiscal. As far as how the Governor goes about that process, that is probably - and I'd have to check it for sure to give you an answer that both of us could rely on - that that certification would have to come before the submission.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Okay. Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill itself, as one who has joined Senator Lauzen in sponsoring this legislation, I think we should all be supportive. It is truth in budgeting. It's time that everybody knew what the obligations of the State are so that we know what we really have to appropriate and know what our future obligations may be, as we go into it year by year. I think it's a wonderful idea.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Senator Lauzen, do you wish to close, sir?

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you very much. Again, I would just like to emphasize my sincere gratitude to the cosponsors in previous years and the people who moved this even before I was here. And I'd just advise or -- and ask and request for a Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is final action. The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 to

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Senate Bill 76. 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, Mr. Secretary. On that question, there are 59 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. The Senate does concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 76, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 103. Senator Butler. Mr. Secretary, read the motion, please.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 103.

The motion, by Senator Butler.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Amendment No. 1 to Senate 103 essentially creates a new method of paying for special assessments. It creates a special assessment supplemental bond, and this has been worked out over time between the Realtors' Association, the Taxpayers' Federation was in on it, and representatives from the bonding underwriter community. What it does is creates a special instrument which local governments may use in lieu of their current practice of selling bonds to finance special assessment. Through this -- through this means, local governments are going to save about seventeen percent in their improvement projects because of the long-term financing charges under the other method. It is -- it is a -- an instrument, I think, that will make a tremendous difference in -- not only in the cost, but in the efficiency of finance -- financing local assessments. I would be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, -- if --

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if there are no questions -- Ladies and Gentlemen, this is final action -- the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 103. 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, Mr. Secretary. On that question, there are 58 Ayes, 1 Nay, no Members voting Present. House Bill 103, having -- the Senate does concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 103, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 942. Senator Dillard. Read the motion, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to nonconcur with the House -- or, I mean, I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 942.

The motion, by Senator Dillard.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. What this amendment does is it adds the category of international terrorism as defined by the United States Code, or the federal law, and allows a real victim of international terrorism to be able to be compensated under the Crime Victims' Compensation Act in our State Statutes. It comes at the request of the U.S. Department of Justice. We've worked over the last couple of months in the Judiciary Committee to come up with a definition that's narrow enough. I think we've done it here. I know of no opposition, and I would move, again, that we concur with Senate -- or, Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 942.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? If not, this is final action. The

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question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 942. 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, Mr. Secretary. On that question, there are 58 Ayes, no Nays, 1 Member voting Present. And the Senate does concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 942, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Clayborne, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Please state your point.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President. To my left, I have two Pages from my district, Erin Kelley and Nicole Holtmann, and their parents are in the -- in the President's Gallery behind them, and I would like for them to be welcomed by the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Would our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized? Welcome to Springfield. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to page 12, and the first time through, we're going to be dealing with motions to refuse to recede. All right. Did anybody hear what I said? We're going to page 12. We're going to be dealing with motions to refuse to recede. House Bill 223. Senator Madigan. Senator Madigan on the Floor? All right. Read the -- read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to refuse to recede from Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 223 and request that a conference committee be appointed.

The motion, by Senator Madigan.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Madigan moves that the Senate refuse to recede from the adoption of Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 223 and that a conference committee be appointed. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Ladies and Gentlemen. Ladies and Gentlemen, we must have your attention. This is important action, and we don't want to remove our guests from the Floor and we don't want to ask you to go off the Floor to have your quiet conversations, but if we don't have some order, we're going to have to do that. So please have respect for the Members. House Bill 228. Senator Lauzen. All right. House Bill 310. Senator Lauzen. House Bill... All right. House Bill 1142. Senator Jones. Senator Jones. Senator Jones. 1142. All right. House Bill 1197. Senator Clayborne. Senator Clayborne on the Floor? Senator Clayborne on the Floor? Senator Clayborne. Read the motion, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to refuse to recede from Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1197 and request that a conference committee be appointed.

The motion, by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Clayborne moves that the Senate refuse to recede from the adoption of Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1197 and that a conference committee be appointed. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. And the motion is adopted, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, on a point of personal privilege.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

State your point.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

I'm delighted today to have in the gallery in the back of me in the top the North School of Waukegan, Illinois, the fifth grade, headed by Karen Kuester, K-U-E-S-T-E-R, and I believe both Senator Link and myself serve quite a bit of that section. So, welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Will our guests please rise and be recognized? Welcome to Springfield. Welcome to Springfield. House Bill 1254. Senator Cronin. Senator Cronin. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to refuse to recede from Senate Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 1254 and request that a conference committee be appointed.

The motion, by Senator Cronin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Cronin moves that the Senate refuse to recede from the adoption of Senate Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 1254 and that a conference committee be appointed. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. House Bill 1400. Senator Madigan. Read the motion, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to refuse to recede from Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 1400 and request that a conference committee be appointed.

The motion, by Senator Madigan.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Madigan has moved that the Senate refuse to recede from the adoption of Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1400 and that a conference committee be appointed. All those in favor will

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say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Ladies and Gentlemen, several Members are holding their hands to their ears asking for some order in the Chamber. Now, we have guests in the gallery, we have a lot of people here. This is important business. The next time - the next time - we will clear the Floor. House Bill 1699. Senator Parker. Read the motion, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to refuse to recede from Senate Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 1699 and request that a conference committee be appointed.

The motion, by Senator Parker.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Parker has moved that the Senate refuse to recede from the adoption of Senate Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 1699 and that a conference committee be appointed. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it and the motion carries. The Secretary shall so inform the House. House Bill 2161. Senator Klemm. Read the motion, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to refuse to recede from Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 2161 and request that a conference committee be appointed.

