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PRESIDENT JONES:

The regular Session of the 93rd General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Reverend Jonathan Grubbs, First Church of God, Springfield. Reverend Grubbs.

THE REVEREND JONATHAN GRUBBS:

(Prayer by the Reverend Jonathan Grubbs)

PRESIDENT JONES:

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

SENATOR LINK:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Link)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journal of Friday, March 21, 2003.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Woolard -- I mean, Senator Link moves for -- to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objections, so ordered. Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Mr. President, I move the reading and the approval of the Journal of Monday, March 24th; Tuesday, March 25th; Wednesday, March 26th; and Thursday, March 27th, in the year 2003, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Link moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journals, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objections, so ordered. WICS-Channel 20, Springfield, the Peoria Journal Star and WMBD Television, Peoria, asks -- seek leave to photograph or videotape the proceedings. Are there any questions? Leave is granted. Senator Burzynski.

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SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. We would like to request a Republican Caucus immediately, about forty-five minutes, sir.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Can you give me a more exact time?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Forty-five minutes, I think Leader Watson indicated to you.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Okay. Senator Burzynski, can you hold that in abeyance for just a few moments? We've got a few housekeeping things we must take care of. Thank you. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 103, offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

Senate Resolution 104, offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

Senate Resolution 105, offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

Senate Resolution 106, offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

Senate Resolution 107, offered by Senator Clayborne and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 108, offered by Senator Dave Sullivan and all Members.

They're all death resolutions.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message for the Governor by Joseph B. Handley, Deputy of Chief of Staff for Legislative Affairs, April 1, 2003.

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

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 93rd General Assembly - Pursuant to 1011(c) -- pardon me, pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/1A-3, I have nominated the following named persons to the State Board of Elections and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments of your Honorable Body.
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Executive Order 2003-9 - Executive Order to transfer functions of the Department of the Lottery, the Liquor Control Commission and the Illinois Racing Board to the Department of Revenue.

Executive Order 2003-10 - Executive Order to consolidate facilities management, internal auditing and staff legal functions.

Executive Order 2003-11 - Executive Order to transfer functions of the Prairie State 2000 Authority and programs of the Illinois Department of Employment Security and the Illinois Community College Board to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Executive Order 2003-12 - Executive Order to transfer functions of the Department of Nuclear Safety to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Shadid, I would like to invite you and your guests to the Podium. Senator Shadid.

SENATOR SHADID:

If I can have your attention, please. Once again, the -- Peoria, Illinois, is the home of the AA High School Basketball Champions in the State of Illinois. And we're -- as you all know, if you read the sports pages, it's sort of old news for Peoria because we have got some basketball talent, we've got some fine, fine students in our community. This year it's the Peoria Central Lions who are the champions. And if some of you didn't see that last game, and regardless of what Senator Demuzio says, we weren't lucky. We won. And if you're at home and you can't win, then you've got a problem. At this time, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the IHSA...

REPRESENTATIVE SLONE:

I'd just like to welcome you to the Senate, and I wish I could have welcomed you to the House. We're very, very proud of you, all of you. You did wonderful.

REPRESENTATIVE SMITH:

We're very proud to have 'em here in the Senate, and -- and as you know, Peoria is the hotbed of basketball, and we're keeping that tradition alive.

SENATOR SHADID:

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At this time, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the Executive Director of the IHSA, High School Association, Mr. Marty Hickman, who's doing a great job, and we are very proud of him. Marty.

MR. MARTY HICKMAN:

(Remarks by Mr. Marty Hickman)

COACH CHUCK BUESCHER:

(Remarks and introductions by Coach Chuck Buesher)

SENATOR SHADID:

While we're -- and would the photographer -- are you ready to take the picture? Is everybody ready? I'd like to just announce to you that we have put together a proclamation honoring Peoria Central High and we're proud of 'em. It's signed by myself, Dale Risinger, Ricca Slone and Mike Smith. So, congratulations to you in the future, and hopefully we'll see you again down here next year. Thank you very much. Thank you, Members of the Senate. Also -- also, I want to introduce our State Fire Marshal who -- who was a All-State basketball player -- no, he wasn't. But anyway, he went to Peoria Central and his kids did, too. He's a good guy. Thank you. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Republicans have requested a caucus -- caucus meeting for approximately forty-five minutes. The Senate will stand in recess until the hour of -- prior to going -- Senator Burzynski, a few logistics want to get cleared up prior to your caucus meeting. For all the Members, for all the Members, this is going to be a very long day. When the Republicans come out of caucus, we will be going to the various committees for hearing, and those committees will last practically all afternoon. We will return to the Senate Floor at 8 p.m. for Session. We're going to work until approximately 10, maybe 11 o'clock. There's a lot of work ahead of us. And the committee chairs -- the committee chairs should announce their committees now so that there -- at 2 o'clock committees can commence once we return back to the Floor after the Republican Caucus. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Demuzio, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned:

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Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Bill 730; refer to Agriculture and Conservation - Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 142 and Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 573; refer to Education Committee - Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 84, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 233, Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 317, Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 368, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 533, Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 684, Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 814, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 878, Floor Amendments 3 and 4 to Senate Bill 890, Floor Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 891, Floor Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 1074; refer to Environment and Energy Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 25, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1098, Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1379, Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1380 and Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1535; refer to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment No. -- No. 3 to Senate Bill 10, Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 89, Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 411, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 699, Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 714, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 715, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 977, Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1510, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1640, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1737, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1803, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1873, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1918, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1963 and Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1983; refer to Financial Institutions Committee - Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill -- 24, and Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 683 and Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1063; refer to Health and Human Services Committee - Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 3, Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 263, Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 459, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 467, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1064, Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1067, Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1079, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1190, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1332, Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1417, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1430, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1492, Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1543 and Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill --

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1787; refer to Insurance and Pensions Committee - Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 318, Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 475, Floor Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 559, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 741, Floor Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 1207, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1774 and Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1777; refer to Judiciary Committee - Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 8, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 30, Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 96, Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 173, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 404, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 423, Floor Amendments 5 and 6 -- pardon me, that's 5, 6 and 7 to Senate Bill 472, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 690, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 730, Floor Amendment 5 to Senate Bill 1035, Floor Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1125, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1195, Floor Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill -- 1329; refer to Labor and Commerce Committee - Floor Amendments 4 and 5 to Senate Bill 2, Floor Amendments 4 and 5 to Senate Bill 73, Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 461 and Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1763; refer to Licensed Activity Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 105, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 255, Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 354, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 487, Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 698 and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1110; refer to Local Government Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 132, Floor Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 974; and refer to Revenue Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 227, Floor Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 334, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1049, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1474, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1883; refer to State Government Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 151 and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill -- pardon me, that's 812; refer to Transportation Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 150, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 451 and Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1108; Be Approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 268, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 461 and Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1003.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Wendell Jones, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR W. JONES:

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Thank you very much, Mr. President, for recognizing me. I know we're on our way to caucus. I did -- I rose for two reasons. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR W. JONES:

The point of personal privilege is to introduce Steve Katz from Arlington Heights. He's a guest from my district. He goes to school at Palatine High School. I'd like to have the Senate give him a nice, warm welcome. Steve Katz.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will our guest please rise and receive a warm welcome from the Senate? Senator Jones.

SENATOR W. JONES:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. The other reason was that my speaker light's been on since last Thursday and I just wanted to make sure it worked.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Well, you should...

SENATOR W. JONES:

Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES:

You should have -- you should have checked with Senator Philip. There he is right now in the aisle. Senator Althoff, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you very much. I ask for a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

I, too -- Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'd like to recognize my special Page and guest today, Matt Jacoby. He is here with the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association. Can we give him a nice, warm welcome?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will our guest please rise and receive a warm welcome from the Senate? There will be a Republican Caucus commencing immediately. We -- we will recess until the hour of 1:05 sharp

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-- I mean, 2:05 sharp. On the Senate Floor at 2:05. The Senate stands in recess until the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bills 176, 1208, 2104, 2498, 2782, 2996, 3058, 3060, 3117, 3479, 3589, 468, 1119, 1166, 1648, 2298, 2352, 2461, 2553 and 3553. House Bill 4 {sic}(14), 57, 85, 215, 231, 429, 1480, 1529, 1517 {sic}(1577) and 2147; House Bills 2185, 2251, 2456, 2489, 2490, 2536, 2545, 2816, 2956 and 3022; and House Bills 3023, 3095, 3183, 3215, 3298, 3313, 3325, 3406, 3547, 3675, 206, 244, 2391.

All passed the House, March 27, 2003.

I have a like Message with respect to House Bills 74, 191, 310, 339, 528, 1543, 2412, 2658, 2779, 2809 and 3656, and House Bills 343, 386 and 2339.

All passed the House, March 28, 2003.

I have a like Message with respect to House Bills -- pardon me, 76, 184, 373, 464, 1104, 1482, 2486, 2772, 2880, 3396, 3493, 1272, 3512 and 3582.

All passed the House, March 31st, 2003.

I have a like Message with respect to House Bills 40, 44, 221, 1484, 2088, 2386, 3021, 3036, 3073, 3107, 3543, 3671, 1414, 1547, 1548, 1843, -- 2234, 2573, 2577 and 3518.

All passed the House, April 1, 2003.

Have a like Message with respect to House Bills 75, 230, 237, 1604, 2203, 2229, 2268, 2319, 2784 and 3530.

Also passed the House, April 1, 2003.

PRESIDENT JONES:

House Bills 1st Reading.

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House Bill 87, offered by Senator Crotty.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 99, offered by Senator Harmon.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 102, offered by Senator Harmon.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 116, offered by Senator Shadid.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 121, offered by Senator Demuzio.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 128, offered by Senator Link.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 176, offered by Senator Radogno.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 184, offered by Senators Harmon and Emil Jones.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 210, offered by Senator Demuzio.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 221, offered by Senator Shadid.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 244, offered by Senator Ronen.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 259, offered by Senator Silverstein.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 277, offered by Senator Link.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 386, offered by Senator David Sullivan.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 407, offered by Senator Haine.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 429, offered by Senator Garrett.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 479, offered by Senator Lightford.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 528, offered by Senator Walsh.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1107, offered by Senator Wojcik.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1119, offered by Senator Garrett.

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House Bill 1400, offered by Senator Cullerton.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
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House Bill 1484, offered by Senator Halvorson.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 1490, offered by Senator Jacobs.
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(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 1574, offered by Senator Rutherford.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 1584, offered by Senator Cullerton.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 1843, offered by Senator Ronen.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2104, offered by Senator Radogno.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2216, offered by Senators Shadid and Jacobs.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2301, offered by Senator Halvorson.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
House Bill 2302, offered by Senator Halvorson.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House Bill 2319, offered by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2339, offered by Senator Ronen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2352, offered by Senator del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2375, offered by Senator Crotty.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2390, offered by Senator Dave Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2391, offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2411, offered by Senator Winkel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2434, offered by Senator Sandoval.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2425, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2461, offered by Senators Schoenberg and
Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2504, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2545, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2579, offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2587, offered by Senator Winkel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2784, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2797, offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2809, offered by Senator Crotty.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2848, offered by Senator Crotty.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2860, offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House Bill 2863, offered by Senator Crotty.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2880, offered by Senator Ronen.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2887, offered by Senator Woolard.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2895, offered by Senator Crotty.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2905, offered by Senator Althoff.
(Secretary reads title of bill).

House Bill 2910, offered by Senator Petka.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2931, offered by Senator Althoff.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2983, offered -- Senator Woolard.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3036, offered by Senator Walsh.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3058, offered by Senator Cronin.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3075, offered by Senator Dillard.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3079, offered by Senator Halvorson.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3080, offered by Senator Halvorson.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3090, offered by Senator Winkel.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3101, offered by Senator Link.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3141, offered by Senator Viverito.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3209, offered by Senator John Sullivan.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3285, offered by Senator Halvorson.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3298, offered by Senator Emil Jones.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3313, offered by Senator Schoenberg.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3440, offered by Senator Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3455, offered by Senator Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3479, offered by Senator Crotty.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3488, offered by Senators Demuzio and Winkel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3489, offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3582, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 3589, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT JONES:

I'm pleased to see Senator Doris Karpriel on the Floor, knowing her colleagues have not returned to the Floor. They were due back at 2:05. Welcome back to the Senate, Senator. Senator Link, for the purpose of an announcement.

SENATOR LINK:

Two things, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege, first. I'd like to introduce Josh Johnson, who is serving as a Page for me today, from Mundelein. Josh?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will our guest please rise to be recognized by the Senate?

SENATOR LINK:

And I'd like to also make an announcement, that Revenue will be meeting in Room 400 upon adjournment -- or, upon recess.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Maloney, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MALONEY:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Yes, Mr. President. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce the seventh graders from St. Linus School in Oak Lawn

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who have come down to Springfield for the day, and with their principal, Sister Camille.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized by the Senate? Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

For purpose of an announcement. The -- Mr. President, the Labor and Commerce Committee will meet in Room 400 at 7 p.m. this evening. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Woolard.

