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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 91st 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 the Pastor David Smith, Glen Ellyn Evangelical Covenant Church, Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Pastor Smith.

PASTOR DAVID SMITH:

(Prayer by Pastor David Smith)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Radogno)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal. Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 28th, in the year 2000, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objections, so ordered. WCIA-Channel 3 has asked permission to film today. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

We have some guests with us today, and they are in the President's Gallery, right behind you. Our -- Our Savior's

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third-grade classes from Jacksonville, Illinois, taught by Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Wieneke, and they are with us. There's also a young man by the name of Jay Gross, who's the son of Dave Gross, our Senate staff person. And so I would like for them to stand and be recognized by the Senate.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will you please rise and be recognized by the Senate?  
Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Hawkinson, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, reports House Bills 2888, 3082, 3180, 3465, 3929, 4045, 4116, 4231 and 4593, all Do Pass; House Bills 2997 and 4097 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Rauschenberger, Chair of the Committee on Appropriations, reports House Bills -- 4447, 4564, 4572, 4573, 4576, 4582, 4583 and 4584, all Do Pass; and House Bills 4357, 4435, 4437, 4438, 4439, 4440, 4441, 4442, 4443, and 4444 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Parker, Chair of the Committee on Transportation, reports House Bill 3032 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Cronin, Chair of the Committee on Education, reports House Bills 2940, 3254, 3881 and 4030 Do Pass; House Bills 2067, 2379 and 3435 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Resolution 314 Be Adopted.

And Senator Mahar, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Energy, reports House Bills 3093 and 4227 Do Pass; and House Bills 3457 and 3478 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Sullivan, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Point of personal privilege. Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I'd like you to welcome Amanda

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Jasinowski and her parents, Alex and Pat, who are in the gallery up here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Will our -- will our -- will our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized? Welcome to Springfield. Senator Philip, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Like the record to indicate that Senator Geo-Karis is in the hospital in Libertyville, going through a series of tests.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Thank you, Senator Philip. Resolutions, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution -- or, Senate Joint Resolution 67, offered by Senator Ronen.

And Senate Joint Resolution 68, by Senator Shaw.

They're both substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

...Members will turn their attention to the middle of page 18, to the Order of Constitutional Amendments 2nd Reading. We will be going to the Order of Senate Joint Resolution 18. Mr. Secretary, read the resolution.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, 18, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads SJRCA No. 18)

2nd Reading of the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. WICS-TV requests permission to videotape in the Senate Chambers. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Senator Demuzio, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

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Thank you, Mr. President. If I could have your attention, please. I'd like to introduce our honored guest. Standing behind me is the Honorable President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners. John Stroger is with us, and I'd like for the Senate Members to welcome John to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Welcome to Springfield, President Stroger. Senator Mahar, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MAHAR:

...privilege, Mr. President. We have visiting us today from -- representing Rotary chapters from all of northeast Illinois, or at least Senators Dillard, Lauzen, Viverito, O'Malley, Halvorson, Larry Walsh, Radogno and myself, the -- the exchange students' program. And these students are literally from all over the world. So I'd like you to join me today in giving them a warm Springfield welcome. They're seated in the gallery - the visitors' gallery.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized? Welcome to Springfield. Senator Parker, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PARKER:

Thank you, Mr. President. For a point of personal privilege. We have up in the President's Gallery constituents from my area, and I'd like us all to please welcome Carol Antell, Molly, Greg and Geoff. And Geoff is a Page with me here today. Thank you for coming.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

All right. Will our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized? Welcome to Springfield. We will now be going -- Senator Myers, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MYERS:

Thank you, Mr. President. A point of personal privilege.

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State your point.

