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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The regular Session of the 94th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desk? Will our guests in the gallery rise? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Jeff Smith of the -- Modesto Christian Church, Modesto, Illinois. Pastor Smith.

PASTOR JEFF SMITH:

(Prayer by Pastor Jeff Smith)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, March 9, 2005.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter moves to approve the Journal just read by the Secretary. Are there any -- there being no objection, so ordered. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 111, offered by Senator Harmon and all Members.

It is a death resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Madam Secretary -- Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

And Senate Joint Resolution 31, offered by Senator Hunter. It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Madam Secretary, Messages.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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

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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 1077, 1081, 1086, 1088, 1095, 1101, 1106, 1125, 1151, 1173, 1182, -- pardon me, 1182, 1283, 1301, 1319 and 1338.

Passed the House, March 9, 2005.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

We will be going to 3rd Readings. Will all Members be -- in their offices please be coming -- come to the Floor? We will be starting on 3rd Readings. Will all Members please be at their desk on the Floor? Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Clayborne, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment and Energy, reports Senate Bills 8, 146, 149, 237, 238, 239, 414, 431, 579, 659, 769, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1041, 1042, 1043, 1044, 1045, 1046, 1047, 1048, 1049, 1229, 1327, 1447, 1448, 1450, 1643, 1671, 1695, 1700, 1701, 1767, 1787, 1808, 1814, 1837, 1908, 1912, 1924, 1925, 1989, 1998, 2040, 2060 and 2114 Do Pass; Senate Bills 761, 1703 and 1705 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Ronen, Chairperson of the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports Senate Bills 26, 63, 328, 506, 568, 569, 576, 660, 772, 1325, 1438, 1461, 1651, 1698, 1862, 1863 and 1878 Do Pass.

Senator Silverstein, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Bills 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 1236, 1237, 1238, 1239, 1240, 1241, 1242, 1243, 1244, 1245, 1297, 1298, 1299, 1300, 1301, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1310, 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1317, 1318, 1319, 1320, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1619, 1684, 1799, 1857, 1892, 1966 and 1974 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 51, 413, 559, 1479, 1658 and -- and 1977 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Bills 351, 557, 582, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694,

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Senator Garrett, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government, reports Senate Bills 1483, 1959, 2043 and 2116 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 118, 350 and 1453 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Forby, Chairperson of the Committee on Labor, reports Senate Bills 293, 426, 886, 891, 1266, 1267, 1268, 1269, 1270, 1271, 1272, 1273, 1274, 1275, 1276, 1277, 1278, 1279, 1280, 1281, 1282, 1283, 1284, 1285, 1286, 1287, 1288, 1289, 1290, 1291, 1292, 1293, 1751, 1770, 1771 and 2075 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 1627 and 2066 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Demuzio, Chairperson of the Committee on Licensed Activities, reports Senate Bills 616, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934 and 1821 Do Pass; Senate Bill 482 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Maloney, Chairperson of the Committee on Higher Education, reports Senate Bills 1805, 1932, 1949 and 2112 Do Pass.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Lauzen, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for -- or, Mr. President, for a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Senator Ed Petka and I would like to introduce some friends from back home. Okay. At -- they are Mary Pearcal and Joe Sachen, Martha and Carl Keefer, Chris Gord, Barb Damisch and Trudy Brown. They are affiliated with the Aurora Republican Women's organization. They are seated in the President's Gallery, right in this first row. Please join Senator Petka and I welcoming these friends to Springfield.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Will the guests in the gallery please rise, and the Senate give 'em a welcome? Madam Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 763, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 908, offered by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1051, offered by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1077, offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1095, offered by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 1334, offered by Senator Munoz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

We're now going to go to 3rd Readings on page 18. Senate Bill 301. Senator Munoz. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 301.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Munoz.

SENATOR MUNOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This really is only a technical bill requested by the Secretary of State. It applies to the cases where a new resident whose license is revoked in another state applies for a license in Illinois. The position of the Secretary of State, that these people are not eligible for a license or a restricted driver's license permit under the provisions of the Driver's License Compact. However, there is a current circuit court decision that says, even though such an applicant is revoked permanently in Florida, the Secretary of State must consider the new resident of Illinois for driving relief after one year has elapsed from the date of the Florida revocation, if permitted by law. The circuit

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court found that there was no Illinois law providing -- prohibiting issuance in this case. This bill is an attempt to correct the situation, providing the continued practice of prohibiting the issuance of a license to these new residents whose license was revoked in their former state. I'd be happy to answer any questions. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing there's no discussion, the question is, shall bill -- shall Senate Bill 301 pass. Those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. All those in favor -- all -- all those who have wished to vote voted? All those who have wished -- all those who have voted wish? All those who have voted wished? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On the question, there being 56 Ayes, no Nays, and no Present. The bill -- Senate Bill 301, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 302. Senator Munoz. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 302.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Munoz.