The motion, by Senator Klemm.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Klemm has moved that the Senate refuse to recede from the adoption of Senate Amendments No. 1 and 2 to House Bill 2161 and that a conference committee be appointed. All those favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. All right. All right. With leave of the Body, Senator Jones, you wish to return to -- to House Bill 1142? Read the motion, Mr. Secretary.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to refuse to recede from Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1142 and request that a conference committee be appointed.

The motion, by Senator Jones.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Jones moves that the Senate refuse to recede from Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1142 and that a conference committee be appointed. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Senator Smith, on House Bill 447. Read the motion, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to recede from Senate Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 447.

The motion, by Senator Smith.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I merely stand for 447 to ask to recede the legislation and I ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right. Senator Smith has moved that the Senate recede from Senate Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 447. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is final action. The question is, shall the Senate recede from Senate Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 447. 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, Mr. Secretary. On that question, there are 59 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. The Senate does

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recede from Senate Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 447, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. All right. Supplemental Calendar No. 1 has been distributed. It is on your desk. We will be going right down the line. It'll be Senator Hendon, Senator Dillard, Senator Fitzgerald, Senator Cronin, Senator Butler, Senator Fawell, Senator Cronin and Senator Fitzgerald, on the first page. On Supplemental Calendar No. -- on Supplemental Calendar No. 1 is Senate Bill 25. Read the bill, Madam Secretary -- read the motion, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 25.

Offered by Senator Hendon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 1 satisfies some of the concerns of the union in making some adjustments for the Citizens' Review Board for CHA police, and it gives some of the appointment power to the Senior Advisory Council and the Central Advisory Council. I just want to thank Senator Dudycz, Smith and Trotter for working with me on this bill, as well as my other allies in the House and all of you for supporting the bill. I'll be happy to answer any questions. I ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not - this is final action, Ladies and Gentlemen - the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 25. 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

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are 57 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. The Senate does concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 25, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 285. Senator Dillard. Senator Dillard on the Floor? All right. Senate Bill 303. Senator Fitzgerald. Senator Fitzgerald. Read the motion, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 303.

Offered by Senator Fitzgerald.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Fitzgerald.

SENATOR FITZGERALD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 303 would -- is an initiative of the Chief Judge of Cook County, Donald P. O'Connell, whom I have spoken to personally about this matter. He proposes to do away with the current system of jury commissioners in Cook County, of which there are three, and to install a single jury administrator. There is one vacancy amongst the jury commissioners at this time, and he plans to allow the remaining two commissioners to stay on in their job, but ultimately, after they retire, the jury commissioners would be phased out and replaced with a jury -- a single jury administrator. It's a very good idea. I've talked to some county -- a County Board member about it. It would save the county some money. They plan to reform the way they select jurors in Cook County, and this would help them do that. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Would the sponsor yield?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Senator, did the initial substance of the Senate bill, how did that fair over in the -- the House committee?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Fitzgerald.

SENATOR FITZGERALD:

Not too well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

So I take it, it's not in this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Fitzgerald.

SENATOR FITZGERALD:

No, it's not in that -- this bill anymore, Senator Cullerton. It died in House committee; however, I did speak to the Chief Judge of Cook County and what he -- he took care of my concerns. And you, who represent Cook County, may be interested in this. He said that for senior citizens over the age of seventy, he actually plans to give them a procedure, if they face a hardship, whereby they could exempt out of jury service altogether if they have a hardship, and that gave me some comfort about relieving the -- burden of jury duty on seniors in Cook County.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Senator Cullerton. All right. Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Just a comment about the legislation. I, too, have spoken with Chief Judge Don O'Connell concerning this legislation, both the amendment and the original

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legislation. And as Senator Fitzgerald mentioned, he has assured me and I believe Senator Fitzgerald that he is going to address the original intent of the legislation in an administrative way. The amendment is something that is very important to us in Cook County because in addition to streamlining the selection process for juries, it will also save Cook County taxpayers six hundred thousand dollars a year. So I applaud Senator Fitzgerald for continuing with this legislation and supporting the amendment, and I certainly support Chief Judge O'Connell in his efforts to continue streamlining and making, frankly, the world's largest circuit court system more responsive to Illinois citizens, and particularly those in Cook County.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

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

SENATOR FITZGERALD:

I'd just appreciate a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right. This is final action. The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 303. 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. The Senate does concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 303, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 345. Senator Cronin. Read the motion, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 345.

Offered by Senator Cronin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

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Senator Cronin.

SENATOR CRONIN:

...you -- thank you, Mr. Speaker -- Mr. President. I move to concur in House Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 345. House Amendment No. 2 adds to the bill -- the amendment contains a provision on House Amendment 4, which was adopted but never called on 3rd Reading in the House. It amends the definition of "putative father." Provides that putative father does not mean a man who is the child's father as result of criminal sexual abuse or assault. That was the original intent. House Amendment 3 adds to the bill -- this amendment incorporates the provisions of House Amendment 1 but makes some technical changes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 345. 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 55 Ayes, 2 Nays, no Members voting Present. The Senate does concur in House Amendments No. 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 345, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 435. Senator Butler. Read the motion, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 435.

Offered by Senator Butler.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen, you

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will recall that Senate Bill 435, when it left here, had two principal portions to it. One, it was -- it granted the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District to issue bonds not only for the deep tunnel project, but also provided the ability to continue with their other capital projects which are mainly flood-control projects. The second portion of it was permission to use electronic signatures on contracts and purchase orders in excess of ten thousand dollars. The House has -- House Amendment No. 1 deletes that -- the permission to use the electronic signature. They had some reasons to question it. And so House Amendment No. 1 is -- is going to be deleted -- or, I mean, deletes the electronic signature portion. And I would urge your approval.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Looking at our analysis, Senator, and I hope it's correct, this does allow the limited bonds still to be part of this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Also, our -- our analysis says that -- that this was approved -- was placed in Local Government Debt Reform Act in 1995. At the time, it was attacked by anti-tax groups as blowing a huge hole in the tax cap law. Is that a correct statement?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Butler.