SENATOR WOOLARD:

For the purpose of two announcements. The State Government will meet in A-1 at 2 o'clock or upon recess of this Chamber. And then the Education Committee will be meeting at 4:30 this afternoon in Room 212. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Obama.

SENATOR OBAMA:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise for purposes of announcement.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR OBAMA:

The Health and Human Services Committee will be meeting at 6 p.m. - 6 p.m. - in Room 400.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

I rise for announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Proceed.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

The announcement is that the Senate Executive Committee will meet immediately upon -- recess of the Chair.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Munoz.

SENATOR MUNOZ:

Purpose of announcement, Mr. President.

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PRESIDENT JONES:

Proceed.

SENATOR MUNOZ:

Licensed Activities will meet at 7 p.m. in A-1.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of information. The Insurance and Pensions Committee will meet at 4:30 in Room 400.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise for purpose of an announcement, please.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Proceed.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Financial Institutions will meet at 7:30 in Room 400. Financial Institutions will meet tonight at 7:30 in Room 400. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Mr. President, let me make this announcement if I might. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is Wednesday of the last week of this semester in the Senate. Now, there's about over a hundred substantive amendments that have been referred to committees today. Friday is our deadline. My suggestion is, if you have a Floor amendment that you're interested in, in a bill that's in committee, today's the day. You ought to be there, present your bill, get it back here in the form that you want it because Friday is the deadline. So, I just wanted to make that announcement that semester's about over. And I'm glad we kept -
- Senator Jacobs...

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Mr. President, I rise for announcement.

PRESIDENT JONES:

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Proceed.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

The Environment and Energy Committee will meet tonight at 6 p.m. The Environment and Energy Committee will meet tonight at 6 p.m. in Room 212. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

Proceed.

SENATOR HAINE:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, the Local Government Committee will meet this evening -- this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in A-1 of the Stratton Building. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Larry Walsh.

SENATOR WALSH:

Thank you, Mr. President. If I may, I'd like to have a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR WALSH:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'm honored today to have Scott Wells with me, sitting alongside. He's a member of the Tri-County SRA. He's down here lobbying us today to bring the issues right to us here in the Senate, and I would like to have him welcomed.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Will our guest please rise and be welcomed by the Senate? Senator Walsh.

SENATOR WALSH:

For the purpose of an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Proceed.

SENATOR WALSH:

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The Senate Agriculture and Conservation District -- or, Conservation Committee will meet tonight at 6 p.m. in Room A-1.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator George Shadid.

SENATOR SHADID:

Mr. -- Mr. President, I'm so proud that you pronounced my name right. Transportation Committee is going to be meeting at 3:30 in A-1. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Obama, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR OBAMA:

Yes, Mr. President, for purposes of announcement. I am standing in for Senator Cullerton to make the announcement regarding Judiciary. The Judiciary Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - in Room 400.

PRESIDENT JONES:

The Senate would like to welcome former Governor Jim Thompson who's in the gallery on the Republican side. He's on the wrong side, but let's give him a warm welcome to the Senate. As a reminder to all the Members, the Senate will reconvene at 8 p.m. tonight. That's at the conclusion of all the committee hearings. 8 p.m. tonight, and we're going to work and we're going to work and we're going to work. So, after you are finished with your committees, I'm telling you right now, we will be back at 8 o'clock. Senator Terry Link has promised to have dinner for everyone. So, the -- the Senate stands in recess until the hour -- to the call of the Chair, and that will be at 8 p.m. tonight. The Senate stands in recess.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDENT JONES:

For the Members, if you're in your office, kindly come to the Senate Floor so we can convene Session. Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed bills of the

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following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bills 274, 344, 462, 524, 1751, 2531, 2995, 3044, 3198, 3316, 3407, 3695, 506, 1755, 2572, 3082, 3142, 3387, 89, 218, 361, 962, 1116, 1191, 1318, 1729, 2598 and -- 3635.

Passed the House, April 2, 2003.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 109, offered by Senators Demuzio, Emil Jones and all Members.

It is a death resolution.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Resolutions Consent Calendar. WICS-Channel 20, Springfield, seeks leave to photograph or -- or record the proceedings. Are there any objections? Leave is granted. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Haine, Chairperson of the Committee on Local Government, reports Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 132, Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 196, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 267, Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 605, Senate Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 974, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1105 and Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1762, all Be Adopted.

Senator Walsh, Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 142, Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1527, all Be Adopted.

Senator Clayborne, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment and Energy, reports Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 268, Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 884, Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1001, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1098, Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1380 and Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1535, all Be Adopted.

Senator Jacobs, Chairperson of the Committee on Insurance and Pensions, reports Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 318, Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 475, Senate Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 559, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 908, Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1150, Senate Amendment No.

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3 to Senate Bill 1207, Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1774 and Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1777, all Be Adopted.

Senator Shadid, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, reports Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 150 and Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 451, all Be Adopted.

Senator Link, Chairperson of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 227, Senate Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 334, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1049, Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1474 and Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1883, all Be Adopted.

Senator Woolard, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government, reports Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 151 and Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 812, all Be Adopted.

Senator Cullerton and Senator Dillard, Co-Chairpersons of the Committee on Judiciary, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 8, Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 30, Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 96, Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 173, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 404, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 423, Senate Amendment No. 5 to Senate Bill 472, Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 690, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 730, Senate Amendment No. 5 to Senate Bill 1035, Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1329, all Be Approved for Consideration.

Senator Silverstein, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 10, Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 89, Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 411, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 699, Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 714, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 715, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 977, Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1510, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1640, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1737, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1803, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1873, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1918, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1963 and Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1983, all Be Adopted.

Senator del Valle, Chairperson of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 84,

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Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 233, Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 317, Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 368, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 533, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 566, Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 684, Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 814, Senate Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 890, Senate Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 891, Senate Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 1074, all Be Adopted.

Senator Lightford, Chairperson of the Committee on Financial Institutions, reports Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 24 and Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 683, all Be Adopted.

Senator Ronen, Chairperson of the Committee on Labor and Commerce, reports Senate Amendments 4 and 5 to Senate Bill 2, Senate Amendment 5 to Senate Bill -- 73, Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 461, Senate Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 600, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1070 and Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1212, all Be Adopted.

Senator Munoz, Chairperson of the Committee on Licensed Activities, reports Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 105, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 254, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 255, Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 354, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 487 and Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 698, all Be Adopted.

Senator Obama, Chairperson of the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 3, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 467, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1064, Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1067, Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1079, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1190, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1332, Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1417, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1430, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1492, Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1543, Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1649 and Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1787, all Be Adopted.

PRESIDENT JONES:

On page 41 of the Calendar are Motions in Writing. Senator Dillard, on 681? Out of the record. Senator Cullerton, on Senate Bill 1063? Senator Cullerton?

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SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I wish to table the motion to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill 1063 passed. I wish to table that motion.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Cullerton moves to table the motion to reconsider the vote on Senate Bill 1063. Any objection? All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carried. For Members who are in their offices, who are not on the Senate Floor, this is the last call for bills on 2nd Reading. On page 2 of the Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 2. Senator Ronen. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Labor and Commerce adopted Committee Amendment No. 2.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Have there been any amendments approved for consideration? Any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Ronen.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Ronen.

SENATOR RONEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment 3 retains the underlying bill and allows a whistleblower to seek the advice of counsel before making a claim of discrimination. The amendment deletes the Class B misdemeanor penalty for an employer who fires an employee and would also lower the fine of an employer from five thousand, proposed by the bill, to twenty-five hundred dollars for discrimination against an employee. Also makes a technical change. I would move do adopt.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. 3rd Reading -- are there further amendments?

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Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Ronen.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Ronen.

SENATOR RONEN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This amendment clarifies that an employer is not obligated or required to pay an employee at a workplace in a certain county wages that are equal to an employee who has the same or different job in another county. In other words, we're trying to make clear that equal pay relates to people living in the same jurisdiction. And for purposes of this bill, we're using county as that jurisdiction.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Is there any discussion? Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. A point of order. On this -- can I have a point of order?

PRESIDENT JONES:

State your point.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Mr. President, I think you may have misspoken. I think you moved the bill to 3rd Reading.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Yes.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Okay. And you intend to put it back on 2nd for the amendment?

PRESIDENT JONES:

It is back on 2nd. The bill is on 2nd Reading. I knew you'd be watching, Senator. Is there any discussion on the amendment? Is there any discussion on the amendment? All in favor -- Senator Rutherford.

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. In committee this evening, there was -- you'd been working on this and there was no one from the business community that filed any opposition slips. Am I correct?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Ronen.

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SENATOR RONEN:

Yes, Senator, you are correct.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Rutherford.

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

So, this is not the bill that had about a hundred and fifty-five opponents and none of them had the nerve to stand up and tell why they were opposed to the bill. That was -- I'm sorry. That was Senator Halvorson's bill unto which everybody on the face of the earth appeared to be opposed to it. No one had the testosterone to stand up and say so. This is not that bill, is that correct?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Ronen.

SENATOR RONEN:

Yes, Senator Rutherford, you are correct. Thank you for mentioning that.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Any further -- is there any further discussion? If not, all those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Amendment No. 5, also offered by Senator Ronen.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Ronen.

SENATOR RONEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment 5, in addition to making technical changes, clarifies that the three-year statute of limitation goes into effect when the employee learns that they were underpaid.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the adoption of the amendment, signify by saying Aye. Nays? No Nays. The Ayes have it. The amendment's adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 14. Senator Sullivan. John Sullivan. This is the last call. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 15. Senator Obama. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 15.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Obama.

SENATOR OBAMA:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is the videotaping bill that we've been working on for quite some time. We appear to have arrived at a broad consensus between proponents and law enforcement, and I'll be happy to discuss the details on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Obama.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Obama.

SENATOR OBAMA:

Thank you very much. The amendment reflects the most recent agreement.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Is there any discussion? All those in favor of the amendment, signify by saying Aye. Nays? No Nays. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 24. Senator del Valle. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 24.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator del Valle.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator del Valle.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment becomes the bill, and it's the product of negotiations and lots of hours of -- of discussion? I'll be glad to talk about the bill on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Are there any discussions? If not, all those in favor of the amendment, signify by saying Aye. Nays? The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any -- any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 71. Senator Walsh. Last time around. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 77. Out of the record. Senate Bill 114. Senator Dillard. Read the -- Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 114.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 127. Senator Obama. 2nd Reading. Out of the record. Senate Bill 132. Senator Walsh. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 132.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

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Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Welch {sic}.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Walsh. Welch or Walsh? Senator Welch. It's Walsh. Senator Walsh.

SENATOR WALSH:

That's my father.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Your father looks so young.

SENATOR WALSH:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Basically, Senate Bill -- or, Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 132 deletes all and makes it a vehicle bill. We're working on some language that is going to address the issue of impact fees on -- on schools and for the Realtors and -- and Home Builders, and I'd be more than willing to discuss the bill in -- on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 151. Senator Viverito. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 151.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for adoption?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Viverito.

PRESIDENT JONES:

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Senator Viverito.

SENATOR VIVERITO:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment only will change the date for the crisis referendum for next year. I'd be happy to discuss it on the 3rd Reading.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor of the amendment, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment's adopted. 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 172. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 172.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 247. Senate Bill 247? Senate Bill 315. Senator Viverito. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 315.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 334. Senator Clayborne. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 334.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, have -- are there any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

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Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Basically what happens in 334, Floor Amendment No. 4 basically states that if a manufactured home -- it should be Floor Amendment No. 4, not -- not 2.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, correct the board. Senator, what do you wish to do with your Amendment No. 2?

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

I don't want to do anything with Amendment No. 2. I -- I want to deal with Amendment No. 4. Table it.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Clayborne moves to table Amendment No. 2. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Nays? Ayes have it. The amendment is tabled. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Amendment No. 4 just basically provides that if a manufactured home or mobile home is placed on a single-family lot outside of a mobile home park, it will be placed on a permanent foundation and will be taxed like any other property in that -- in that community.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor of the amendment, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. 3rd Reading -- are -- are there any...

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 383. Senator Viverito. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 383.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

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PRESIDENT JONES:

Are there any amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Viverito.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Viverito.

SENATOR VIVERITO:

Yes. This amendment really makes it where the Foundation Board will have the approval of the full Senate. It's been worked out. I'll be happy to discuss it on the 3rd Reading.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Nays? Ayes have it. The amendment's adopted. 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 397. Senate Bill 429. Senator Clayborne. Out of the record. Senate Bill 430. Senator Clayborne. Senate Bill 475. Senator Silverstein. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 475.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Silverstein. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Silverstein.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen. What the amendment does is we've gutted the bill and it now becomes a shell, and we'll hopefully send it over to the House and see if they can work out some agreement. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Is there any discussion? All those in favor of adoption of the amendment, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nays. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further amendments, Madam Secretary?

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Top -- on top of page 3, on the Order of 2nd Reading, is -- appears Senate Bill 498. Senator Halvorson. Out of the record. Senate Bill 501. Out of the record. Senate Bill 580. Out of the record. 581. Out of the record. 582. 583. Out of the record. 584. Out of the record. 585. Out of the record. Senate Bill 586. Senator DeLeo? Out of the record. Senate Bill 588. Senator Clayborne. Out of the record. 589. Senate Bill 600. Senator Lightford. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 600.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Labor and Commerce adopted Committee Amendments 2 and 3.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments that's been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Ronen.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Ronen.