SENATOR MUNOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. This bill is also an initiative of the Secretary -- State's Office, and simply permits any nonresident or former Illinois resident who has met all requirements for restoration of their license to be released from the Illinois proof of financial responsibility requirement if they are -- reside outside Illinois. In other words, if this person is not living in Illinois, then why should this person have to prove to Illinois that they have insurance before they can obtain a license elsewhere? This would still be required to meet all judgments in Illinois. The bill does not change that. If the person returns to Illinois within three years and cannot show proof of insurance during the period of nonresidency, then the requirement is re-imposed; their license would, once again, be revoked. Secretary of State feels that current -- current Illinois residents should -- subject to

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current insurance laws in their new state, not Illinois. I know of no opposition to the bill and I will attempt to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator... I'm sorry about that. Senator Bomke.

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President. This came through Transportation. There was no opposition on our side of the aisle. I just want to make that clear.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Any more discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 302 pass. Those in favor, signify by voting Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On the question, there are 55 Aye, no Nays, no Present. Senate Bill 302, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 309. Senator Martinez. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 309.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 309 requires the notice of a tax sale and redemption and the notice of expiration of the period of redemption from the sale to be more detailed by requiring the address and telephone number of the county clerk - currently, it's just the county clerk - and by requiring names of the persons who are required to receive set notice.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I just rise in support. And I'd like to report to the Senate that this received bipartisan support, unanimous approval, in committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Is there any more discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 309 pass. Those in favor, signify by voting Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, no Nays, no voting Present. Bill -- Senate Bill 309, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 311. Senator Haine. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 311.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is a small matter. It -- Senate Bill 11 {sic} amends the Illinois Plumbing Licensing Law by changing the date in which plumbing contractors must file their registration papers. The problem is, there -- there seems to be a logjam at DPR and it would be better for the plumbers' renewals to occur at the same time as the license renewals for the contractors. I don't think there's any opposition to this bill. And I would appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senate Bill -- the question is, shall Senate Bill 311 pass. Those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, please. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 311, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 327. Senator DeLeo. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 327.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator DeLeo.

SENATOR DeLEO:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 327 was introduced at request of the University of Illinois. This is an exemption. What they did - some of you familiar with the Champaign-Urbana area - they have a quad section of this new high-tech building. It's now becoming - - they just constructed two new buildings and what they're doing is building a multilevel parking garage, and on the first floor, there's going to be about sixty thousand of retail space for lease. And the University of Illinois is putting out bids and requests for a Houlihan's or a -- one of those big chains to come in and they need the exemption for the liquor for that establishment. I'd be glad to answer any questions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? See -- Senator Roskam. We're presently facing -- we're presently facing some difficulty with the microphones and we will continue once we get those fixed. Thank you. Senator Roskam, on Senate Bill 327.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. This passed unanimously out of the Executive Committee. It's a very narrow exception for the University of Illinois and I urge its passage.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, shall the -- shall Senate Bill 327 pass. Those in favor, signify by voting Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all who voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 46 Aye, 8 Nay, and 0 Present. Senate Bill 327, having received the constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 341. Senator Trotter. Out of the record. Senate Bill 343. Senator Haine. Out of the record. Senate Bill 344. Senator Haine. Out of the record. Senate Bill 355. Senator Pankau. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 355.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members. Senate Bill 355 amends the Park District Code. It provides that a park district is not required to conduct a criminal background investigation on an employee applicant who is under seventeen years of age. And I ask for your favorable approval and I stand ready to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Senator Sullivan, Dave Sullivan.

SENATOR D. SULLIVAN:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

She indicates she will.

SENATOR D. SULLIVAN:

Senator Pankau, is this is your first bill in the Illinois Senate?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

Yes, sir, it is.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Dave Sullivan.

SENATOR D. SULLIVAN:

It -- it strikes me from the brief interpretation you gave that this might be a soft on crime bill. Is that the policy of DuPage County now that Pate's retired?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

Actually, Senator, that's the exact opposite. The reason we brought this bill was that when the park districts actually did the background checks and submitted the fee and the -- fingerprints and everything to the State Police, they were given no information back because the person under seventeen is a juvenile. So, although they followed the law and tried to be

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good citizen, they got no information back. In fact, one of my park districts that was one of the premises for this legislation actually had an incident where one of their employees was stealing money from them. And when they went to the local police department to prosecute the person, the local police department said, "Oh, yeah, this person's got a rap sheet a mile long." But they could not get that information through the normal sources.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Dave Sullivan.