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SENATOR BUTLER:

That's an entirely different bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

You -- you indicated that limited bonds were still in the bill. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

What we're doing is allowing full access to the bonding power. I don't know quite how to answer your -- your question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Well, okay -- okay. You are taking them out of the limited bond category. Is that what you're doing?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Well, I wish I could say yes or no to that question, Senator. I have a statement here if you'd like me to read it. Yes, go ahead.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

I'll just make it as a statement and that way we don't have to do anything with questions in this, Senator. It appears, again, as I think we've said on this once before, this appears to be a way to get around the tax cap laws again, and just wanted to make the Body aware of that. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

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Further discussion? Senator Viverito.

SENATOR VIVERITO:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. I did serve on the Water Reclamation District for six years. I feel that this particular bond leverage gives them a little bit more opportunity to help in terms of some of the deep tunnel problems and the flooding conditions that we've incurred, and it really gives them much more flexibility. They're not going to be adding, really, anything onto it, and I don't think it's that much of an expense. I hope that you would consider voting for this, and I commend Senator Butler for bringing it up.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Senator Tom Walsh.

SENATOR T. WALSH:

Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, stand in support. As same thing I said before: We've got billions of dollars invested already in the deep tunnel project. It's a good project. We have to keep it going. When we passed the tax cap bill, which was a terrific bill, we knew that it wasn't going to be perfect and that periodically you have to make adjustments. This is a small adjustment to save billions of dollars that we already have invested, and I think it's a good measure and I'd encourage everybody to vote Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

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

SENATOR BUTLER:

Well, I thank Senator Viverito and Senator Walsh. Well said. I would echo that I would appreciate your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is final action. The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 435. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay.

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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 44 Ayes, 14 Nays, no Members voting Present. The Senate does -- does concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 435, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 454. Senator Fawell. Senate Bill 454. Senator Fawell. Read the motion, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 454.

Offered by Senator Fawell.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Thank you very much. This was a shell bill, and it came back with two amendments. I'm nonconcurring in No. 1. No. 2 attempts to solve what is called a "dumb judge" problem. The current law allows highway authorities to keep vehicles off public highways when necessary to -- to properly construct or repair a road. And whenever this is deemed necessary, the authority must erect a suitable barricade with signs on them stating that the highway is closed and by whose order the highway is closed. A ticket was issued to a person on a county road which was closed. The judge threw out the ticket because of the -- the county which ordered the closure didn't have its name on the sign. This amendment removes the requirement that the authority has the name on the sign. It's been requested by our county engineers.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right. Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, this is final action {sic}, and the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 454. Those

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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. The Senate does concur in House Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 454, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed {sic}. Senator Fawell. Senator Fawell now moves to nonconcur in House Amendment No. -- No. 1 to Senate Bill 454. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Senate Bill 529. Senator Cronin. Senator Cronin. Read the motion, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 529.

Offered by Senator Cronin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Cronin.

SENATOR CRONIN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I move to concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 529. House Amendment No. 1 deletes everything and becomes the bill. First, it creates the Public University Energy Conservation Act that authorizes the public institutions of higher education to enter into guaranteed energy conservation contracts. Second, this House Amendment 1 adds the language of a bill that was sponsored by Senator Burzynski here earlier. That amendment requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to once every two years assess the educational persistence of monetary award program recipients. And then Amendment No. 2 adds the content of a bill that passed out of the Senate earlier but did not make it out of the House Higher Education Committee. The language of this

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amendment is referred to as the Community College Rate Bill - R-A-T, as in Tom, -E, Rate bill. And that is the sum and substance. I'd be happy to answer any questions and ask for your favorable consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right. Is there discussion? Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you, Mr. President. One of the amendments on this bill is one that was put on in the House that I testified for in the House. It's the energy savings contract for -- for higher education. We passed the same thing for elementary and secondary education. It worked so well, the community colleges came in several years ago and they wanted in the bill. This year, in the Appropriations Committee, the University of Illinois said they need a hundred and eighty million dollars to upgrade their energy facilities, and I asked them if they could use this legislation and they said yes. Paula Wolfe, from Governor's State, was in the committee, and she came up to me and asked me to introduce this legislation because they specifically want to use that this year, as soon as possible. So, Paula Wolfe and Governor's State came up with this language and we were able to add it in the House. So, this is a bill that's going to save us money. It's going to save the four-year colleges money, and it's a good bill to pass. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? If not - this is final action, Ladies and Gentlemen - the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 529. 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. And the Senate does concur in

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House Amendment No. 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 529, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 709. Senator Fitzgerald. All right. Second page of the Supplemental Calendar. Senate Bill 763. Senator Watson. Senator Watson on the Floor? Read... With leave of the Body, we'll come back to Senate Bill 763. Senate Bill 795. Senator Sieben. Senator Sieben. Senator Sieben on the Floor? Senator Sieben on the Floor? Senate Bill 856. Senator Peterson. Read the motion, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 to Senate Bill 856.