SENATOR RONEN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This amendment merely clarifies language, an agreement that was reached to -- with the Illinois Restaurant Association to support this bill. It just states that the Director of Labor has the authority to set the minimum wage.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor of the adoption of the amendment, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment's adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

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3rd Reading. 609. Senator Jacobs. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 609.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Are there any Floor amendments, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Jacobs.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Amendment 2 to 609, a Floor amendment, removes the preemption of home rule in the original bill, makes a couple technical corrections. Requires the Illinois Building Commission, as directed by the Capital Development Board, to make available implementation materials and adds a Section for CDB to obtain input from interested parties. This is a bill that's still a work in progress. I'd like to adopt the amendment, move it to 3rd and keep discussions going.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Is there any discussion? If -- if not, all those in favor of the amendment, signify by saying Aye. Nays? Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Is there any Floor -- further Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 629. Senator Walsh. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 629.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT JONES:

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

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Walsh.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Walsh.

SENATOR WALSH:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I would like to move to table Floor Amendment No. 2.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Walsh moves to table Floor Amendment No. 2. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is tabled. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 681. Senator Ronen. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 681.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. I'm... Senator Winkel.

SENATOR WINKEL:

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

She'll -- she indicates she will.

SENATOR WINKEL:

Senator, I understand you want to move this to 3rd. I wondered if you would consider my amendment, which is still in Rules, on your bill?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Ronen.

SENATOR RONEN:

It's -- it's too late for amendments, but I will hold this once it goes on 3rd to have discussions with you.

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Senator Winkel.

SENATOR WINKEL:

Thank you. I appreciate that very much.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 684. Madam Secretary -- Senator Crotty. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Senate Bill 684.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDENT JONES:

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

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Crotty.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Crotty.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The purpose -- this -- this amendment now becomes the bill. The purpose of this bill is to allow speech pathologists who meet certain requirements the opportunity to obtain a school service personnel certificate which would allow them, then, to work in schools where there's a shortage of speech-language pathology services. And the bill would also create a temporary license to be issued to candidates receiving their supervised professional experience.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor of the amendment, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 909. Senator DeLeo. Out of the record. Senate Bill 910. Out of the record. 911. Out of the

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record. Senate Bill 1033. Out of the record. 1064. Out of the record. Oh, I'm sorry. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1064.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The -- no committee amendments.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Crotty.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Crotty.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you. Amendment No. 1 now becomes the bill. It would require hospitals to develop a community benefits plan. It also requires them to file with the Attorney General, and it applies to nonprofit hospitals with more than a hundred beds located in a metropolitan area.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor of the amendment, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT JONES:

3rd Reading. On page 30 of the Calendar, on the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading - this is final action - appears House Bill 2626. Senator Trotter. Take it out of the... House Bill 2620. I'm sorry, 2660. Senator Trotter. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 2660.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

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Thank you very much, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. If I can just have everyone's attention...

PRESIDENT JONES:

Could we please hold the chatter down? Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much again, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. House Bill 2660 is the -- the Governor's innovative plan to refinance and restructure our pension plan here in the - - State of Illinois. It does several things. Many of us -- I know we've talked about this for the past couple of months, but specifically what it does, it increases the State's general bond authorization by ten billion dollars; it dedicates a ten-billion increase specifically for State funding; it amends the State Finance Act and creates the Pension Contribution Fund as a special fund in the State treasury, and it locks in sums of three hundred million for FY'03 and 1.86 billion dollars for FY'04. And, Mr. President, I'm available for questions, if there are any.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I wonder if the sponsor would yield for a few questions that I hope he can answer.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Sponsor indicate he will.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Senator Trotter, you may or may not be aware that we've had an ongoing series of -- of discussions with the Governor's Bureau of the Budget. We've been quite anxious to be able to support some extraordinary measures for the Governor in these extraordinary times. We've had, though, some miscommunications or inability to kind of get some specific information out of the Governor. It's our belief, as constitutional -- constitutionally elected Members of the Senate, we have a fundamental responsibility, before doubling the indebtedness of the State of Illinois and engaging in this -- this -- this plan, to get some idea from the Governor of how he intends to deal with the totality of the situation we're engaged in. We certainly have

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enjoyed the -- the news conferences he's had and -- and we certainly took to heart his admonitions about not going to U of I games, but I wonder if I could ask you a series of questions. Perhaps he's had the opportunity to share more specific information with your caucus that would give us some confidence here so that we might be able to support this in a bipartisan way. Has the Governor indicated to you, beyond the 2.1 billion dollars' worth of flexibility that this extraordinary thirty-year borrowing plan would -- would give him, has he indicated to you in any other way how he intends to deal with the balance of his own estimated 2.7-billion-dollar structural deficit for the '04 budget year?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Not in detail. I understand that he will be doing that on April 9th of next week.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

That -- that's a very similar answer he gave to us. In fact, we've been unable to get a single sheet of eight and a half by eleven paper, with or without letterhead, and I -- you know, I do understand that he has a -- a commitment not to release his budget plan before his budget, but it seems logical that at some point, at least in broad strokes, he needs to share with the Senate how he intends to do things. Was he able to share with you -- you know, as I understand it, there's about eleven thousand eight hundred vacancies currently in State government, most of 'em occasioned by the early retirement program. As you and I well know, all of the estimations for the cost of the group health insurance program, all of the costs for the agencies and all of the costs for the pension retirement system are intimately related to the number of people that he rehires, how -- you know, what fill rate he uses for the savings generated by the early retirement program. Has he been able to share with your caucus what he intends to do about rehiring? Has he said seventy-percent fill rate or has he -- has he given

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you any indication of specifics on what he's going to do on rehiring the vacancies in State government?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Senator Rauschenberger, no, he has not. However, this bill, House Bill 2660, is addressing the issue that we now have -- the first time in forty, fifty years, have an opportunity to refinance our -- our bonds at historically low interest rates. As we've heard and we've all talked about in our various caucuses and you've read, as you've intimated, that this just makes good business sense, which is why we're moving forward with it today.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

You know, I think much of what you said has got some merit, although it's not really refinancing because you don't really have a -- a bond yet on the -- on the pension side. But that not being the case, in -- we -- we also questioned the Governor, not asking for budget details, but questioned the Governor about his plans for the Medicaid program. I know Medicaid is -- is close to the hearts of the Members of this General Assembly - I look across the aisle over there and see sponsors of four or five different expansion measures - and -- and I think we're all intimately concerned about what the Medicaid program is going to look like in the payment cycle. It was one of the things we asked the Governor if he would share with us before he asked us to support a -- a virtual doubling of the general obligation debt authorization. Was he able to share with you any details about his estimated payment cycle and how he intended to manage the Medicaid program in the '04 budget year?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Those details haven't been given to us; however, again, in this bill, House Bill 2660, by freeing up these dollars, by getting three hundred million dollars this year and, of course, having 1.86 billion dollars next year, we can certainly pay

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that. Since we would not have to pay into the pension plan, those dollars will be there to help -- help us alleviate some of the problems that we are foreseeing, because we know the pressures are going to continue to be there.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Rauschenberger, bring your remarks to a close.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

I'll do -- I'll do my very best, but as the Appropriations spokesman for our side on a ten-billion-dollar bond, I'm really not trying to be dilatory. But I'll...

PRESIDENT JONES:

Well, I -- well, I could place the timer on.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

You're welcome to. You're the Senate President. It seems to me clear that your Members probably have about the same amount of information as our Members do, and I -- I think that's a shame. The Governor came to us in good faith and asked us to delay his Budget Message. We supported that in a bipartisan fashion. No one on this side of the aisle has criticized some extraordinary proposals that have come out of the Bureau of the Budget. But I think, as constitutional officers and as stewards of the State, we have the right to have some of the details before the Governor would ask us to -- to vote on this proposal in the blind, and I think we may have a lot of leisure to regret moving quickly on this. Just to close, briefly, the Governor is either unwilling or unable to talk to us fundamentally about the structure of his future budget. He has to do that in order to sell bonds on Wall Street. So, he apparently is unwilling to share with Members of this General Assembly what he's willing to share out on Wall Street, and I think that should give us all pause. At one point in a discussion, someone from the Executive Branch mentioned to me that we needed to pass the bond authorization before the Senate saw the budget, because after the Senate saw the budget, he didn't believe we would pass the bond authorization. And if that's the case, I think we all ought to give pause tonight. This -- this is a House bill. I know the House deadline is -- is weeks away, so I would just encourage the sponsor to listen to the debate and perhaps consider taking this bill out of the record. This -- we have no

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need to act in haste on this. There has been no movement in the markets except down. Interest rates are stable. There's -- there's no risk. And the last thing I would tell my -- my colleagues on the Democratic side of the aisle, I don't know if you were ever told and I don't know if the Governor -- shared with your caucus, but our caucus offered, on -- on a bipartisan basis with your side, to give the Governor 1.5 billion of immediate bonding authority to deal with his '03 problem and give him the leisure to develop the financial plans to show us for the balance of the bonding. That was rejected by the Executive Branch. We've got a Governor who's just starting to show up for work, who's just starting to put his people in place and..

PRESIDENT JONES:

Would -- would the Senator kindly -- stick to the bill and bring your remarks to a close?

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Well, with all due respect, I think giving a new Governor that we have yet to get to know well ten billion dollars' worth of debt authority is sticking to the bill, but I would just urge everybody to think very carefully about tonight.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Move the previous question.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Previous question has been moved. There are one, two, three, four, five, six -- there's eight lights on for the Senators. Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would just like to say that I think this is an excellent way to try to resolve a crisis that we found ourselves in. Whether the projected deficit is 2.4 billion or 4.8 billion, regardless, we need to find the money to fill the hole. Whether it's done by cuts or by bringing in money, such as this pension proposal of the Governor, we have to do it. What this does is free up 2.1 billion dollars for -- that we would have to raise otherwise. It doesn't suddenly land in our General Revenue Fund, 2.1 billion dollars, to be spent as we

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wish; it merely means we have less cutting to do. The Governor has promised to give a Budget Address next week. The Budget Address goes directly to the Appropriations Committee. We'll prepare the appropriations bills, and at that time we can debate how this money is going to be spent. But there certainly can be no doubt that we have to get some money into our coffers. We have to bring money into the State of Illinois to avoid the drastic cuts in education, in health care, in safety, all those programs that we all here have worked for years to try to build up, that we all agreed were necessary, that we needed those programs. Now all of a sudden, today, because it's a new Governor, we've got to say, "Well, let's hold on. We can't trust him." Well, we're trusting ourselves. We do the appropriating. He can't do anything without our votes, so it's still in our hands. What we're doing now is trying to take advantage of market conditions. The interest rates are at the lowest they've been in decades. There's even a projection they may go lower. Now is the time to strike, not next month, not two months from now, not after we see the budget. Now is the time. Now is the time to vote Yes. Now is the time to make sure that we give the Governor the chance to succeed, because if he succeeds, all of us succeed. This isn't a partisan issue. This is the people of the State of Illinois, Democrat and Republican both, coming to all of our district offices, saying they're cutting our programs, they're cutting education. Every one of us has schools saying that we need more money. We don't ask if they're Democrat or Republican; we just say we want to try to help, and this is the way to do it. Instead of saying we can't do anything, tonight you can cast a Yes vote and show that you mean to do something. It may -- may not be the greatest way out of this, but it's the only way we have right now to raise this much money. It's done in every other state. It's a good way to raise funds, by taking the debt and bonding it out, because we have to pay it anyway and it ensures payments this year and next year to the pension fund. This program has a lot of good things going for it. You can always look at the negative side if you want to, but I think it's time to look at the sunny side and vote Yes and make sure we get Illinois back on the right track. Thank you.

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PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Righter. Effective now, the -- the timer will be on. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield for some questions?

PRESIDENT JONES:

He indicates he will.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator, what is the State's current debt authorization?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

The answer to the question, about ten billion.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

So this would roughly double what the State can borrow right now, is that fair to say just in very round numbers?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Yes.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

From what I have read in the newspapers about the plan and what -- from what little we've been able to glean from official sources, it's my understanding that this plan, in order to work, assumes that we are going to earn a rate of return per year over the next thirty years of eight percent or so. Is that correct?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

That's correct. Those have been -- by our actuaries, those are historic -- historical benchmarks that have been set. Correct.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Righter.