SENATOR MYERS:

I have with me today as my Page Ellen Grider, and her mother, Mary, and her brother, Jason, are in the gallery to my right.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized? Welcome to Springfield. If the Members would turn their attention to the middle of page 10, we will be going to the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading. The middle of page 10, in the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, is House Bill 589. Senator Robert Madigan. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 589.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Insurance and Pensions adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. Senate -- House Bill 840. Senator Myers. House Bill 1992. Senator Sullivan. House Bill 2109. Senator Watson. The bottom -- bottom of page 10, in the Order of House Bills 3rd {sic} Reading, is House Bill 2130. Senator Rauschenberger. Senator Rauschenberger. The top of page 11, in the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, is House Bill 2346. Senator Myers. House Bill 2965. Senator Syverson. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2965.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3046. Senator Robert Madigan.  
Senator Madigan. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3046.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3132. Senator Bomke. Senator Bomke.  
Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3132.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. Senator Donahue, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DONAHUE:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

State your point.

SENATOR DONAHUE:

I have some young students from Western Illinois University,  
in the political science class, that are visiting today and  
watching our operations, and I'd like them to be welcomed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized?  
Welcome to Springfield. House Bill 3271. Senator Sullivan. House

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Bill 3428. Senator Rauschenberger. Senator Rauschenberger. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3428.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3460. Senator Syverson. Senate -- Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3460.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3476. Senator Noland. Senator Noland. House Bill 3485. Senator Syverson. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3485.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3548. Senator Parker. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3548.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. On the top of page 12, in the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, is House Bill 3621. Senator Maitland. Senator Maitland. House Bill 3756. Senator O'Malley. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3756.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3771. Senator Philip. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3771.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3852. Senator Watson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3852.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any Floor amendments approved for consideration?



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SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3926. Senator Syverson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3926.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4021. Senator Donahue. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 4021.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4047. Senator Ronen. Senator Ronen. House Bill 4176. Senator Thomas Walsh. Senator Walsh. House Bill 4228. Senator Klemm. Senator Klemm. House Bill 4374. Senator Maitland. Senator Maitland. House Bill 4396. Senator Dillard. House Bill 4433. Senator O'Malley. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 4433.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Insurance and Pensions

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adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4481. Senator Donahue. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 4481.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. The top of page -- 13, in the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, is House Bill 4587. Senator Maitland. Senator Maitland. House Bill 4588. Senator Rauschenberger. Senator Karpel, what purpose do you rise? Senator Lauzen, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

State your point.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

I would just like to introduce to the Senate today Mary Ann Gerwig, and Lisa and her daughter, Alexis Wallman, who are just above the press box in the gallery. I'd like to welcome them to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized? Welcome to Springfield. Senator Hendon, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HENDON:

A point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

State your point, Senator.

SENATOR HENDON:

Since there was a brief pause in the action, I wanted to remind the Members that -- or, inform the Members that the House of Representatives I met -- I ran into some of the Members this morning. They had softball practice yesterday, in the cold. So they're very serious about this game coming up. And I wanted to bring that to our -- our manager and coach and captain Frank Watson's attention, because they did practice yesterday.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Watson, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WATSON:

You know, I really appreciate Senator Hendon's concern of my -- my lack of leadership on the -- as the coach of the Senate softball team, and I'll be making out the lineup shortly, and there may be one name that's left off. We do have a -- we do have a practice scheduled for tomorrow, and I -- and I am concerned about the House and their intensity in this particular year. They are tired of getting beat. We've beat 'em every year for the last -- since 1992, and we continue to prevail - and we will. But we have to do this with practice, and -- and I know that everybody will be available tomorrow at 5 o'clock and -- and tomorrow's -- and we'll announce tomorrow where that practice will be. Another point I'd like to make, Mr. President, if I might...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

State your point, Senator.