Offered by Senator Peterson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is an initiative of the Illinois Department of Revenue. As the bill left the Chamber on a very positive vote, it was...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Peterson, just a moment, please. Ladies and Gentlemen in the back left corner, please, please, hold down the noise, will you? Please. Senator Peterson is presenting a bill. Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Describe the five -- House amendments. Amendment 1 is an initiative of the Illinois Department of Revenue. It amends various tax Acts in the confidentiality Statutes to broaden the confidentiality exceptions by allowing for a taxpayer to request the Department to disclose tax information to a third party. It increases the cap on motor fuel bonds from four -- forty thousand one dollar to a hundred

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thousand dollars. It amends the Leaking Underground Storage Tank, the LUST Fund, tax to allow refunds for unused LUST credit memoranda. It eliminates the one-year restriction for receivers to file claims for overpayments. Removes the one-year statute of limitations on claims for credit or a refund for motor fuel tax use. Amendment 2 amends the Illinois Income Tax Act to waive penalties for failure to pay estimated taxes if the taxpayer is sixty-five years old or older and is a permanent resident of a nursing home. Amendment No. 3 changes the effective date of the bill to January 1, 1998. Amendment 4 amends the Administrative -- Civil Administrative Code, and it allows for a study regarding the reciprocal agreements we have with other states. And it's estimated that -- that, by the Department, that Illinois currently loses about twenty-five million annually, and so this would allow the Department to do a study to see if we should change those reciprocal agreements. Amendment 5 changes Section 1501 of the Illinois Income Tax Act. Specifically restores the definition of "resident" as it pertains to trusts, requested by the Chicago Bar Association and the Corporate Fiduciaries Association. I ask for concurrence on Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 to Senate Bill 856.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Senator Peterson, is there any tax increase whatsoever in this?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there further discussion? If not, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is final action. The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 to Senate Bill 856. 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. The Senate does concur in House Amendments No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 to Senate Bill 856, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We'll take a break right now, and I welcome Senator Bomke to the Podium. Senator Bomke.

SENATOR BOMKE:

Senator Cullerton, if you could join us up here, please. Thank you, John. It's been a tradition over the last number of years that the Senate and House Softball, after the game, everyone in the Senate made a -- or, bought a ticket which contributed as a donation, and we always donate the money to a local charity. This year we have chosen Big Brother/Big Sister, which, incidentally, they happen to be serving their twenty-fifth anniversary this year. And I have with me, to present a check for six hundred dollars to, Executive Director Debbie Beard. Debbie.

DIRECTOR BEARD:

(Remarks by Director Debbie Beard)

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right. All right. All right. All right. Back on Supplemental Calendar, page 3, is Senate Bill 878. Senator Watson. Read the motion, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

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I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 878.

Offered by Senator Watson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. 878 is the prepaid tuition proposal that passed this General Assembly several weeks ago. We had a House bill that came over from the House, sponsored by Representative Burke. We amended that bill and now both the House bill and the Senate bill are in the same -- have the same language. House Amendment No. 1 made several changes, but primarily it allowed for in-State proprietary schools, if they are considered monetary award program and several other changes, technical changes. And then House Amendment No. 2 is the one that there was some concern about, but that has been cleared up. That took out the full faith and credit of the State and put moral obligation language in. And I would move for the adoption and support of House Amendment No. 1 and House Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 878.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right. Is there -- is there discussion? Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted the record to reflect the same comments that I had when we passed the -- the House bill to the Governor. I think the program is an excellent one. I'm very concerned about the absence of the full faith and credit provision that is now in both bills. None of us may be around when that hits, but I think that if our voters are going to be investing in this plan, the full faith and credit of the State should be behind it. I'm going to vote for the plan, but I hope that we can address this at some future time because I think

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that's what our voters expect us to do. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I was going to mention that part that Senator Berman mentioned, because that was one of the reasons why the bill didn't pass that I had in the House about seven, eight years ago when we first introduced it. But I -- I'm -- I, too, will support the plan because I think it's -- it's an idea that's long overdue. We've seen some very definitive data that it's successful in other states, and so I will also support the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senator, I have no qualms with your bill, but I do have a question in regards to the moral obligation. Is that -- is that something the Governor is going to have to do on a yearly basis? And the reason I ask that, there are a number of CREDA and SWEDA, which currently has a moral obligation and the Governor has been hit and miss on giving moral obligation. As an example, he'll give moral obligation to a race track in -- in southern Illinois but won't give moral obligation to a race track in the Quad Cities, as an example. And I just wonder if we're going to be strung out to dry on that on a yearly basis or if this one shot takes care of it all.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Thank -- thank you. And I appreciate that question. Moral obligation requires the Governor to request an appropriation for

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any amount necessary to meet the shortfalls in the program. So whenever the shortfalls would occur, the Governor is required to ask for appropriation to fill that hole.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there further discussion? If not, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is final action. The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 878. 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. And the Senate does concur in House Amendments No. 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 878, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill... All right, Senator Watson, we'll go to Senate Bill 763. Read the motion, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1, 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 763.

Offered by Senator Watson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes, thank you very much, Mr. President. I appreciate the opportunity to go back to this particular bill. Seven -- Senate Bill 763, as you may recall when it passed the Senate, increased the Monetary Award Program grant for full-time students and part-time students. This was -- this particular bill did not include proprietary schools. Both -- there was a proprietary school bill and this one that went over to the House, and this one then was amended and all the language was struck out and the monetary award bill now is the one I believe that was supported and sponsored by Senator Cronin. So House Amendment No. 1 deleted

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all the language in the legislation and adds language that would allow the Employment Security Act to provide information to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission that would be necessary for the collection of defaulted student loans. And House Amendment No. 2 clarified the Commissioner of Banks and Real Estate may refuse to renew or revoke the license of a real estate professional who have defaulted on their federal student loans. And House Amendment No. 3 added language of House Bill 1631, which is -- remained in Senate Rules, and that amendment requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to once every two years, beginning in 1999, assess the educational persistence of the Monetary Award Program recipients. I know of no opposition and -- but would appreciate the support of the Body.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? If not, this is final action. The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments No. 1, 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 763. 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. And the Senate does concur in House Amendments No. 1, 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 763, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1099. Senator Parker. Read the motion, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1099.