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SENATOR RIGHTER:

What assumptions are being made to arrive at that eight-percent figure?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Looking at the -- the rate of return over the past eighteen years, those are the numbers that our actuaries have agreed upon that we assume you can make. Looking back as far as 1983 up to the year 2000, we have actually performed -- our State Universities performed at 14.5 percent, our Teachers Retirement at 13.3, and the State Employees at 14.3 percent.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Well, those figures -- eighteen years is an interesting figure, and I understand that that takes in account the past decade, which was obviously a very good one for -- for our markets, and we appear to be having moved beyond that. Let's assume that we falter on that interest rate. Let's say that we don't make that rate of return and we don't make that eight percent, and in fact, we make less than what we borrow at. Then, Senator, what is -- what is our plan of action? What do we do then?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

We have an obligation to pay those -- pay into the pension plan. But dealing with the numbers that we have, we've had bad years in the past eighteen years, and you ask why we go back eighteen years - 'cause eighteen years ago, in 1983, is when we separated our pension funds from the plan. And looking at that track record, the numbers are there, and we've had bad years. As a matter of fact, in 1984, we had less than 5.1 percent in our returns that we had. We also had, in 1988, less than 2.2 percent. So, it's there. What we have here is a -- a forty-five -- or, we have a thirty-five-year program, starting fifty -- or, started a fifty-year program in which we have basically spread

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out our -- our payment cycles, as well as looking at those bad years as well as the good years.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Trotter - I know that you probably have - I've had numerous conversations with constituents in my district who are teachers or they're retired teachers, they're -- otherwise they're annuitants and will be annuitants to the State pension systems, and they're very concerned about the precipitous drop in the percentage of accrued liability that the pension funds have now as opposed to three or four years ago. It's my understanding that in some of those funds that percentage is some twenty-five, thirty, thirty-five percent lower than it was just a few years ago. What -- what caused that?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

The volatility of the market area -- era we're in. Back in 1995, when this General Assembly first acknowledged that we had some of the highest unfunded liabilities in the country, we did take a stand. We said that we were -- by 1996, that we were going to have a continuing appropriation, and we have led up -- or, have lived up to that responsibility of paying into that budget -- or, into the pension plan. However, as -- as you just pointed out, we've had some wonderful years. We went from 53.2 percent for funded liabilities -- or, ratio, to -- to seventy-four percent. In the last two years, that twenty-five percent there has dropped us back down to fifty-two to fifty-three percent. So, you're absolutely correct. It does happen.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Righter, please bring your remarks to a close.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator, the five minutes that I'm allotted, are those the times of my questions or the time of my questions and the time that it takes the sponsor to answer?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Well, if the sponsor takes a long time, then you should shorten your questions.

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SENATOR RIGHTER:

My questions have been pretty short so far, Mr. President, but I appreciate that.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Bring your remarks to a close, please.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

It's my understanding, Senator Trotter, that the Governor's idea behind this plan is to take what he hopes to be the difference between the eight percent and the six percent and -- which is the present value that is around two billion dollars, and spend that this year. If that's the case and if that's going to be spent on making our pension contributions, then I have a question that a lot of people in my district have to have answered, and that is: When this -- these -- this investment, this ten billion dollars runs out, and we've used the General Revenue Fund to pay for other obligations and not the pension funds, then when that runs out and that money's gone and we don't have any room in our General Revenue Fund to make those pension payments, how will we make those payments, Senator? I'm talking about -- I understand we're all concerned about this year, but we're not here just to make public policy for this year; we're here to make it for four or five years out. How will we make those pension payments then?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

If your -- question is making reference to '05, sir, then what happens is the dollars then come back out of General Revenue funds. That's the way we've done it all along. What these dollars do, that we'll be getting, just frees up dollars so, in fact, that we do not have to take dollars out of the General Revenue Fund and we can dedicate those dollars to paying for some of the -- the many pressures that we have.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to read from a -- a press release and then maybe, Senator Trotter, if you can respond to it. Just a couple of the lines here: This is a

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proposal -- excuse me. This proposal does not create new obligations; it simply refinances existing ones. Like New Jersey homeowners taking advantage of low interest rates to refinance their home mortgage, the State of New Jersey has an opportunity to refinance its liability due to favorable market conditions. Our pension security proposal is smart and a prudent one. It would be imprudent for the State not to take advantage of this refinancing opportunity when the bond market offers such favorable funding rates. Do you know where that's from?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

No. Enlighten me, sir.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

That's a press release from the State of New Jersey in 1997 which sounds an awful lot like we're talking about tonight, and unfortunately, the same lines that they're talking about, that this is a guaranteed thing, that there's no way we're going to lose, that we're going to make all this money, is the same thing that they said. And I think we all know what happened to the New Jersey plan, how it's in disarray, how they've lost hundreds of millions of dollars and the taxpayers have had to pay for something that was a guaranteed issue, that can't fail. And yet, here we're setting up a plan now that we're saying the exact same things: This can't fail; the taxpayers aren't going to lose. And yet, when we ask for some guarantees, we can't get the specifics to that. I guess I...

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator...

SENATOR SYVERSON:

...just ask comment and respond to that.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Wasn't a question, but it's unfair for us to look at New Jersey and their plan. What they did was one of the biggest

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errors that you do when you're in this kind of market, and that is, you buy high and you ended up having to sell low. They bought when the market was falling out from up under 'em. So in looking at that plan and looking at the timing issue, certainly the much higher -- the interest rates were much higher. What happened is, they did it wrong. But, however, they also have a thirty-year plan. So to say that it's actually a failed plan is -- is a bad characteristic of something that has to be assessed over thirty years and not just what happened in the last two years.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Well, first of all, maybe you can help me with some stock picks because if -- if -- if you said they did it wrong because their experts chose at a wrong time in the markets, if -- if we can guarantee us that this is the absolute lowest the market's going to be and if we can guarantee that these are the absolute lowest interest rates, I think most of us would like to do that. Because if that's for sure, maybe we ought to be doing twenty billion instead of ten billion. I'm just not sure if there's any experts that's willing to say that this is the lowest this market is ever going to go and that these are the interest rates that will never change. So, I'm concerned about that. One other quick question, which is a big concern, that this -- the proceeds of this -- of this money is going to go to cover the pension obligation for '03 and for '04 which will free up dollars that we can help address the Medicaid and other issues. What are we going to do in -- or what is the Governor's plan or what has he talked to you about, what do we do in '05 when we're going to have approximately a 2.5-billion-dollar payment due that we haven't budgeted for because we've made, now, the pension payments out of this bonding fund for the next two years? Has the Governor discussed that with you or is there a plan in place to talk about how we're going to make that payment in '05?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

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We have an obligation, constitutionally and statutorily, to make that payment. It's going to be a 2.1-billion-dollar obligation if we do this or if we do not do this at this point in time. Just to address your issues of how do we know that the interest rates will not go up or -- or even go lower? We don't. Which is why we need to do something now. This certainly -- as you know, the market is very volatile. Things can happen. This is the first time in fifty years that they've been this low, and it's -- I believe it's incumbent upon us to be at least fiscally responsible and do this deal right now.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Senator Syverson, bring your remarks to a close.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Well, just to wrap it up. Unfortunately when we talk about this, this is the same comments that they made at that point in New Jersey, in '97, when they said this is the absolute best time in history to do that. So, that's always a concern. We're in a different world economy now, and I don't think anyone believes that the market's going to do, in the -- in the next ten years or twenty years, what it did in the last ten years. And so, it is a different economy and I think we should be very careful when we head into this, especially when we don't have the kind of details that we've been asking for. Thank you, Mr. President, for your time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Further discussion? Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

Senator, in the last decade, many Members of this Body worked diligently to try to bring reform to our unfunded liability in the pension system. You worked, we all worked as part of that. One of the areas that we chose as an avenue to ensure credibility was that there would be a continuing resolution that would guarantee actuarial funding of those pension systems. Would you not agree?

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Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

That's how I recall it. Correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

Would you not agree that that's a very important part? And I -- that you, in no way, shape or form, through this legislation would want to impugn the integrity of that or diminish that guaranteed funding over the forty-year period remaining that we worked diligently to ensure?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Certainly not intentionally.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

Then let me -- let me bring you to page 10 of the bill. Maybe you could explain to me the language in page 10, because the way I read the language, it completely destroys the fabric of the continuing resolution to actuarially fund this. It says that under no circumstances shall our guarantee to the pension funds exceed the amount which we previously would have been guaranteed minus any debt service obligations. Which means if the pension boards decide to invest a hundred percent of these funds in a stock like WorldCom or Enron and lose everything, we have to pay the bonded indebtedness. We then continue with the statutory formula for the forty years, minus what we have to pay on the bonded indebtedness, and therefore, our pension funds reduce in their assets and therefore increasing the liability, therefore turning the backs on the members of the pension funds, which we guaranteed in the last decade that we wouldn't do. Could you interpret that the same way for me, or do you interpret it differently, Senator?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

No, I don't interpret it the same way.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

Well, then please tell me the reason for the language and how you interpret it, Senator, because - I'm not an attorney; I'm simply a legislator in this Body - I question, if it's not for those reasons, why the language is in there and what, in fact, it means.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

It's the contribution plus the interest on the bonds that we deal with as far as working with the -- the albatross.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

Senator -- Senator, you're not looking at the legislation. It -- it says that the required contribution from the State of Illinois will be no greater than the amount previously required without this Act, minus the requirement to pay off the bonds. Which in simple language means, if we lose our ass and we got to pay for the bonds, there isn't enough money to increase the funding of the pension system. Now, I can't interpret it any other way. And if you do, tell me how you interpret it or why the language is in there.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Trotter. Or, just a moment. Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

We're going to attempt to answer his -- his question as fully as we can. If we could, if I can get back to you with the answer on that, if you have another question, let me get to it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

I've got many questions, but I'd just as soon allot my time to this one because I think this is critically important. I think there's a fundamental flaw in this specific area of this legislation that turns its back on the retirees of the State of Illinois. And there's many areas I'd like to question, but in

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five minutes I can't adequately do that. So, I focused on this and I'll wait for your response.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

If we could, sir. We are going to try and get the best answer for you on that question that you have. If we can go forward to some more questions, we certainly will get back to you before we go toward the vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Brady has relinquished his time and we'll come back. Further discussion? Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Sponsor indicates he will -- he will yield. Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Senator Trotter, what happens if you're wrong about the interest rate over thirty years?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Well, the interest rate itself is fixed in this -- the language that's here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Senator, what happens if you're wrong about the rate at which the State recaptures investment - not the bonding rate, but the investment rate that we're the beneficiaries of? What happens if you don't reach the eight percent over the thirty years?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

We make it up through GRF. And when it does not make too much difference, as long as we meet our threshold of six percent, we can meet our obligations through paying into the

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pension fund. And as we know, with each percentage that we have over, we actually get one billion dollars. So, the -- and again, looking at the actuarial records and looking at the interest over the past eighteen years that we pointed out, the -- it averages out, one, that it does go up to 8.5 percent. If that is not the case, then certainly we need to talk to our actuaries so they can set different benchmarks for us.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

It's a little tough to hear. Could you help me out? Maybe it's here that I'm having a hard time hearing. The first part of your answer, I think, was the most instructive, that if you're wrong, if the numbers don't turn out right, if we don't come through at eight percent, then we've got to make it through -- we've got to come through with general revenue funds. Now, if you look, Senator, over the past one hundred years and you divide it up into thirty-year increments beginning at 1900 and moving from 1900 to 1930, 1910 and 1940, and so forth, over that period of time, you'll observe that there were only two thirty-year periods where the -- S&P came back at over eight percent. Are you familiar with that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

One, I didn't know they had an S&P a hundred years ago. But if that's the case and these are the facts that you're -- are now articulating, no, I'm -- I wasn't -- familiar with that. But also we had a time during that same period, a great depression. I mean, so there were a lot of factors that certainly had an -- some kind of input or at least impact on these -- those numbers that you just espoused.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Well, Senator, I agree with you. I agree the Great Depression was in there. I agree that there were a lot of factors. There were even -- even the 1990s, which most folks would -- would say was a complete aberration, which completely

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boosted these numbers up. So the -- what -- what you're asking the General Assembly to do tonight is to take on a ten-billion-dollar debt obligation and essentially betting on the come, betting against history, betting against a century that only two times has come through in two of those periods. But let's move on to another question. Have you seen the State impact note -- the State debt impact note from the Economic and Fiscal Commission? I'm sure you have.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Senator, you're familiar with an observation that the Economic and Fiscal Commission made about the total amount of state and municipal debt that was put out in the entire decade of the 1990s. In the entire decade, according to the Economic and Fiscal Commission, if you take all state, all municipal indebtedness combined, that number was smaller than the number that you're asking for tonight. Isn't that right?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

According to that report.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Do you dispute their report, Senator?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

No, but as you know, there is a lot of opinions on that same issue. So, just as the Economic and Fisc has their assessments, there are other actuaries and there are other people just as wise as they that can come up with other answers and other numbers as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

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Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Well, what is it -- what number about an objective number of absolute debt, state- and municipal-wide all across the country, is ambiguous? Is there another number, and if there is, can you share it with us and give us the source, Senator?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

I can get back with you on the -- that answer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Well, Senator, I'd appreciate it if you would get back to me on that. And thank you, Mr. President. Just in closing, this is risky. It's not -- it's not a guarantee. If you look at history of investments in this State, the stakes are high. If you look at New Jersey, even if you argue that they bet -- that they took it out at a high amount, the risks of this are incredible. And if the Senator, with all due respect, is wrong, the general revenue cliff that we're going to look at in the year 2005 alone is over 2.1 billion dollars. I would urge a No or Present vote until we hear from the Governor what his budget plan is, and I appreciate the Senator getting back to us later on tonight on those questions that we had. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Further discussion? Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would first like to begin my remarks by saying that this five-minute time limit is an insult to the traditions of this Body and every Member of this Body, but it is an example of the new way of doing business in Springfield. You know, if you look at the clock up there, we are only a couple of hours away from the middle of the night, the middle of the night, when we bulldoze airports and we borrow ten - you're using up my time - when -- and when we borrow ten billion dollars in the middle of the night. We're discussing borrowing ten billion dollars. What you're really doing is proposing that each -- thank you, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Pardon me.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Each man, woman and child in Illinois is going to be indebted to each person who votes Yes on this bill for one thousand dollars. To give you an idea of how much money ten billion dollars is, if any of you wrote a thousand-dollar check out every day, three hundred and sixty-five days a week -- or, three hundred sixty-five days a year, it would take you two thousand seven hundred years to make ten billion dollars. That takes you back before the time of Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, Jesus, the Middle Ages, the American Revolution, World War I, World War II. That much money. I would just like to ask a couple of questions of the -- of the sponsor. Will one hundred percent of what we borrow under your bill go to the pension plans, or is this another clever raid on the pensions?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

In the language, it says one hundred percent goes back to the pension plan. That's correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Can you tell me, are these bonds going to be fixed-rate bonds, like a mortgage, so that we have a fixed target, or will it be variable rate that moves up and down with interest rates as they fluctuate?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

The language is very clear that it would be fixed rate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

If this -- then let me just ask: Will you guarantee this plan if it falls short, Senator?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Trotter.