SENATOR WATSON:

I hope that all of you had an opportunity to have lunch on the U.S. 51 Coalition. They had hot dogs and chili and drink outside our Chambers here today, and I want to thank them for doing that. This -- the issue is U.S. 51 south of Decatur, and it primarily

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goes through parts of, obviously, Macon County, Fayette County in my district, Christian County in Senator Demuzio's district, Marion County in my area, and also into Jefferson County in Senator O'Daniel's district. So we are just trying to heighten the awareness of the Members of the General Assembly and staff as to the importance of U.S. 51 south of Decatur and it -- what it means to the economic viability of our region. And I want to thank the people of the various communities that were represented today and thank them for providing lunch for all of our Members.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

We will now be going to the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading. If the Members would turn their attention to the middle of page 6. Will the Members please take their conferences off the Floor. House Members, please be quiet. Middle of page 6, in the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading, is House Bill 182. Senator Radogno. House Bill 390. Senator Rauschenberger. House Bill 477. Senator Radogno. House Bill 478. Senator Radogno. House Bill 665. Senator Jacobs. Madam Secretary, read the bill, please.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 665.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. House Bill 665 extends the out date of a downtown business district TIF for Moline and Rock Island from the year 2009 to the year 2021. There's agreements with the schools boards. There's no known opposition. I ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall House

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Bill 665 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wished? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, 1 Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 665, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 739. Senator Philip. House Bill 861. Senator Philip. House Bill 986. Senator Robert Madigan. Bottom of page 6, in the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading, is House Bill 1407. Senator Philip. Top of page 7, in the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading, is House Bill 1534. Senator Rauschenberger. House Bill 1582. Senator Robert Madigan. House Bill 1583. Senator Madigan. House Bill 1597. Senator Radogno. House Bill 1822. Senator Sieben. Madam Secretary, read the bill, please.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1822.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This legislation is an update of the pest control Act to deal with the issue of the Asian longhorn beetle that's infesting certain parts of our State. It adds some tools that the Department of Agriculture needs to enforce the quarantine that they have for the area that's being infested with the longhorn beetles. I know of no opposition. Ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any discussion? Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.

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I merely want to ask if you would be kind enough to register me a Yes vote on Bill 665. Senator Jacobs. I'm sorry. I was indisposed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

The record will so reflect your intent, Senator Smith. Is there any further discussion? Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

I have a question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Senator, does this bill create a fine for the false report of Asian longhorn beetles? Is that...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

The -- the fine is for someone falsifying documents, for somebody who intentionally falsifies documents relative to the control mechanisms of the Asian longhorn beetle.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

So if I have some beetles in my trees and I report that, I could be fined, if -- if I -- if I detect the wrong kind of beetles? Is that what it is, or is it some other document?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

I don't think it would apply in the situation you just -- just described.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? If not, the question is, shall House

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Bill 1822 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. And House Bill 1822, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

All right. House Bill 1853. Senator Philip? House Bill 1854. Senator Philip. House Bill 2110. Senator Dillard. House Bill 2261. Senator Klemm. House Bill 2855. Senator Donahue. House Bill 2904. Senator Robert Madigan. Senate {sic} Bill 2909. Senator Noland. House Bill 2917. Senator Burzynski. With leave of the Body, we'll come back to Senate {sic} Bill 2977. Senate {sic} Bill 2980. Senator Cronin. House Bill 3037. Senator Thomas Walsh. House Bill 3169. Senator Weaver. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3169.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. This bill provides, for the taxable year 2001 and thereafter, that the assessed value of real property owned and used by fraternal organizations chartered by the State of Illinois prior to 1900, or its subordinate organizations or entities, that prohibit gambling and the use of alcohol on the property and those members provide direct or indirect financial support for charitable works such as -- such shall be frozen by the chief county assessment officer at fifteen percent of its 2000 or fifteen percent of the assessed

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value of the years it qualifies or qualifies after the 2000 assessment level. It also provides that additions and improvements made to the property subject to the assessment will also increase by the fifteen percent of the value of the improvement. Be happy to answer any questions. Appreciate a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you, Madam President. Just a question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

He indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Certainly, I -- I support the legislation. It's good. I have the pleasure of serving the -- the -- the Mooseheart, the -- the orphanage, and then also the Moose organization. Is the Moose organization in this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