Offered by Senator Parker.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Parker.

SENATOR PARKER:

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Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1099 originally makes various changes relating to permanency planning for juveniles to make this process quicker. House Amendment 2nd is along the same lines. It provides that an initial permanency hearing shall be held within twelve months from the date temporary custody was taken. In addition, it adds language which essentially tracks the language passed in Senate Bill 165 and House Bill 66 regarding permanency goals. I would be glad to answer any questions and ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Would the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Sponsor indicates she'll yield, Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Senator, I believe we heard testimony in committee that there are now three separate pieces of legislation that affect this general area and that it's going to be important for the Governor to sign those three bills in a particular order because there's -- because there's three different components all found in three separate bills. Is that -- is this the bill that that testimony related to? And if so, could you kind of explain how it's supposed to work?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Parker.

SENATOR PARKER:

We recognize that there are three bills, and we will make certain that the Governor is aware of the order in which they should be signed and how they all work together, because the Governor's Office has been involved, as has the House and DCFS and

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everybody in this process. So, we'll make certain that everything comes together as it should.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Well, with regard to this particular bill, it seems to me that the -- the question that is somewhat controversial has to do with the -- taking away parental rights, if I recall. And does this particular bill address that issue, of -- of removing someone -- taking away someone's parental rights?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Parker.

SENATOR PARKER:

Senator, this bill has to do more with the permanency situation, not so much as the termination of parental rights.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Further discussion? Senator Parker, to close.

SENATOR PARKER:

I would ask for a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

This is final action. The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1099. 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 59 voting Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. The Senate does concur in House Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1099, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We remain on page 3 of the Supplemental Calendar No. 1. At the bottom of the page is Secretary's Desk, Nonconcurrency, House Bills. Senator Fitzgerald, on House Bill 23. Madam Secretary,

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please read the motion.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to refuse to recede from Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 23 and request that a conference committee be appointed.

Offered by Senator Fitzgerald.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Fitzgerald moves that the Senate refuse to recede from the adoption of Senate Amendment No. 1 and 2 to House Bill 23 and that a conference committee be reported {sic}. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion is adopted, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. House Bill 1118. Senator Peterson. Madam Secretary, please read the motion.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to recede from Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1118.

Offered by Senator Peterson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move to recede from Senate Amendment 1. That -- that legislation has been put on another bill, and we'd like this to go directly to the Governor's Desk. So I ask for this motion to be approved.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none - this is final action - the question is, shall the Senate recede from Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1118. 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 59 voting Yes, no voting No, and no voting Present. And the Senate recesses from Amendment

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No. 1 to House Bill 1118, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 1121. Senator Peterson. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to refuse to recede from Senate Amendments -- Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1121 and request that a conference committee be appointed.

Offered by Senator Peterson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Peterson moves that the Senate refuse to recede from the adoption of Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1121 and that a conference committee be appointed. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. We're still on Supplemental Calendar No. 1, page 3. Returning to that Order, we have Senate Bill 795. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 795.

Offered by Senator Sieben.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. The underlying bill was a Department of Natural Resources administration bill, made a lot of technical changes and corrections. House Amendment No. 1 that was added amends the Oil and Gas Wells on Public Lands Act, and it added some prohibitions for drilling oil wells and gas wells, and also some areas that it would permit the integration of DNR-owned tracts into drilling units only if an environmental impact review determined that no substantial or irreversible harm to the land. We discussed this

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in the Ag Committee. There was no opposition, and I would move for the concurrence with Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, this is final action. And the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 795. 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 57 voting Yes, 1 voting No, no voting Present. The Senate does concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 795, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We are going to go back to today's Calendar, the original Calendar. On page 13, in the middle of the page, is House Bill 740. With leave of the Body, Senator Bomke will handle the bill. We're on the Order of Senate -- Secretary's Desk, Nonconcurrence, House Bills. Please read the motion, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to refuse to recede from Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 740 and request that a conference committee be appointed.

The motion, by Senator Watson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Watson moves that the Senate refuse to recede, and you heard -- you did hear the motion. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. On today's regular Calendar, on page 3, House Bills 3rd Reading, is Senate -- is House Bill 729. As you can see from the Calendar, the deadline date was extended. Senator Butler seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 729 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order

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of 2nd Reading is House Bill 729. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Butler.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Thank you very much. Ladies and Gentlemen, Amendment No. 2 repeats the underlying bill, and if you'll recall, the underlying bill required political committees to organize within ten business days versus thirty days now. It also required newly created committees to organize within five business days if they were created within thirty days before an election. It required committees to disclose their assets, as well as the fund balance, whenever they dissolve. And it required the State Board of Elections to render a final decision on any complaints within sixty days of receipt. And then it also did some clean-up language that was obsolete and -- and duplicative. This amendment retains that -- the underlying bill. It does several things. First, it eliminates the requirement that -- that -- for D-3s when viewing campaign finance documents, but perhaps the most important measure is it -- it asks the State Board of Elections to make public on the Internet - on the Internet - all reports filed in regard to campaign contributions and expenditures by all political committees which are not local political committees. So there is a list of -- let me -- I -- I anticipate a question. If a committee is required to file a report now, it will continue to -- that requirement. There are no additional committees of any kind added to this because of this requirement for Internet posting. So I would welcome your suggestions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Any

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discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Messages from the House.