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SENATOR TROTTER:

Are you asking me would I personally write a check? I certainly could write a check, but it'd bounce. But -- but that is not the -- the essence of what we're trying to do here. This is an opportunity that we need to take advantage of, 'cause it makes good business sense. And you, as -- as one who studies numbers, and certainly understands -- no, it's not your time. I guess, I'm on a Trotter rant here. You understand that. And you've read over this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Will the Governor guarantee this plan if it goes bad ten, fifteen years from now?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator -- Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

It's -- it's a thirty-year bond. But we have guaranteed one -- in 1996, when we guaranteed that there would be a continuing appropriation, that those dollars in obligation will be met through general revenue funds. Nothing will change if, in fact, we do not have the dollars at the time. We will have to find the money.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

I was one of the lead cosponsors of that legislation. I'm -- I'm intimately familiar with it. The people who will guarantee this ten-billion-dollar obligation are the taxpayers, both the adults and the children who are tucked into bed tonight as we try to run this -- as you try to run this through the Senate nearly in the middle of the night.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Further discussion? Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of this bill. Before I -- I became a Member of this Body, I was a bond lawyer, and in addition to giving me much to talk about at cocktail parties, it -- it gives me some ability to comment on -- on the

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matter at hand. There's been much said about whether this is really a refinancing. We are not refinancing existing bonds. That is true. But we are financing an existing obligation of the State and we're doing so on very favorable terms. It's not just that interest rates are low; there's really a collapsing of the tax taxable on the tax-exempt rates. It's an anomaly and we should be able to take advantage of that. This would be a prudent investment, I believe, even if we had a budget surplus, but it's even more so with our current budget situation. There's been talk also of the rate of return and -- and whether it's reasonable. The actuaries have based this on about twenty years of returns that included not only the go-go nineties but some down times in the late eighties, the early nineties and also of the last two years. Based on what I've seen, it seems to me to be a fairly reasonable assumption. The risk that we not meet that rate is really no different than if we don't do this deal. If the existing assets of the pension fund do not grow at that actuarial rate, the State will still be on the hook to make payments from the General Revenue Fund. The fact is, even if the rates don't meet the assumptions, it's quite possible we -- we will be better off, because ten billion dollars invested today earning even four percent is better than zero dollars earning four percent. To close, it is important to do this now. As a bond lawyer, I will tell you that the market can move and move away from you quickly. It also takes a fair amount of time to structure one of these deals in -- in a way that is most advantageous to the State, and I would encourage that we give the Governor's team the flexibility to start putting that into place now and to move forward. And I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Thank you. There's two final speakers. Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. -- or, yes, Mr. President. I have to say something: The last speaker, that was bizarre. Just bizarre. He wants to -- he says we're going to get four percent, four percent is better than nothing. We're paying six percent. We're paying six percent for the bonds, we make four,

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we lose two. I don't understand that theory at all. And I think he's being told that right now, that he's... Anyway, I'm going to take a little different perspective on this. And I -- because I -- I've -- I've been at the negotiating table. I've been there, and I want at least our Members to know, because I -- there's some misunderstanding or there's misinformation about the way this whole thing has come about. And I've -- my attitude, and I've met with the Governor and we -- had us over for dinner, a wonderful dinner, and had us over for breakfast. I've talked to him on the phone. He's a wonderful guy to be with. He's a -- he's very gregarious, very -- we talk about the same things. He's -- it -- it's fun to be with him. But -- and I told him, I want -- I want to be -- I want to help be a part of the solution. I want to be -- I don't want to be part of the problem. That is not why I was -- wanted to be leader of this caucus. That's not why I wanted to lead the Republican Caucus. I don't want to be a part of the problem. I want to be part of the solution. I want to be part of the solution. And I said, all -- all we're asking here, and I don't think it's unreasonable, in fact, I think it's actually responsible for all of us to ask - not only us on this side of the aisle, but even you on -- on your side. And I don't know what information you -- you've been given, maybe less than we've gotten - I don't know - but we just think that if we're going to give him a check for ten billion dollars, in which he's going to obviously put that into the pension system and free up three hundred million roughly this year, and a billion-seven or whatever it is for next year, I think that we have a responsibility to know how that money's going to be allocated. Now, one of the previous speakers gave us a nice Political Science 101, in the fact that we're going to be part of the budget process. Well, Senator, you may be part of the budget process. And that's what concerns me a little bit about our side of the aisle. It takes thirty-six votes to pass this. We all know that. This is a bonding authorization. Thirty-six votes. You have thirty-three. You need three of us over here. To do the budget, Senator, to do the budget, you only need thirty votes. And you can sit in the back room back here, in that wonderful office that used to be the President of the Senate Pate Philip's - it's now your

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office, Senator Jones - and you can make that decision without us. So it'd be irresponsible for us at a time in which we have the opportunity to at least be heard and have an opportunity to have some say about what is going to happen in this next budget process for us to put a vote on here and make this thirty-six votes to pass it. I think it would be irresponsible for us to do that. And I don't think it's unreasonable at all for us to ask how that money will be allocated. I just want to ask you something. I've got two kids. They're both grown now. They're wonderful children. But there was one point in time I don't think I would have wrote a check for them for ten thousand dollars and said -- and not had -- and not had some responsibility about how they were going to spend it. I don't think I would have done that. And I don't think -- I think that would have been an irresponsible action by any parent to do that. But, you know, that's what we're doing here. That's actually what we're doing. And we're not talking about a long period of time. At one point when I sat down there and talked with the Governor, we talked about the '03 problem, the '04 problem, and there was concern about, "Oh, we can't -- we can't separate that because we need to do the '03 problem now. We got to -- we got to find a solution now." Well, the -- next Wednesday is now the budget message. This thing has been prolonged for so long that now we only have four working days -- four more working days until we'll actually hear the blueprint by which this money will be allocated. Next Wednesday. It's not too much to ask all of you, especially those of you on this side of the aisle, to do what would be responsible and do the thing that I believe the people that sent you here to do - be a part of the process, be a part of the solution. We need to be, on this side of the aisle, very careful about how we cast our vote. And I hope all of you here are solid with us. And those of you over there that I've talked to that I know are sympathetic to what -- this whole issue. And I -- and I'll -- may vote for this. I'm not saying unequivocally I'm against this. I'm not saying that. In normal times -- in normal times, I believe most of us would reject this outright, 'cause this really isn't good public policy. It really isn't. But we are not in normal times. We're not in normal times right now. This

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may be part of the solution. But part of the solution is also for us to be responsible for the people that sent us here and know how money and dollars will be allocated. So, those of you on this side, you've heard me say this a few times already. I just need your help, and I'd appreciate your support. Stay with the caucus. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Further discussion? Senator Jones.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Thank you, Madam President -- Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

I always look better at ten after ten.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Well, we need a little break. For -- for the edification of the Members, you know, I just installed that timer since I became President, and I didn't want us to talk every piece of legislation to death. We have a tremendous amount of bills we want to get through. So, the timer's always been there. I just put it to work. You know, why pay for something and never use it? But listening to the debate on this issue and we talk about why we are doing this, you know, the Governor didn't create the problem. It is a national problem. These are unusual times we find ourselves in. The pension obligation to the year 2045, which we passed the legislation saying we are going to do, factored into that is a eight-percent increase. We owe thirty-five billion dollars - elementary mathematics. Factored into that is the eight percent, which we are obligated to pay annually. Taking the bond -- ten billion dollars in bonds, putting it into the pension system, and if we can get the bonds at a five percent, that's a savings. The difference between the two are a savings. They can invest those dollars. And in the out-years our obligation each year would be less. Very simple mathematics. The Governor's a genius, who came up with the idea to get it done. Being responsible to the people of Illinois. We have a responsibility as relate to the elderly citizens, the schoolchildren. Perhaps you have a tax plan you wanted to float before us. The Governor said he can get it done by being creative in our financing of the bonds. Everyone should be on this piece of legislation and not play partisan politics, and I

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believe the enlightened Members on the other side of the aisle - the enlightened Members - will not play politics. They will do the right thing for the people of Illinois. And now is the time to do it. We don't know what the rate's going to be next week or week after. But if we can get the low rate now on these bonds, let's seize and take advantage of it. It was you on the other side of the aisle that opposed the securitization of tobacco proceeds, said the monies are guaranteed to go -- we'll get those dollars. We'll lose on discount. And last year we could have got seventy cents -- seventy cents on the dollar. Now we can't get anything and may lose what we think we have coming. Let's not make the same mistake this time. Now is the time to vote green. Now is the time to speak for the senior citizens and schoolchildren of Illinois. Now is the time to show your enlightenment and not play silly partisan politics. I -- I didn't get a breakfast or dinner, nor did I get a lunch. But the right thing to do is to sell the bonds now while the rate is low. You can't afford to wait till next week. It may be too -- too late next week to try and sell the bonds. You seize the opportunity as it is presented to you. All enlightened legislators on this Senate Floor should do the right thing. Everyone should vote green if you're thinking about the senior citizens, if you're thinking about your schoolchildren back home in your districts. Where is the money going to go? That's where it's going to go. The nursing homes, the hospitals, the elderly persons who need help from the State - that's where the dollars are going to go. Common sense is going to dictate that to you. So why wait? The interest rates go up, we lose. If it's low now, we take advantage of it. I encourage an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. There is no further discussion with the exception of Senator Brady, who has about a -- less than a minute to go. Senator Brady. Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much. Senator Brady, first, let me first thank everyone for their thoughtful questions. Just shows that we are very concerned about what we do down here and what we do on the behalf of the individuals that we have been given the responsibility to represent. To your earlier question, Senator

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Brady: The language, as it's been interpreted, is it's cost-neutral language, and it says that the total appropriation of pension contributions and debt services on the pensions bonds shall not exceed what the total of the pension contribution would be if this bill did not exist. So, again, it's simply cost-neutral language.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

Senator, I beg to differ and you didn't read on, because it continues to say minus the portion of the State's total debt service payments for the fiscal year on the bonds issued for the purpose of this Section. Clear and simple, Senator, this says that if we lose our tail and we have to pay the bonds, we can't have to pay more than we would have paid without this, minus -- continue to read, Senator. And I think this is a terrible flaw that turns our backs on every retiree in all five systems in the State of Illinois. And I think you seriously have to look at this. You may want to do this. You probably will get it done. But don't do it now, turning our backs on something we all worked so diligently for in the last decade to bring credibility. We did that so that this Body would have to take an affirmative vote against funding the pensions. And I will argue to you, and you know that this language says, this would be an affirmative vote against funding the pension system as we portrayed ourselves to fully amortize that over the fifty years. Did you read the next Section, Senator? Do you read the minus part?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Brady, time has expired. Senator Trotter may close.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much. Yes, Senator Brady, I did read the next part. However, the intent of the -- the language was what I just -- just read to you. Thank -- thank you very much, Members. Again, I want to thank you for your thoughtful questions. But to -- to close on the bill: We have here a thirty-five-billion-dollar liability that we have an obligation to do something about. We can do something about it with this

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innovative piece of legislation that is before you today. We're talking about, one, again, giving a boost to our pension plan. We are front paying our payments through the pension plan with three billion dollars. What we're at risk of doing here is losing out, losing out on an opportunity, the first opportunity we've had in over fifty years with the lowest interest rates in time. We'll have -- there are no risk-free alternatives. We've heard many arguments or many things that were brought up, but there's nothing risk free. This is the market. We have an opportunity, again, to do the right thing. They say there's a time and place for everything. It's time to do it now, and we are in the right place to do the right thing by pushing our buttons green.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. The question is, shall House Bill 2660 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Last call. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 35, the Nays are 17, 17 voting Present. House Bill 2660, having failed to receive the required three-fifths majority vote, is declared lost. Senator Trotter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR TROTTER:

Mr. President, may I put this on Postponed Consideration, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Trotter has requested Postponed Consideration. The bill will be on Postponed Consideration. With leave of the Body, turn back to page 4. Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Page 4. Top of page 4 is 1070. Senator Ronen. Top of page 4. 1070. Senator Ronen. Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1070.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Labor and Commerce adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

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Senator Ronen. Oh! I'm sorry. Any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Ronen.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Ronen.