The answer was no.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Okay. Is there -- were they either initially in or have they been taken out or can you give me any background on that, Senator?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

I understand that -- that other organizations are being addressed in another bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)



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Any further -- oh! Senator Jones.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Yes. Thank -- thank you, Madam President. I join in support of House Bill 3169. It is a good concept. As relate to the previous question, 'cause those individuals came to me as well, and I think those issues will be addressed in other legislation. They were not taken out of the bill; they were never in the bill itself and -- to clear the record. So it's a very good piece of legislation and I urge a Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Further discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 3169 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote 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 this question, there are 57 voting Aye, 1 voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 3169, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 3176. Senator Larry Walsh. House Bill 3225. Senator Dudycz. House Bill 3256. Senator Larry Walsh. House Bill 3260. Senator Radogno. House Bill 3293. Senator Clayborne. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3293.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Madam President. Basically, all House Bill 3293 does, it replaces the Treasurer as the Chairperson of the Illinois Community Development Finance Corporation and replaces her with the Director of DCCA. And basically, the problem was she wasn't

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able to make the meetings and she didn't want to be the -- the Chairperson anymore. So that's what this bill does. I'm open for any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 3293 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the vote, Madam Secretary. On this question, there are 58 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 3293, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 3406. Senator Petka. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3406.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Petka.

SENATOR PETKA:

Thank you, Madam President and Members of the Senate. House Bill 3406 is the legislation which basically removes a -- a sunset provision of July 1st, 2001, and extends it indefinitely. This is to -- this -- this legislation, which was passed six years ago, was placed on the books in -- in response to a peculiar situation within the legislative -- my legislative district, and Senator Walsh, dealing with Chaney-Monge School, which services Stateville Penitentiary. As a result, almost half of the school district has properties that are owned by the State of Illinois. This tax equivalency grant basically would permit, or has permitted over the last five years, a payment from the State to make up for the loss of revenues that would have been generated as if there was normal development in the area. And additionally, there are

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Stateville employees who live on the grounds, as an incentive to work at the institution. It came out of the -- the Committee on Education on the attendance roll call. I know of no opposition and I move for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 3406 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote 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 this question, there are 57 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 3406, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 3420. Senator Thomas Walsh. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3420.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Walsh.

SENATOR T. WALSH:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 3420 authorizes the Secretary of State to issue and process title and lien documents electronically. It authorizes the Secretary to accept electronic signatures and utilize an electronic payment system for required fees and taxes. It authorizes the Secretary to enter into agreements providing for electronic filing, and it authorizes the Secretary to adopt rules to implement the new provisions. The Secretary of State is in favor of this, as are many of the banking groups. I know of no opposition and would just ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill

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3420 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote 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 this question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 3420, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 3431. House Bill 3455. Senator Sullivan. House Bill 3460. Senator Dillard? House Bill 3699. Senator Dillard. House Bill 3859. Senator Molaro. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3859.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Molaro.

SENATOR MOLARO:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. 3859 is the -- where the railroad union and the railroad industry worked out an agreement that states that every Class I rail carrier, according to federal regulations, would submit a counseling program for their membership that's involved in accidents that cause great bodily harm or -- or that could cause any trauma. And all they have to do now - and the rail carriers are okay with this - is actually come up with a counseling program and submit it to the ICC for everybody to look at and to know that, in fact, these carriers have a program in place. This was a work in progress by some of the people involved. The United Transportation Union and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers did a very, very good job for their membership and this is the product of their work, and I'd ask for a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill...

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Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes, would the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

He indicates he will.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Senator Molaro, I was a little thrown off when I saw you rise to sponsor this legislation, since -- I was reading the Calendar. We have fifty-seven bills that are on 2nd Reading or 3rd Reading, and five of them are sponsored by Democrats. So I was wondering why you were sponsoring this bill, why you didn't give this bill up to one of the Republicans to be the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

The question is, shall House Bill 3859 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote 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 this question, there are 58 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 3859, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 3861. Senator Robert Madigan. House Bill 3872. Senator Philip. We'll -- we'll go down to House Bill 3936. Senator Shadid. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3936.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Shadid.