SENATOR D. SULLIVAN:

Senator Pankau, it's -- it's not true that any of your grandchildren are applying for jobs at park districts and this would affect them, is it?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

Actually, at the moment, Senator, they are not. My oldest grandchild is five. I don't think they're quite old enough yet.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Sullivan.

SENATOR D. SULLIVAN:

Now, since this deals with -- with park districts and that recently in the news there's been talk about the Governor raiding OSLAD funding, which is important to park districts, is there anything in this legislation that would protect OSLAD funding?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

No, sir, there is nothing in this particular piece of legislation that would do that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Sullivan.

SENATOR D. SULLIVAN:

Well, Senator, in -- in light of that, and, you know, maybe over in the House they would deal with -- with minor issues, but over here in -- in the Senate, in the upper Chamber, we want to stop that OSLAD funding raid, and so maybe you ought to pull this bill out of the record and -- and put an amendment on there to protect the OSLAD funding.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Any other discussion? Seeing no -- seeing no more discussion -- oop -- seeing no more discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 355 pass. Those in favor, signify by voting Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Madam Secretary, take the record. There are 56 Ayes, no Nays, no -- none voting Present. With Senate Bill 355 receiving the required constitutional majority, it is declared passed. Senate Bill 357. Senator Clayborne. Out of the record. Senate Bill 380. Senator Cronin. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 380.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cronin.

SENATOR CRONIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is a simple bill. It simply requires the State Board of Education to collaborate with regional offices of education to streamline and refine the teacher certification process. I ask for your favorable consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 380 pass. Those in favor, signify by voting Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. All those in favor -- voted wish? Have -- have all those who -- all those -- have all voted who wished? Have all those who voted wish? Take the record. There are 56 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 380, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With Senate Bill 383, with leave of the Body, we shall return. Senate Bill -- Senate Bill 385, with leave of the Body, we shall return. Senate Bill 386, with leave of the Body, we shall return. Senate Bill 410. Senator Forby. Out of the record. Senate Bill 411. Senator Forby. Out of the record. Senate Bill 411. Out of the record. Senate Bill 416. Senator Raoul. Madam Secretary, please read the...

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 416.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members. Senate Bill 416 expands the definition of pecuniary loss in the Crime Victims Compensation Act to include the first month's rent and security deposit for domestic violence victims, thereby allowing domestic violence victims an option other than returning to their abuser. In many cases, domestic violence victims are reluctant to report the crime because of their financial dependence on their abuser. This bill would provide such victims with the opportunity to free themselves of such dependence and begin to rebuild their lives free of the cycle of violence. I -- I -- I'd ask for a supportive vote on this and I -- I'd be glad to entertain any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is -- is there any discussion? Senator Dave Sullivan.

SENATOR D. SULLIVAN:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

He indicates he will.

SENATOR D. SULLIVAN:

Senator Raoul, is this your first bill in front of the Illinois Senate?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

No, it's not, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there anymore discussion? Seeing none, question is, Senate Bill 416 shall pass. Those in favor, signify by voting Aye. Those opposed, voting -- vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, please. On this question, there are 55 Aye, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 416,

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having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 417. Senator Schoenberg. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 417.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Schoenberg.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill -- 417 emanates from the Attorney General's Office and it is a supplement to the Master Settlement Agreement. It's largely technical in nature. It's primary function, other than housekeeping, is to provide an administrative review process to provide a forum for tobacco manufacturers which are nonparticipating manufacturers to challenge a decision by the Attorney General's Office not to list them. This -- this part -- right now, the current Act and rules only provide for an internal review and don't give them the opportunity to challenge a decision from the Attorney General's Office. This is based on the model complimentary agreement that has been executed in over forty states. I know of no known opposition. I'd ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill passed unanimously out of the Executive Committee and I urge its passage.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Geo-Karis. Is there anymore discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 417 pass. Those in favor, signify by voting Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Take the -- take the record. The question is, that the -- 55 Aye, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 417, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 427. Senator Maloney. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 427.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Generally, by April 1st of each school year, school boards make a determination of the status of administrative staff and nontenured teachers. What this bill would do is state that the principal, if their contracts are not renewed, have a right to be reclassified. It does not grant principals an absolute right to a teaching position, but simply puts them back into a situation where they would be if they were a tenured teacher. If they were not a -- tenured in that district, they would not have any rights. This bill is supported by the Illinois Association of School Board Management, Illinois Principals Association. And I know of no opposition. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Senator Cronin.