SENATOR RONEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment is an agreement that was reached between the Illinois Federation of Teachers and the University of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Ronen has moved the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2 to -- to Senate Bill 1070. Discussion? All those in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Amendment -- Floor Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Further Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1073. Senator DeLeo. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1073.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government {sic} (Licensed Activities) adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator -- any amendments approved from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd Reading. 1103. Senator Jacobs. All right. 1119. Senator Roskam. 1120. 1125. Senator Sieben. On the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1125, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1125.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd Reading. 1134. Senator DeLeo. 1134? 1151. All right. 1195. Senator Munoz. I'm sorry. That's a pension bill. We're not moving pension bills. 1207. Senator Harmon. Madam Secretary, on the bottom of page 4 is Senate Bill 1207. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1207.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

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

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment to Senate Bill 1207 reflects negotiations between the Insurance lobby and -- and the -- the Trial Lawyers lobby. It clarifies the -- the arbitration limits for uninsured motorists and resets the -- the penalties for unreasonable and vexatious delay. I'd ask for favorable consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Harmon's moved the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 3 to House {sic} Bill 1207. Discussion? If not, those in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 3 is adopted. Further amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd Reading. 1208. Senator Harmon. 1212. Senator Walsh. On the Order of Senate Bills 3rd -- 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 1212, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1212.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Walsh.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Walsh.

SENATOR WALSH:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1212 retains the underlying bill and defines the definition of public works, which now include all projects financed in whole or in part -- funds from the Funds of Illinois {sic} (Fund for Illinois' Future) under the State Finance Act. This is a bill that we have worked on and come to agreement on, and will answer any questions on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Walsh has moved the adoption of Floor Amendment No. -- No. 1. Is there any discussion? If not, those in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Further Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. 3rd Reading. 1213. Senator Halvorson. Senator Halvorson. 1213? That's a pension bill. All right. I'm sorry. Beg your pardon. 1329. Senator Dillard. Madam -- Madam Secretary, Senate Bill 1329, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1329.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Dillard.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment removes the fee and wage replacement provisions. It takes out the fees that would be in here, and also says that the one-day trial provisions for jury service apply only to counties with a population of over a hundred thousand, and I'd move its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Dillard has moved the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 3. Is there discussion? If not, those in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 3 is adopted. Further amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1335. Senator Schoenberg. On the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 1335. Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1335.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee -- no committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments approved from the -- consideration from the Floor?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Schoenberg.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Schoenberg.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate -- Floor Amendment No. 1 corrects a drafting error. And it's noncontroversial. I urge its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Schoenberg has moved the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1. Is there discussion? If not, those in

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favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it.
Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Further Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Top of page 5. Senate Bill 1358. Pension bill. We are not calling that. 1359 is a pension bill. 1361. Senator Lauzen. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1377. Senator Clayborne. 1377. Senator Clayborne. 1402. Senator Woolard. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1402.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1416. Senator Obama. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1416.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Obama. I'm sorry. Are there any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1430. Senator Obama. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1430.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Are there any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Obama.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Obama.

SENATOR OBAMA:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This bill relates to the creation of a health care justice commission that would examine ways that we can insure the uninsured. The amendment simply streamlines the initial commission proposal. And I'll be happy to discuss it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. All opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1474. Senator Collins. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1474.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Are there any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Collins.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This amendment replaces everything, thereby becoming the bill. This amendment exempts residential...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Can we have the Chamber be quiet. Senator Collins is having difficulty being heard. Thank you. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

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Thank you. This amendment exempts residential rental units solely in the City of Chicago that are used solely for public housing and related uses from the Property Tax Code.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of the amendment, say Aye. All opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Are there any further Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1476 is a pension bill. Senator -- 1509. Senator Walsh. Senate Bill 1511. Senator Jacobs. Senate Bill 1516. Senator Walsh. Senate Bill 1527. Senator John Jones. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1527.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Are there any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator John Jones.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator John Jones.

SENATOR J. JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. We'd like to table Floor Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Jones moves to table Floor Amendment No. 1. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Amendment No. 1 is tabled. Are there any further amendments, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator John Jones.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator John Jones.

SENATOR J. JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. We'd also like to table Floor Amendment No. 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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There's a motion by Senator John Jones to table Floor Amendment No. 2. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 2 is tabled. Are there any further amendments, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator John Jones.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Jones, Amendment No. 3.

SENATOR J. JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 3 becomes the bill. This is -- creates the Illinois Hunting Heritage Protection Act. We had some questions in committee and -- with Senator Woolard and a few others that -- we tried to correct those problems, and we've -- we've gotten everybody's issues resolved except for one thing. There is a possibility that we will have to do a technical amendment over in the -- in the House when it moves over there. It seems as though acreage is spelled wrong in the bill. So...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

All right. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor of the amendment, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further amendments, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1572. Senator Halvorson. Senate Bill 1586. Senator Obama. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1586.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Are there any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Obama.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Obama.

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SENATOR OBAMA:

Thank you, Mr. President. I apologize. The Floor amendment makes some minor technical changes to the original bill. I'll be happy to discuss it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill -- Senate Bill 1649. Senator Wojcik. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1649.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Are there any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Wojcik.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Wojcik, Floor Amendment No. 3. Could we clear the aisle next to Senator Wojcik? Could we clear the aisle next to Senator Wojcik so we could hear her? Thank you. Senator Wojcik, please proceed.

SENATOR WOJCIK:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. What Senate Bill {sic} No. 3 does, it clears up the question regarding the -- the number of days for the stillbirth certificate. Originally it was at twenty weeks, and now we've made it twenty-six weeks. It's a compromised bill. And I hope that everybody's happy, and I hope that it gets to 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Good luck. All right. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of the amendment, signify by saying Aye.

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Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1677. Senator John Cullerton. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1677.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1754. Senator John Sullivan. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1754.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Are there any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill -- Senate Bill 1763. Senator Obama. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1763.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. Committee on Labor and Commerce adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Are there any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1770. Senator Halvorson. Senate Bill 1856. Senator Carol Ronen. Senate Bill 1857. Senator

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Carol Ronen. Senate Bill 1864. Senator Jacobs. Read the bill,
Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1864.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Are there any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Jacobs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Is the Amendment No. 1 -- Floor Amendment No. 1 or Floor
Amendment No. 2?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

There are two amendments. Floor Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR JACOBS:

All right. Floor Amendment 1 addresses concerns raised
during the committee hearing on the bill. This amendment
reduces the proposed fee for filing petition for tax deed from a
hundred to seventy-five dollars. Currently, the fee is thirty-
five. It also reduces the proposed fee for the cost of a title
search from up to a hundred and twenty-five to up to seventy-
five dollars.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

There any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, signify
by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment
is adopted. Are there any further amendments, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Jacobs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Floor Amendment No. 2. Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the
Senate. Floor Amendment No. 2 makes a technical change and
provides that a copy of the results of the title search shall be
provided upon request if the fee has been paid to do such a

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search during the process of a tax sale if the property is subsequently redeemed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of the amendment, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Are there any further amendments, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1880. Senator Link. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1880.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Are there any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1881. Senator Harmon. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1881.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Are there any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1883. Senator Emil Jones. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1883.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Are there any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Emil Jones.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Floor Amendment No. 2. Senator Emil Jones.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment is the result of negotiations between the City of Chicago, the Village of Skokie, Chicago Stock Exchange and Chicago Board Options Exchange. And this agreement is -- is -- is essentially the bill. This amendment provides that the tax is imposed on a privilege of transferring a beneficial interest and the controlling interest of real estate entity. It closes the loophole on transfer tax for Realtors while real estate is being transferred through stock. I move its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of the amendment, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2000. Senator Obama. On -- continuing on page 6. You ready? On page 6 of the Calendar is the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We will only be calling those bills that the sponsor may wish to recall for the purpose of an amendment. Senate Bill 3. Senator Halvorson. Do you wish to recall the bill? Senator Halvorson seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Halvorson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Halvorson.

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SENATOR HALVORSON:

Thank you, Mr. -- Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 3, the amendment, is basically a worked-out agreement that we've been doing for the last three or four weeks, and I'd be willing to debate it on 3rd Reading, or now if necessary.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 8. Senator Obama, do you wish to proceed? Senator Obama seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 8 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 8. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Obama.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Obama.

SENATOR OBAMA:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The -- the amendment becomes the bill. This bill essentially deals with the ability of undercover police officers to wear a wire for their own protection when they're engaged in drug busts. I'll be happy to discuss it further on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the amendment, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 10. Senator Larry Walsh. Read the bill, Madam Secretary. I'm sorry. Senator Larry Walsh seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 10 to the Order of

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2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 10. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Walsh.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Larry Walsh.

SENATOR WALSH:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate -- or Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 10 basically continues our discussion on what we're trying to do with higher education tuition. We have come to a -- a workable amendment that was offered by the universities themselves, the language. I'd be more than willing to discuss the issue on -- on 3rd Reading. Ask for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of the amendment, signify by voting Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 30. Senator Obama. Senator Obama seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 30 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 30. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Obama.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Obama.

SENATOR OBAMA:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is the racial profiling bill that we've been working on. Thanks to the hard work of a number of colleagues, we have actually streamlined this, and -- and I will be happy to discuss the details of it on 3rd Reading.

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of the amendment, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Are there any further amendments, Senator -- Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 52. Senator Cullerton. Senator Cullerton seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 52 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 52. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is a booster seat bill. Reduces the age from twelve to seven...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of the amendment, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 73. Senator Halvorson. Senator Halvorson seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 73 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 73. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 5, offered by Senator Halvorson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Halvorson.

SENATOR HALVORSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Amendment No. 5 to Senate Bill 73 just adds additional exemptions to the bill. I could list them if need be, otherwise I'll talk about it on 3rd.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 84. Senator del Valle. Senator del Valle seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 84 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 84. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator del Valle.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator del Valle.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment allows the amount of sick leave time to change from one hundred and eighty days to three hundred and fifty.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of the amendment, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 89. Senator del Valle. Senator del Valle seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 89 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 89. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator del Valle.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator del Valle.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment makes this bill a shell bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. There any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 96. Senator Watson. Senator Watson. 96. Senator Watson seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 96 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 96. Madam Secretary, there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Watson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you very much. Amendment No. 2 reinstates the criminal penalties for reckless homicide back into the DUI statute.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Now, are there any further amendments, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Watson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. That is a technical amendment. It corrects a drafting error.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Are there -- any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, signify by voting Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 105. Senator Cullerton. Senator Cullerton seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 105 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 105. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator -- pardon me, Senator Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This amendment establishes a complaint committee to the Medical Disciplinary Board.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 142. Senator Woolard. 142. Senator Woolard seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 142 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 142. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Woolard.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Woolard. Senator Woolard.

SENATOR WOOLARD:

Okay. I forgot that I had a colleague from the Republican side of the aisle that joined with me and helped pass this. We're trying to address an issue that's dealing with safety on boats. It's putting reflective tape on those boats. This amendment just gives the flexibility to the Department to the size and where it would be placed.

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 150. Senator Link. Senator Link seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 150 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 150. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Link.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Yes. Mr. President, this -- the -- the amendment becomes the bill. It just basically clarifies the permit for bus drivers driving motor coach. It clarifies the requirements. Motor Coach Association, Secretary of State and Catholic Conference are all proponents of the bill now.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further amendments, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Link.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

That was Senate Bill -- or, Amendment 2. I am sorry. Senate Bill -- or, Amendment 2 becomes the bill after. I'm sorry.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

All right.

SENATOR LINK:

You can adopt Senate Bill {sic} No. 1. Senate Bill {sic} No. 2 deletes all and becomes the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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All right. Is there any discussion on Amendment No. 2? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 173. Senator Cullerton. Senator Cullerton seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 173 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 173. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Amendment No. 2 -- I think Amendment No. 1 was already adopted. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further amendments, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3 makes three changes. Requires that the sign be posted. It requires that -- that there's a -- it has to do with red light enforcement and requires that if there's a funeral or an ambulance that a ticket should not be issued. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further amendments, Madam Secretary?