SENATOR SHADID:

Yes, thank you, Madam Chairman -- Madam President. The -- the... In answer to your question, I'm not giving up my -- my bill. That's none of your business. House Bill 3936, as amended:

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The intention of the current law is to let buyers know they are purchasing a rebuilt -- rebuilt vehicle that has been wrecked at one time and repaired. The proposed amendment would not change the language or intent of the existing statute. This legislation would maintain the current Class A misdemeanor penalty for the first offense and increase the penalty to a Class 4 felony for a second or subsequent offense. I'd appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

If there is no discussion, the question is, shall House Bill 3936 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote 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 this question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting Nay, 1 voting Present. And House Bill 3936, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill -- we'll skip down to House Bill 3944. Senator O'Malley. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3944.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. House Bill 3944 represents regulatory changes requested by the Secretary of State. These changes are intended to accomplish a number of things: One is to conform the law with current Secretary of State Department of Business Services policy and make other changes intended to increase the ability of -- of the Department to take administrative action for violations of the Act. Changes to the Business Opportunity Act will -- will bring

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certain sales business opportunities within the purview of the -- the Act which are currently exempt. And there are changes to other Acts intended to correct oversights and to adjust the law for purposes of administrative oversight and convenience. I'd be happy to answer questions, if there are any.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

If there is no discussion, the question is, shall House Bill 3944 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote 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 this question, there are 58 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 3944, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Viverito, for what reason do you rise?

SENATOR VIVERITO:

Madam Chairman, I accidentally hit the button Present. I really wanted to be voting Yes on House -- on Senate {sic} Bill 3936.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

The record shall so reflect.

SENATOR VIVERITO:

Thank...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Bowles, for what reason do you rise?

SENATOR BOWLES:

Madam -- Madam Chairman, I, too, rise for a vote. Apparently my Aye vote did not register on House Bill 3406. I would like the record to reflect that I voted Aye on that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

The record shall so reflect that.

SENATOR BOWLES:

Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

House Bill 3951. Senator Dudycz. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3951.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Dudycz.

SENATOR DUDYCH:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 3951 amends the Highway Advertising Control Act, allowing the use of three-sided triangular advertising signs along highways. Under current law, these advertising signs already may be double-faced or be placed back-to-back or in a V-type, and this bill would simply allow three-sided or triangular signs. I know of no opposition and I would seek your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 3951 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote 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 this question, there are 58 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 3951, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 3990. Senator Peterson. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3990.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Peterson.



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SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 3990 was initiated by Warren Township in Lake County and the Lake County Division of Transportation. It provides for the establishment of special service areas for certain privately owned or maintained roads in unincorporated areas and subdivisions that were platted before January 1, 1959, that are under township organization -- in counties under township organization. It provides for the county to be able to plant -- do plantings along highways similar to what the State does currently. It also permits the county highway department to temporarily close roads for special events, basically the same as the State of Illinois can. And it also would allow the county engineer to develop appropriate standards that may be applied in the development of unimproved subdivisions that were subdivided before 1920s. I know of no opposition and I ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

If there's no discussion, the question is, shall House Bill 3990 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote 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 this question, there are 58 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 3990, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 3993. Senator Burzynski. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3993.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

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Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This bill makes three distinct changes in Illinois community colleges. Changes the purposes of the AFDC Opportunities Fund from grant expenditures for federal programs to grant expenditures for work force training and technology. Changes the requirement the community college board must obtain approval from both the Board of Higher Ed and the Illinois Community College Board for the purchase -- purpose of borrowing money to buy sites and -- just to the Illinois Community College Board. And removes the provision that allows the board of a community college district to enter into an installment loan arrangement for the purpose of transferring funds to the Illinois Building Authority, which is now defunct. Be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 3993 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote 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 this question, there are 57 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 3993, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 3995. Senator Peterson. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3995.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 3995 is a follow-up to Public Act 91-246, which prohibited the affixing of a State tax stamp upon any cigarette package that did not comply with federal