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 refused to concur with the Senate in the adoption of their amendment to a bill of the following title, to wit:

House Bill 108, with Senate Amendment 1.

Nonconcurrent in by the House, May 22nd, 1997.

We have like Messages on House Bill 1230, with Senate Amendment 1 and House Bill 2215, with Senate Amendment 2.

Both nonconcurrent in by the House, May 22nd, 1997.

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

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

House Bill 1881, with Senate Amendments 1, 2 and 4.

I am further directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has refused to concur with the Senate in the adoption of Amendment No. 3.

Action taken by the House, May 22nd, 1997.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports the

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following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Referred to the Committee on Environment and Energy - the Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 778; to the Committee on Judiciary - Motions to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 341 and House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1204 {sic} (1024); to the Committee on Revenue - the Motion to Recede from Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 526; and to the Committee on State Government Operations - the Motions to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 537 and Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 862.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

House Bills 1st Reading, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 592, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

We are once again on page 3 of the original Calendar for today. Page 3, House Bills 3rd Reading, is House Bill 729. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 729.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen, I just presented the amendment and the underlying bill. I would welcome any questions you may have. If not, I ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator

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Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. This is the -- the bill that would put the -- on the World Wide Web. Put -- the question I had is the -- we are also eliminating the requirement that someone would have to specifically file for the information and disclose who they are, and does that apply in every case?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Well, the requirement to -- for D-3s is -- is eliminated.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Along that same line, Senator, if we're really talking about openness here and -- and everyone having the right to know, why are we doing away with D-3s?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Well, if -- as this reaches the full disclosure via the Internet, it would seem to me superfluous to -- it'd be kind of duplicate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

I don't necessarily disagree with that, Senator, but if someone chooses not to use the Internet, which many of us have trouble operating our computers here and don't -- wouldn't even start to know how to get on the Internet, we -- it appears that we're opening this up just to a select few. We're not opening it

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up to everybody, and with the D-3s, then they're going to be able to come down and see it. But, yet, everybody wants to view what we do, but why are they afraid to give their name to let us know that they're viewing our -- our papers? It doesn't make a lot of sense to me.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Well, I don't think it has anything to do with whether or not they are willing to -- to expose themselves, so to speak. It's just part of the opening process that they need not go through that extra little bit of -- of red tape, which, you know, didn't mean much to anybody, as far as I can tell.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Well, you know, sometimes it does. Let me just give you an example. During this last series of articles the AP put out on what we're getting, you know, from particular lobbyists, I found out through the backdoor that I had received a gift over six hundred dollars. And I found that out because someone signed their name that they were looking at my economic interest statement. That turned on the lightbulb that I had just found out from the media themselves that I'd received a gift of over five hundred dollars. I was able to file an amended report. Now, if I don't know if anybody's looking at 'em and if I don't know what's happening, how do I know whether to file an amended report or not?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Senator, if you're referring to the economic interest

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statements, that does not change. I'm sorry. I should make it clear. D-3s remain on that portion of it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

But the problem is, it's the same principle. I think whenever you -- you know that someone's looking at your -- your D-2s -- I don't know about you, but whenever I think somebody's looking at mine, I start looking at 'em again to make sure, you know, God, did I do anything wrong or did -- did I make any mistakes. And I go through 'em again. So I -- I think it's a tremendous safeguard to have these people sign that they're looking at it so it gives you a little better idea of maybe you should look at it again. I -- I just -- I just don't know -- I know this is a very watered-down thing. It's not a big issue, but it's just one -- I don't know, opening it up to the Internet. I don't know what the hell's so great about the Internet, but we evidently want to do this and I think it's got overwhelming support. But I probably will be a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Bowles.

SENATOR BOWLES:

Thank you, Mr. President. Would the sponsor please...question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield, Senator Bowles.

SENATOR BOWLES:

This is more in the way of informational, as opposed to being a question -- matter of question. Yesterday when we had this amendment in the committee, we didn't have any information specifically from the State Board of Elections that would indicate what this would cost to put this up on the Web and the fact that

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it would be a continuing cost factor and have a fiscal impact. According to the information that has been provided today by the State Board of -- of Elections' Ron Michaelson, the -- to develop and implement an Internet Web site that would include campaign expenditure and contribution reporting expenses information for all political committees, it would cost the State Board of Elections approximately five hundred and sixty-six thousand dollars. I have a breakdown of the costs: the purchase and installation of the Web Net service -- server with associated software, hundred and sixty-five thousand; hundred and fifty -- hundred and fifty thousand dollars to provide modifications to the current EDP software; a hundred and one thousand dollars to pay the salary and the benefits of one Internet Web programmer and one office associate; and a hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the hiring of professional consultants, since the office does not have the in-house capability to develop and implement an Internet Web site. There would be a continuing, an additional, ongoing expenditure per fiscal year to maintain the Internet Web site. We are in the process right now of dealing with school funding reform. Five hundred and sixty-six thousand dollars would go a long way in repairing a school building or even, possibly, constructing a school building. I have no objection to the information in my campaign fund being put on -- on the Web. I do feel that if someone wants to look at my information, fine and dandy, but I would like to know that they are looking at it. I sort of feel, as Senator Jacobs does, that it -- it does maybe trigger you to take another look and make sure that you haven't made a mistake. I happen to be the Minority Spokesman in this committee and I was a -- a cosponsor; however, because of some of the fiscal costs that are involved, I have removed my name as the cosponsor on this particular bill. I -- I appreciate the opportunity to convey this information to you, and thank you, Mr.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Dudycz.