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No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 196. Dave Sullivan. Senator Sullivan. Senate Bill 227. Senator Link. Senator Link seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 227 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 227. Madam Secretary, are there any amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Link.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Yeah. Basically it replaces everything. Provides that a credit voucher may be issued by the Department of Revenue for distribution of cigarettes in amount of a bad debt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we will return to Senate Bill 199. Senator Watson. Senator Watson seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 199 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 199. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Watson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. This is a very technical amendment. It just changes -- deletes a word.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is

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adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 233. Senator Trotter. Senator Trotter? Senate Bill 254. Senator Haine. Senator Haine seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 254 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 254. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Yeah. This is a -- an amendment - Mr. President, thank you - that licenses Illinois physical therapists. Gives them license after accredited two-year college-level physical therapist. There's a Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy. I know of no opponents.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 255. Senator Haine. Senator Haine seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 255 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 255. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

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This -- Mr. President, thank you, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This takes care of a gap in the statute. It extends the date that municipalities may license and regulate massage therapy because the Department of Professional Regulation is not -- does not have the infrastructure in place to so regulate pursuant to a previous Act of this General Assembly. The proponent is the Department of Professional Regulation. No opponents.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Is there any further amendments, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we will return to Senate Bill 233. Senator Trotter. Senator Trotter seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 233 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 233. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Trotter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, sir. Senate Bill -- the Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 233 simply changes the bill back to a vehicle. We want to continue discussions over in the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further amendments? 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 267. Senator Jacobs. Read -- Senator Jacobs seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 267 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 267. Madam Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

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Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Jacobs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment restricts the use of the proceeds from the court service fee to court security expenses -- incurred by the sheriff. That's what the amendment..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Is there any further amendments, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 268. Senator Jacobs. Senator Jacobs seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 268 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 268. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Jacobs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Amendment 3 adds municipalities and county highway departments that are not in Cook County or counties contiguous to Cook to the list of entities relieved from certain reporting requirements on the disposal of clean construction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Jacobs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Floor Amendment No. 4, Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

This amendment strictly adds an immediate effective date.

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. There any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate -- Senate Bill 317, on page 10. Senator Haine. Senator Haine seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 317 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 317. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

This is the teacher tenure bill, and there's been agreement reached between the School Management Alliance, representing the school boards, and the IFT and the IEA. Outside the City of Chicago, it applies to all schools, in which case there's a compromise. A previously tenured teacher has a two-year period. A new teacher has a three-year period with a board option to make it a fourth year.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 318. Senator Shadid. Senator Shadid seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 318 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 318. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Shadid.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Shadid.

SENATOR SHADID:

Yes. This amendment is an initiative of the Department of Insurance and it is agreed upon by the Professional Independent Insurance Agents of Illinois to limit the scope of the original bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Are there any further amendments, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 354. Senator Peterson. Senator Peterson seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 354 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 354. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Peterson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Winkel, could you move? Thank you.

SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Amendment 3 becomes the bill. It provides that surgical assistants and surgical technologists may work under the direct supervision of a licensed nurse. Removes the scope of practice Section for surgical assistants. Clarifies this Act as a title protection only and not licensure by DPR.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. Floor Amendment No. 3 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

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No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 368. Senator Shadid. Senator Shadid seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 368 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 368. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senators Shadid and Jacobs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Shadid.

SENATOR SHADID:

Yes. Amendment No. 2 to 368 amends the School Code regarding organization of school districts.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 404. Senator Schoenberg. Senator Schoenberg seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 404 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 404. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Schoenberg.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Schoenberg.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Amendment No. 1 retains the provisions of the underlying bill, but provides further definition on personal information and -- and who determines what decisions can be made on behalf of a child.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Senator Roskam.

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SENATOR ROSKAM:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Senator, thanks for making the changes in the underlying bill. Staff has just brought to my attention one other provision that, if I could bring it to your attention, maybe you could address it in the House and so forth. Do you have a copy of the bill in front of you? Section 10.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator indicates he -- he does. Senator Schoenberg.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

I'd like to keep the debate limited -- discussion limited to the actual amendment itself. I'd be happy to entertain that on 3rd Reading if it would be more timely. The point you want to raise.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Senator, this is about the amendment. Section 10, the prohibited acts. The -- the thing that I think is not included in the bill which needs to be is something that -- about the knowledge that someone would have to have before they're charged. In other words, paragraph (a), (b) and (c)...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator. I'm sorry.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

...discusses the prohibited acts, one of which is the sale or purchase of personal information concerning a child without parental consent. We would have to know the -- someone would have to knowingly do that. I don't think it's a big, big change, but it would make a huge -- it -- it's getting to what your intending, I imagine. It's not a huge change, but it's very, very important to the underlying bill and I would urge you to consider it. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Schoenberg, do you wish to respond? Are there any further discussion? If not, all in favor of the amendment,

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signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 411. Senator Jacobs. Senator Jacobs seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 411 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 411. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Jacobs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Amendment 3 merely states that a violation of Section 6-16 of the Liquor Commission may impose a fine if the local commission does not.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is -- Floor Amendment No. 3, excuse me, is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 423. Senator Lightford. Senator Lightford seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 423 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 423. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 423 has one amendment, Senate Amendment 1, that's a technical change.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 451. Senator Shadid. Senator Shadid seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 451 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 451. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Shadid.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Shadid.

SENATOR SHADID:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 451 becomes the bill and was requested by the State Police and simply adds a provision in current law. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 461. Senator Trotter. Senator Trotter seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 461 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of Senate -- of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 461. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Trotter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Yes. Thank you very much. We're on -- Amendment 2 is a technical amendment, and I would just like to see its..

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Trotter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much. This was some compromise language that we came to working with the various contractors. And will simply release contractors from the responsibility for the actions of subcontractors. And ask for its passage.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 3, is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 467. Senator Maloney. Senator Maloney seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 467 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 467. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Maloney.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 1 represents a compromise between the American Lung Association and the Illinois Insurance Council, and provides that prescription inhalants ordered by treating physicians must be medically appropriate in order to receive health insurance coverage.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Are there any further Floor amendments?

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No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 472. Senator Cullerton. Senator -- Cullerton seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 472 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 472. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Cullerton. Amendment No. 4.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Can I come back to this, please? Can I come back...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Take it out of the record. With leave of the Body, we will return to Senate Bill 472. Senate Bill 487. Senator Emil Jones. Senator Emil Jones seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 487 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 487. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Emil Jones.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Emil Jones.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 1 essentially becomes the bill. And what it does in essence is, it create the Private Detective and Alarms Act, Private Security, and Locksmith Act. It separates each profession into its own article. It is essentially the bill. We'll discuss it on 3rd Reading. Ask for adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is -- is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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3rd Reading. Senator Cullerton seeks leave to return to Senate Bill 472. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senate Bill -- Senator Cullerton seeks leave of the Body -- on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 472. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is the death penalty reform bill. Amendment No. 4 has a number of changes. It changes the decertification hearing for police officers. It installs a pilot study for sequential lineup procedures. It makes some technical changes to the mental retardation provisions of the bill. And that's it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

...there any -- is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 4 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 5, offered by Senator Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. 5 is a technical amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. Floor Amendment No. 5 is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we will return to Senate Bill 529. Senate Bill 533. Senator Maloney. Senator Maloney seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 533 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 533. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Maloney.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. As a result of Amendment 1, the Illinois Statewide School Management Alliance, the Illinois Federation of Teachers, the Illinois Education Association and the Illinois State Board of Education have come to an agreement on the implementation of a teacher mentoring program, providing that the programs be installed over the next two school years.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 559. Senator Harmon. Senator Harmon seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 559 to the Order of 2nd Reading. I skipped one. Senate Bill 553. Senator Harmon. Senator Harmon seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 553 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 553. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill -- or, the amendment to 553 becomes the bill. It creates the Data Security on State Computers Act. I look forward to debating it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 559. Senator Harmon. Senator Harmon seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 559 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 559. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment to Senate Bill 559 makes some technical changes agreed to as a result of an ongoing negotiation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 4 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 566. Senator Demuzio. Senator Demuzio seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 566 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 566. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Garrett.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Demuzio, to handle the amendment for Senator Garrett.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is a -- an amendment that would require school districts to inform their students and parents about School for the Deaf and School for the Visually Impaired. Senator Garrett's amendment would require that these facilities that are in -- in other parts of Illinois also be included. And I know of no opposition and I would ask for your...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 605. Senator Radogno. Senator Radogno seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 605 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 605. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Radogno.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment adds a sunset and limits the applicability of this legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

I'm sorry. That was Amendment No. 2 we adopted. Any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 640. Senator Link. Senator Link seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 640 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 640. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Link.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Link.

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SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is just adding one more thing to the quick-take amendment, quick-take authority for Buffalo Grove, into a quick-take bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. 683. Senate Bill 683. Senator Lightford. Senator Lightford seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 683 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 683. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 683 is a technical change just clarifying some language.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 690. Senator Cullerton. Senator Cullerton seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 690 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 690. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Cullerton.

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SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This bill deals with the -- when attorneys' fees may be awarded and freedom of information requests when the prevailing party prevails.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Senate Amendment No. 2 becomes the bill and it deals with the same subject as 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 698. Senator Demuzio. Senator Demuzio seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 698 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 698. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Demuzio.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you. I'm sorry. This should be Senate Amendment No. 3. 1 and 3?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Two amendments. 1 and 3.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

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Well, I would move to table Senate Bill -- Senate Amendment No. 1, because Senate Amendment No. 3 strikes everything. I would move to table Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Demuzio moves to table Senate Amendment No. 1. Leave is granted. Senate Floor Amendment No. 3. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Amendment No. 3 retain most of the -- all of the provisions of the original bill. It made some changes that were requested by the...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 3 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 699. Senator Viverito. Senator Viverito seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 699 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 699. Madam Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Viverito.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Viverito.

SENATOR VIVERITO:

Senate No. 1 amends the Open Meeting(s) Act and electronic attendance. It's supported by the Illinois Bar Association and the press authorities.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 714. Senator Haine. Senate Bill 715. Senator Haine. Senate Bill 741. Senator Jacobs. Senator, apparently there are no amendments. It was on my Calendar. Turning to page 16. Senate Bill 809. Senator Cronin. Senate Bill 809. Senator Cronin seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 809 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 809. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Cronin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Cronin. Floor Amendment No. 2.

SENATOR CRONIN:

Yes. Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This creates a special needs trust for group homes for those with mental illness. I ask for your favorable consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have. Floor Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Okay. With leave of the Body, we will return to Senate Bill 714. Senator Halvorson.

SENATOR HALVORSON:

Thank you...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Halvorson seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 714 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 714. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Halvorson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Halvorson.

SENATOR HALVORSON:

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Thank you, Mr. President. Basically, Senate Amendment No. 2 becomes the bill. It allows counties with populations greater than two hundred thousand and contiguous to Cook County to create a Taxpayer Action Board.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Haine, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HAINE:

Senate Bill 715, Mr. President. I apologize to the Chair and to the Members of the Senate. I -- this shell has now become a live..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator, we're on Senate Bill 714.

SENATOR HAINE:

I'm sorry.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is -- is there any discussion on Senator Halvorson's amendment? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senator Haine, Senate Bill 715? Senator Haine seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 715 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 715. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Welch.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Haine will -- handle the amendment.

SENATOR HAINE:

This is quite simply a -- a bill which prohibits a military discharge form, DD-214, or any other certificate of discharge from active duty from being subject to public inspection, enjoying all the protection covered by the federal Privacy Act of 1974 and any other privacy act. These documents shall be accessible only to the person named in the document, the

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person's dependents, the Department of Veterans' Affairs, or any
-- any person with written authorization from a named person or..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, saying
Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is
adopted. Any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 810. Senator Syverson. Senator
Syverson seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 810 to
the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of
2nd Reading is Senate Bill 810. Madam Secretary, are there any
Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Syverson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. We've just added the "subject to
appropriation" language, as requested by Senator Burzynski.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say
Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is
adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 812. Senator Sandoval. Senator
Sandoval seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 812 to
the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of
2nd Reading is Senate Bill 812. Madam Secretary, are there any
Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Sandoval.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Sandoval, please proceed.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

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Muchas gracias, Señor Presidente. Senate Bill -- Senate Bill No. 1 to Senate Bill 812 deletes all and becomes the bill and basically implements a pilot program to provide disposition -- disposition in sale of used State vehicles to TANF recipients.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 814. Senator del Valle. Senator del Valle seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 814 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 814. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator del Valle.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator del Valle.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment addresses the transfers for students at unsafe schools.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator del Valle.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator del Valle.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

That's a technical amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

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No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 884. Page 17. Excuse me. Senate Bill 878. Page 17. Senator del Valle. Senator del Valle seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill -- no. Take it out of the record. Senator, we have an amendment up here. Let's take it out of the record for now, go to the next bill and straighten this out. Senator del Valle.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

...like to table that amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator del Valle seeks leave of the Body to table Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 878. Any discussion? If not, leave is granted. Motion {sic} is tabled. Senate Bill 884. Senator Clayborne. Senator Clayborne seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 884 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 884. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just a small technical amendment. Replaces thirty business days with thirty calendar days for the recording -- recording -- reporting requirements. Makes other technical changes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 890, on page 18. Senator Obama. Senator Obama seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 890 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of

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2nd Reading is Senate Bill 890. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Obama.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Obama.