SENATOR CRONIN:

Yes. I rise in support of this bill. It makes common sense that teacher -- or a principal would be able to go back and -- and would not lose their rights as a teacher, and so I -- I -- I urge your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any other discussion? Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

He indicates he will.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

How do the teachers feel about it?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

I'm sorry. I did not hear the question, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

How do the teachers feel about it, about your bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

There's no opposition from either the Illinois Education Association or the Illinois Federation of Teachers.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any more discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 427 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, please. On that question, there are 56 Aye, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 427, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 450. Senator Crotty. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 450.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Crotty.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 450 amends the Regulatory Sunset Act. It extends the repeal of the Hearing Instrument Consumer Protection Act to January 1st, 2016. That's simply what the bill does.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Senator Wojcik.

SENATOR WOJCIK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker {sic}. I rise in support of this bill. It's passed through committee on a roll call vote and I urge its passage.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 450 pass. Those in favor, signify by voting Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all

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voted who wished? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wished? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 Aye, no Nays, none voting Present. Having -- Senate Bill 450, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We are going to go -- be going to 2nd Readings now. So if you will turn to page 2. On the top of page 2. Senate Bill 7. Senator Clayborne. Senator Clayborne. Out of the record. With leave of the Body, we will pass on Senate Bill 9. Senate Bill 11. Senator Halvorson. Out of the record. Senate Bill 12. Senator Hunter. Senator Hunter, on Senate Bill 12. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 12.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we will come back to Senate Bill 25. Senate Bill -- Senate Bill 40. Senator del Valle. Senator del Valle. Please read the -- the bill, Madam...

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill -- pardon me, Senate Bill 40.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator del Valle, to explain the amendment.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment was recommended by -- by the committee and it just simply spells out the information that's required to be collected by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator del Valle moves for the adoption of Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 40. All

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those in favor, say Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have -- have it. The amendment is adopted. Have there been any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 46. Senator Silverstein. Please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 46.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 52. Senator Harmon. Please read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 52.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 55. Senator Roskam. Out of the record. Senate Bill 58. Senator Burzynski. Out of the record. With leave of the Body, we'll pass over Senate Bill 66. Senate Bill 75. Senator Martinez. Out of the record. Senate Bill 93. Senator Brady. Please read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 93.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 94. Senator Garrett. Out of the record. Senate Bill 96. Senator Clayborne. Out of the record. Senate Bill 97. Senator Silverstein. Please read the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 97.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 98. Senator Wendell Jones. Out of the record. Senate Bill 122. Senator Crotty. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 122.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Oh! Have there been any further amendment -- Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 157. Senator Schoenberg. Out of the record. Senate Bill 165. Senator Dillard. Out of the record. Senate Bill 167. Oop! Senate Bill 171, with leave of the Body, we'll pass over. Senate Bill 174. Senator Dillard. Senator Dillard, on Senate Bill 174. Out of the record. Senate Bill 176. Senator Shadid. Out of the record. Senate Bill 183. Senator Silverstein. Please -- Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 183.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. For purposes of announcement. We would...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your -- state your purpose, Senator Burzynski.

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SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you. The Senate Republicans will be caucusing immediately upon adjournment in Senator Watson's Office for thirty minutes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Thank you, Senator Burzynski. Madam Secretary, on the Order of Resolutions. Excuse me. Senator Cullerton, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CULLERTON:

For the purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your announcement.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

The Judiciary Committee will convene on the Senate Floor immediately upon the adjournment of the House -- I'm sorry, the Senate Republican Caucus. So that should be thirty minutes from when we adjourn, on the -- on the Senate Floor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Thank you, Senator Cullerton. Madam Secretary, on the Order of Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 30, offered by Senator Halvorson.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 30)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Halvorson moves that -- to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration for the adoption of -- joint -- Senate Joint Resolution 30. Those in favor will say Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are -- are suspended. Senator Halvorson -- now have -- moves for the adoption of Senate Resolution {sic} 30. All in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, the resolution is adopted. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 112, offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Members.

It is a death resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Collins, Chairperson of the Committee on Financial Institutions, reports Senate Bill 1711 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 23 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Lightford, Chairperson of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Bills 4, 10, -- 41, 223, 479, 1497, 1621, 1626, 1638, 1639, 1676, -- 1848, 1850, 1851 and 1854 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 212 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Madam Secretary, do you have any motions on file?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes, Mr. President, I have a motion with respect to Senate Bills 150 -- pardon me, Senate Bill 150.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Madam Secretary, that should be reflected on the Calendar. Resolution Consent Calendar. We will now proceed with the Order of Resolution Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all those resolutions read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Madam Secretary, have there been any objections filed to the resolutions on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

There have been no objections filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there -- is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries. The resolutions are adopted. Pursuant to Senate Resolution {sic} 30, the Senate adjourns until the hour of noon, Tuesday, March 15th, 2005. The Senate stands adjourned.