SENATOR DUDYCH:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. I stand in full support of House Bill 729. I believe that -- Senator Butler, you should be commended for your leadership in this effort. What this bill will do will give full disclosure on the Internet. The State of Illinois will be the first in the country going forward with full disclosure. We have nothing to fear, and I think that what we should do is we should have the general public have access to the money that we spend and we receive in our political campaigns. And that not only includes us, it includes all constitutional officers, as well as all local political committees, meaning the -- the ward organizations, the -- the aldermen, and the mayors and village trustees. This is political dollars that are being contributed and are being expended, and I'm sure that we all spend them wisely and we have nothing to fear by letting the public know where we spend our money and where it comes from. And as far as Senator Jacobs requesting the -- or, questioning the fact that -- that some lobbyist spent or gave him a gift or spent some money and he used his name on the lobbyist report, we passed -- you may recall that we passed Senate Bill 1105 earlier last month, which is currently on a House -- in the House on 3rd Reading, which would require all lobbyists, when -- when they fulfill their disclosure reports, to inform the -- the legislator whether they, in fact, have been named in that report. So if -- if Senator Butler or Senator Jacobs or myself receive a -- either a contribution or -- of a nonmonetary value, either a gift or there -- there is an expenditure that is made in our behalf and our names are being placed on these lobbyists' forms, that lobbyist will be required to inform us that he is -- that he is expending

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this -- or he is reporting that he expended this money in our names. And that's also opening up the process, and the -- the public deserves no less.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Obama.

SENATOR OBAMA:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Butler, do you yield? He indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR OBAMA:

I just want to stand in support of this bill. There's been a lot of talk about campaign finance reform during the course of this Session and previous Sessions. I think this is a modest bill, but I think it accomplishes a lot to restore people's faith in our government, to the extent that we have full disclosure and it's easily accessible to the public. I think that restores people's confidence that, in fact, we are doing the people's business and not simply the lobbyists' business, and so I strongly urge a favorable vote on this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield, Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Senator, are you telling us, in this bill the way it is, that whoever wants to get information from us does not have to -- we do not have to get any notice of whoever it is?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

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Exactly.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'm just as much in favor of campaign reform as anyone who has spoken in favor of it here today, but there is such a thing as fair play. If somebody wants to investigate or -- your -- your reports, fine. I think they should give the name and who it is and why, because we have to give that information. If -- the fair play would mean both should know each other, or know about each other, and I don't think it's fair that you've eliminated that, and I wish you would take this -- bill back and -- and put the provision in there that they do have to notify us from the State Board of Elections. I think it's only fair for both sides to treat each other the same way. You want to know about us, fine. On the other hand, we want to know about who it is that wants to know about us. I think it's the only fair thing to do.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Rea.

SENATOR REA:

Yes, Mr. President. I do have some real concerns here that -- I do believe in the full disclosure. I feel that there should be notification. And whenever we talk about the money to initially set up the Web, we're just -- that's just the surface of it, and we're talking about much more as time goes on and the operational. I don't know that -- but what there should be some provision for the notification. Would hope that you might consider holding this and doing more along those lines. And especially at a time whenever we are scrambling for monies, especially for education, it seems that this is a poor time to be doing this, although I do agree with the concept of what you're trying to do and what's --

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and the, you know, what would be provided there. So it's -- it's one of those that I think the timing is perhaps a little bit premature.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Klemm.

SENATOR KLEMM:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, this is a continuation, I think, of what we did last year. Senator Dudycz was absolutely correct. We expanded the reporting of everybody that we could on the lobbyists. I think this is something we've talked about. The Governor has even mentioned this same proposal in the State of the State Address. Many of us had worked on openness of government for many, many years. It would seem to me, to answer some of the concerns that we've had about the expenses, I guess an open democracy does cost us more money than if we have a secretive form of government. I understand the cost to the State Board of Elections is -- it will be incurred. But when we talked to them, they're prepared to do the job that we ask them to do. I think the voters want it. I think everybody does. I think we should all be green votes on this and support Senator Butler in his efforts. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Question of the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield, Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Senator, I -- you know, I understand and -- and support, wholeheartedly, campaign reform, but I want to be very clear as to what is before us that provides us with that kind of meaningful reform, because from what I can see from the analysis, all you --

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you're doing two things: one, you are allowing those who are required to report to do it electronically - and you can just say yes or no - then, secondly, you are allowing those who wish to receive copies of our report to obtain it through the Internet. Yes or no?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

If I caught your question correctly, are you concerned about a hard copy -- the availability of a hard copy?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Senator, I -- I just want you to answer my question. Let me repeat the question. The other provision in this bill is that you are allowing the Board to go on the Internet, to put the reports on the Internet so that people can obtain it through the Internet, whose -- those person's who are on line. Okay. What else, then, in terms of campaign reform, is this bill doing?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Well, it's -- it -- aside from the -- from the first part of the bill, which I -- which I listed, which are really kind of technical changes in the bill - there's nothing substantial in that - the real key to this is it eliminates D-3s and it puts all reports on the Internet. Is that an answer?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Well -- well, Senator, I -- I find it very difficult to understand how those two provisions is really going to add very