SENATOR OBAMA:

Thank you very much -- thank you very much, Mr. President. This amendment responds to some of the suggestions by Senator Cronin on the Floor when we previously discussed the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 3 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Obama.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Obama.

SENATOR OBAMA:

Thank you very much. This is also a technical change responding to those...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 4 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 891. Senator Obama. Senator Obama seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 891 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 891. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Obama.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Obama.

SENATOR OBAMA:

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Again, responding to suggestions made in the committee, these are some minor technical changes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Obama.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Obama.

SENATOR OBAMA:

Similar part of that package.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 3 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 908. Senator Jacobs. Senator Jacobs seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 908 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 908. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Jacobs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 908, Senate Amendment 1, requires that all State mandates except infertility coverage be provided in the health flex plan.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 974, on page 19. Senator Wendell Jones. Senator Wendell Jones seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 974 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 974. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator DeLeo.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator DeLeo, on Floor Amendment No. 4. DeLeo asks Senator Wendell Jones to handle Floor Amendment No. 4. Senator Wendell Jones.

SENATOR W. JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. And I thank Senator DeLeo for handling this in committee today. The explanation of the amendment is that the Amendment 4 is technical and corrects the legal description in Amendment 3 used to annex the second annexation in this Metropolitan Water Reclamation District bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 4 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 977. Senator Shadid. Senator Shadid seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 977 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Are there any -- leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 977. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Shadid.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Shadid, on Floor Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR SHADID:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's a Senate Amendment -- it's a special license plate for junior golf. Appreciate your support. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Is there any -- are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1001. Senator Clayborne. Senator Clayborne seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1001 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1001. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Yes. Senate Amendment 2 just requires that all money that's generated under this program be used for management, education, promotion related to household hazardous waste, collection and disposal of household hazardous waste.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1003. Senator Link. Senator Link. Senator Link seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1003 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1003. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Link.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Floor Amendment 1. Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

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Thank you, Mr. President. This is an environmental bill that's addressing some pollution problems in the Waukegan Harbor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Link.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Basically addresses the same problem.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. On page 20, Senate Bill 1035. Senator Collins. Senator Collins seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1035 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1035. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 5, offered by Senator Collins.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Collins. Senator Collins, do you wish Senator Cullerton to handle Floor Amendment No. 5? Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. She has bad laryngitis, so... This bill changes the -- the statute of limitations for certain criminal offenses from ten years to twenty years and it -- that's it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 5 is adopted. Any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1049. Senator Larry Walsh. Senator Walsh seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1049 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1049. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Walsh.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Walsh.

SENATOR WALSH:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This Floor amendment basically narrows the scope of the language down to just school districts, and ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1067. Senator Halvorson. Excuse me. Senator -- Senate -- I skipped Senate Bill 1053. Senator Cullerton. Senator Cullerton seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1053 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1053. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

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Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is a bill proposed by the Illinois Bankers Association which creates certain financial crimes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none -- I'm sorry. Senator Geo-Karis. Senator Geo-Karis passes. On the amendment, all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I don't mind staying all night if that's the intention of the Chair, but can you give us an idea how soon you're going to stop? Because we're going to be worn out and you won't -- we won't even know where we're going tomorrow if we get here early in the morning. I'm just being very factual and very honest about it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator, we're -- we are going to finish the recalls. There are twelve left.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Well, then I'll forgive you if you go on.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Twelve or fourteen, something like that. Well, what's the next? Senate Bill 1054. Senator Dillard. Senate Bill 1067. Senator Halvorson seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1067 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order -- on the order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1067. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Halvorson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Halvorson.

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SENATOR HALVORSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Amendment No. 3 just makes a few technical changes between the Department of Aging and the Office of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 3 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1074. Senator Demuzio seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill... Skipped over 1069, which isn't marked on the -- my Calendar. Senator Lauzen seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1069 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1069. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Lauzen.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 does three things: It adjusts which fund the three hundred thousand comes from; it ensures that all gifts, grants, transfers go directly to the Military Family Relief Fund; and makes sure -- number three, makes sure that all other amounts are subject to appropriations by the General Assembly.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1074. Senator Demuzio seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1074 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is

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Senate Bill 1074. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Demuzio.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. It's a hundred-and-forty-six-page amendment. It's Professional Teacher Standards Board. Glad to discuss it tomorrow. Move its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Is there -- are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Demuzio.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

It's a technical amendment. Move its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 3 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1079. Senator Martinez seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1079 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of Senate -- 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1079. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for adoption?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Martinez.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Yes, Mr. President, thank you. The amendment becomes the bill and basically just requires notice to the parents or

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guardians of children prior to the application of a pesticide at a licensed -- child care facility.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. I'm sorry. Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

She indicates she will yield.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Is this -- is this your first amendment?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

No, Senator, it's my second.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Cullerton waves off. On the amendment, no further discussion. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 3 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1098. Page 21. Senator Jacobs seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1098 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1098. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Jacobs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Floor Amendment 1 requires the surcharge on prepaid wireless telephone service shall be remitted based on the address of the point of purchase.

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1102. Senator Jacobs, seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1102 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1102. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Jacobs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Amendment No. 2 -- Floor Amendment No. 2 extends the window for grandfathering of apportionment methods from June 1, 2003, to June 1, 2004.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1105. Senator Sandoval seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1105 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1105. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Sandoval.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Sandoval.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Muchas gracias, Señor Presidente. This Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1105 clarifies the town of Cicero -- must

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pay the reasonable, reimbursable costs for the Cicero Audit Committee. This language was omitted from the original bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill... Senate Bill 1108. Senator Hendon. Senate Bill 1126. Senator Silverstein seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1126 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1126. Madam Secretary, are there amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Silverstein.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. This retains the bill. It just adds that the clerk of the court shall enter into contracts with -- credit or debit card companies to negotiate payment of fees relating to card use.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1150. Senator Cullerton seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1150 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1150. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for adoption?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is a technical amendment requested by the Department of Insurance.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 3 is adopted. Is there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1190. Senator Viverito seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1190 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1190. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Viverito.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Viverito.

SENATOR VIVERITO:

Amends the Illinois Act on Aging. Proponents are AARP and the Illinois Dietary Association. The recommendation of AARP and the Department on Aging honors a commitment made by me to work out with the Department to clarify provisions of the original bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Please turn to page 24. Senate Bill 1332. Senator Garrett seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1332 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1332. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Garrett.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Basically, this Amendment No. 1 provides -- there is an agreement between the hospitals and AFSCME regarding inspections of hospitals and construction practices, and this is an agreed-upon amendment, which has become the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Leave is granted to return to Senate Bill 1380. Senate Bill 1417. Senator Obama seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1417 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1417. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Obama.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Obama.

SENATOR OBAMA:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This Floor amendment makes some modifications on the underlying bill relating to examinations for colorectal cancer. I'll be happy to discuss it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1492. Senator Carol Ronen. Senator Ronen. Senate Bill 1497. Senator Link seeks leave of

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the Body to return Senate Bill 1497 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1497. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Link.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. Basically, this added the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers and Consulting Engineers and other groups into the original bill -- into the amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1506. Senator Harmon seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1506 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1506. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment to 1506 makes some technical and conforming changes to the underlying bill, an -- a clean-up bill of the Secretary of State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1510. Senator Harmon seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1510 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1510. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment to 1510 essentially does the same thing as the bill but does it differently. I look forward to debating it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Amendment -- Floor Amendment No. 3 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. On page 26, Senate Bill 1530. Senator Demuzio seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1530 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1530. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Demuzio.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is the Comptroller's bill. Amendment No. 2 apparently is something I haven't had an opportunity to read. I'd move its adoption. We'll talk about it tomorrow.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1535. Senator John Sullivan seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1535 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1535. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Sullivan.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Sullivan.

SENATOR J. SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 1 makes three changes: Puts the program under the control of DCCA, establishes three pilot programs, and makes the program subject to appropriations.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1543. Senator Radogno seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1543 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1543. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Radogno.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment adds a sunset and shortens the length of time during which a care plan violation has to occur in order to trigger the provisions of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1640. Page 27. Senator Woolard seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1640 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1640. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Obama.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Obama, Floor Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR OBAMA:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This was a shell bill that we've now replaced. The amendment becomes the bill and it deals with military reservists who are on active duty, providing them with some breaks on bank fees.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Is there -- are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we will turn to page 25. Senate Bill 1492. Senator Ronen seeks leave of the Body to return to Senate Bill 1492 -- to return Senate Bill 1492 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1492. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Ronen.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Ronen.

SENATOR RONEN:

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Yeah. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 1 makes changes concerning the number of days in which a civil action based on a civil rights violation can start, changing it to three hundred and sixty-five days. It also bans any punitive damage awards against the State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Page 28. Senate Bill 1737. Senator Silverstein seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1737 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1737. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senators Viverito and Wendell Jones.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Mr. President, I relinquish the bill to Senator Wendell Jones. So, I mean, he would handle the bill at this time. So if you can...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Silverstein seeks leave of the Body to transfer sponsorship of the bill to Senator Wendell Jones. Is there Leave? Leave is granted. Senator Wendell Jones, on Floor Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR W. JONES:

Yes. This is a Floor amendment that we passed out of committee today. It -- it involves a reestablishment of a TIF: two TIFs in Palatine and one in Crestwood and one in Senator John Jones' district in Mt. Vernon. It's a TIF and quick-take bill.

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Is there any -- is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1762. Senator Schoenberg. Senator Schoenberg seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1762 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1762. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Schoenberg.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Schoenberg.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This clarifies the responsibilities of -- of -- in relation to mosquito abatement. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1774. Senator Jacobs seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1774 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1774. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Jacobs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment just shells the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1777. Senator Jacobs seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1777 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1777. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Jacobs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. -- President. Ditto. Just shells the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1787. Senator Harmon seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1787 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1787. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment to 1787 becomes the bill. I look forward to debating it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1803. Senator Emil Jones seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1803 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1803. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Emil Jones.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Emil Jones.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1803 is essentially the bill. It sets up procedures for electronic Touch-Tone {sic} voting to -- so -- so Illinois can be in compliance with federal regulation and laws, and it is the bill. Ask for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 -- is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1873. Senator Garrett seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1873 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1873. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Garrett.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

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Basically what this bill does -- what the amendment does is provide that our economic interest statements are filed electronically and also that there is more full disclosure when there are any business contracts between the State and family members. And I will talk more about this on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. On page 29, Senate Bill 1918. Senator Demuzio seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1918 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1918. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Demuzio.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you. This is an amendment from Central Management Services. It is a clean-up amendment. It deals with mileage reimbursement. Apparently, in the law, that we were always provided for federal rate increases. There was a decrease in the amount that is paid for -- for mileage. We didn't have that in the statute. This cleans up the statute, makes a technical change, and I move its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. On page 30, Senate Bill 1963. Senator Demuzio seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1963 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of

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2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1963. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Demuzio.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Creates the Consumer Advocacy {sic}(Advocate) Act. I move its adoption. Talk about it tomorrow.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill -- 1983. Senator Demuzio seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1983 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1983. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Demuzio.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you very much Mr. President. Makes a minor change in the Pharmacy Practices {sic}(Practice) Act. Move its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WELCH)

3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Ladies and Gentlemen, we have a couple of bills of Senator Welch that we had leave to go back to. Let's go back to page --

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page 12 is -- Madam Secretary, is 529. Will you read the bill please? Oh, I'm sorry. Senator Welch -- seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 529 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. On the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 529. Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Welch.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment basically adds language to make it so that money put into a college savings fund that's sponsored by the State is not included to help an individual -- not -- is included so an individual does not have a benefit of the money put away from him when he's trying to get a -- a scholarship or financial aid.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Welch moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 529. Is there discussion? If not, those in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor -- Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Further Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd Reading. Also with leave of the Body, on page 24, Senator Welch, on 1380. Madam Secretary, 1380, please. Senator Welch seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1380 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. On the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading is -- is Senate Bill 1380. Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Welch.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Senate Amendment No. 2 becomes the bill. It replaces DCCA with the EPA, also takes out a couple of objections from various

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manufacturers that they sought. I would move adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Welch has moved the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2. Is there discussion? If not, those in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Further amendments?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, is there -- we've wrapped up our business, it appears. Is there any further business to come before the -- the Senate? If there's no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate will stand adjourned. Tomorrow at the hour of 10. 10 a.m. Well, contrary to those that don't want to adjourn, we are adjourning.