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labeling requirements. This was intended to address the problem of the gray market cigarettes, those that are manufactured for sale outside of the United States. Currently, we have a problem that's the reverse of this, and these are cigarettes that are manufactured in the United States but are intended for export only. They have different packaging requirements than we do in the States. They have a different warning label from the U.S. Surgeon General, and they are going out and then coming back and being sold without the proper tax stamps. And it is illegal, and this bill would address that and administer the appropriate penalties. I ask for your support of House Bill 3995.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 3995 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote 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 this question, there are 58 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 3995, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. On the top of page 10, there is House Bill 4182. Senator Weaver. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 4182.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 4182 deals with student trustees at public universities. It makes their voting status permanent. Excepts the U of I: The Governor would still appoint one voting student among the three elected. And at SIU,

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the Governor would appoint one voting student member of the trustees among the two elected. It also provides that student members shall have the right to vote on board matters involving -- shall not have the right to vote on matters involving faculty tenure, faculty promotion or any issue in which a student has a direct conflict of interest. Be glad to answer any questions. Appreciate a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 4182 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote 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 this question, there are 57 voting Aye, 1 voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 4182, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 4280. Senator Robert Madigan. House Bill 4352. Senator Judy Myers. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 4352.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Thank you, Madam President and Members of the Senate. This bill amends the Vehicle Code. It provides that if a wide load blocks the warning light on the cab of the vehicle transporting the wide load, an additional warning light must be placed on the rear of the vehicle. This is at the request of the Department of Transportation. It's a safety issue. Farm equipment and other large loads sometimes block the lights that are on the cab, and this requires that there be an additional light put on the rear of

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the vehicle or on the load itself so that, as you approach a wide load, you can -- you can actually see it. I would ask for a favorable vote from the Body.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 4352 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote 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 this question, there are 58 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 4352, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 4369. Senator Parker. House Bill 4450. Senator Weaver. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 4450.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 4450 amends the Military Code of Illinois and it creates a Military Flag Commission to advise the Adjutant General regarding colors, flags and military trophies of war belonging to the State and provides for the appointment of fifteen members who shall serve without compensation but receive expenses. This would sunset on January 1st, 2003. The appointees shall provide the Commission with experience in areas such as, but not limited to, knowledge of military history, particularly the American Civil War, and the education of our citizens. Anyone has any questions, I'll be happy to try to answer them.

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Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 4450 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote 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 this question, there are 58 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 4450, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 4466. Senator Sullivan. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 4466.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. House Bill 4466 simply brings the State penalty provisions of the federal Pipeline Safety Act into conformance with federal law. Current law in Illinois states that the penalty cannot exceed ten thousand dollars. The federal law has it to not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? Senator Klemm.

SENATOR KLEMM:

Yes. Would the sponsor yield, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

He indicates he will.

SENATOR KLEMM:

So actually you're imposing a higher penalty in case there's a tragedy or accident happens, from ten thousand to twenty-five thousand. Is that the federal limitation?

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Senator Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

That is correct. It brings us in line with federal guidelines.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any further discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 4466 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote 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 this question, there are 57 voting Aye, 1 voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 4466, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 69, offered by Senator Karpiel.

It is substantive.

And Senate Resolution 331, by Senator Luechtefeld.

It is also substantive.

And Senate Resolution 332, offered by Senator Emil Jones and all Members.

It is a death resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Consent Calendar. Senator Klemm, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KLEMM:

For the purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

State your point.

SENATOR KLEMM:

The Senate Executive Committee will be meeting in Room 212 immediately upon adjournment. That's Room 212, Senate Executive. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

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