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significant to campaign reform in the sense that our -- that would ensure greater faith and trust in us and in the process, in the system, by our constituents out there, because, to my knowledge, no one is complaining over the fact that the campaign reports are not accessible to them. Anyone today who wishes to obtain a campaign finance report is able to obtain it. I -- I don't know of anyone who says that they have that problem. So what this bill is doing in the name of campaign reform, two things: Actually, I think it's eliminating 'em because you eliminated one of the forms that we have to file; secondly, it just simply causes the Board to computerize the -- the reports and then allow people on the Internet. The average citizen don't have access to an Internet, and -- and won't be obtaining it. What this report is going to do is political. Again, it -- it -- it tells -- says to the public that we've done something that we haven't done. The people that will utilize this system are people going to utilize it not for the good or the common good of the citizens of Illinois or -- or even to -- to make us honest or be more honest, and that's what campaign reform ought to be about. But this bill does not do that. I know it, and you know it. It's just kind of a short end run on the fact that the people out there want us to do real campaign reform and we'll not do it. I'm not willing to -- to play that game. Anyone else can do it. And let me tell you something, it does make a difference when people use campaign reports for political reasons without giving the opportunity to that candidate or that elected official, first of all, to know what this is all about that -- that you're doing, who it is, and what information that you want, so that if you see something - for example, like what happened to me when I ran for State Comptroller - you're able to respond to it in an intelligent way. This thing can be abused. It will be used for political reasons only. It will do nothing - nothing - to enhance the credibility as it

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relates to the citizens and open and honest campaign finance reporting. I won't play the game. I'll just vote Present.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Halvorson.

SENATOR HALVORSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I want to commend Senator Butler for a step in the right direction. When cynicism is at an all-time high and people don't feel a part of the process, I believe this is a way that we can open up government, and I think it's important that people do have that access. The State Board of Election, they've been asking to do away with the D-3s for a long time. And I really believe that this is one way that people will have more of a say. There's always going to be a way to get around giving and a way around getting, but when you make disclosure the bottom line, people will be able to see what's really going on, and we need to open that up. So thank you. I -- I appreciate this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Geo-Karis, for the second time.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I apologize for speaking a second time. I rarely do that here. However, I just want everyone to know, I do believe in campaign disclosure. And although I'm not happy with that reservation, I suppose we could still -- if somebody wants to get our disclosure reports, I suppose we could ask the State Board of Elections to let us know who is giving them to us. So, therefore, I will be voting for the bill because I do believe in campaign disclosure, although I wish that one provision wasn't in there.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

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Senator Butler, I wanted to ask a question. I know this pertains to -- does this pertain to everyone that is -- that is compelled, commanded, to file with the State Board of Elections.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

What about county and municipal candidates and all others?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

If they are required to file now, they will file as they will no matter whether or not we have this, as they will in the future. It does not expand the number of people or positions that have to disclose.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, do mayors and county board members have to file with the State Board of Elections.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

My answer would be, if they file now, yes; if they don't, no.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I'm not sure myself; that's why I'm asking the questions. If you are a mayor or a local county official or a -- yeah, a

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committeeman, a ward office or whatever, I don't know, will all these, then -- see I don't know whether or not mayors and county board members now are required to file. And you, as an expert on this bill, I thought maybe you would have the answer to that question, and then -- I just don't know the answer. Does anybody know the answer to that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

The answer is yes, including the Mayor of Carlinville in the future.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I'm not worried about him; he doesn't have any money. But you are saying that -- that local mayors and county officials and county candidates now have to file with the State Board of Elections.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Yes. Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Collins, do you wish to rise a second time? I guess not. Okay. Senator Butler, to close.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Well, there seems to be one point of confusion and that is this does not -- not increase the problems for those who wish to view a -- a report. They can do as they do now. They can go to the county or wherever and ask for a report. The only difference is they don't have to file a -- a D-3. This simply makes it easier. It's more -- it's more openness, as far as I'm concerned.

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Let me just wrap this up quickly. I don't know what we're afraid of in this thing. If your -- if your reports are -- are as they should be and if your actions are as they should be, this should not make one little iota of difference. The only -- the only difference is it -- yes, it is easier. It is more access to more people. I don't know what we're afraid of in this thing, those of you who are arguing against it. It's simply a matter of more open government. What's wrong with that? What in the world is wrong with a little bit of -- of more openness in government, unless we have something to hide? No one in this room has anything to hide. What's the problem? I'd urge you to vote for it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

The question is, shall House Bill 729 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. Unbelievable. 57 voting Yes, 1 voting No, 1 voting Present. House Bill 729, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Butler, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BUTLER:

Well, only to state that I didn't have this much trouble on my first bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Hendon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HENDON:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Yes. State your point.

SENATOR HENDON:

I just wanted to introduce in the Democratic side of the aisle in the gallery we have three honor roll students from Jensen Scholastic Academy with Miss Raime and Miss Armstrong. I wanted

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them to rise and be recognized in the Senate. Honor roll students.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Very good. Congratulations. Welcome to Springfield and the Illinois Senate. Glad to have you here. Resolutions, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 82, offered by Senator Smith.
It's a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Consent Calendar. Senator Link, for what purpose do rise?

SENATOR LINK:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Yes. State your point.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

On the Republican side we have the Daniel Wright Middle School eighth-graders from Lincolnshire, and I'd like to give them a Senate welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Very good. Would our guests in the gallery please rise? Welcome to Springfield and the Illinois Senate. We're glad to have you here. Senator Donahue, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DONAHUE:

Thank you, Mr. President. For the purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Proceed.

SENATOR DONAHUE:

I'd like to announce that there will be an Energy and Environment Committee at 9 a.m. in the morning in Room 212. That's Energy and Environment, 9 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Peterson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. For the purposes of an announcement. The Revenue Committee will meet tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

...Fitzgerald, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR FITZGERALD:

For an announcement, Mr. President. All the Members of the State Government Operations Committee please pay attention. We are going to have a meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock. It's in Room 212, not our normal meeting room, which is A-1. We're in Room 212 today at 4 o'clock, State Government Operations. Please be there.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any further business to come before the Senate? Any further business? If not, Senator Clayborne moves the Senate adjourn until 10 a.m., Friday, May 23rd. Senate is adjourned. Have a good afternoon and evening. 10 o'clock.

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