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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

The regular Session of the 94th 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 the Reverend Joseph Eby, Chatham Presbyterian Church.

THE REVEREND JOSEPH EBY:

(Prayer by the Reverend Joseph Eby)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

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

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journal of Thursday, February 9, 2006.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Hunter moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 624, offered by Senator Shadid and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 625, offered by Senator John Sullivan and all Members.

They're both death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

And Senate Joint Resolution 77, offered by Senator Sandoval. It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills.

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3096, offered by Senator Sandoval.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message from the House by Mr. Mahoney, 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 4121, 4714, 4719.

All passed the House, February 9, 2006.

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 75.

It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 4192, offered by Senator Crotty.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4242, offered by Senator Martinez.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4383, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4561, offered by Senator Wilhelmi.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4752, offered by Senator Garrett.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 4864, offered by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Will all Members please come to the Floor? Will all Members

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please come to the Floor? We will be conducting business shortly. Please come to the Floor. Senator Hunter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HUNTER:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. -- Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

State your point.

SENATOR HUNTER:

I have with me, visiting in the Capitol, two visitors. One, I'd like for you to welcome, Miss Ashli Gaffeny, who is a sixth grader from Grant Middle School. And she's visiting because one day she would like to become a Senator herself. So, I just thought that this might be a wonderful occasion for her to do so. So, let's please welcome Miss Gaffeny to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Welcome.

SENATOR HUNTER:

And my other guest is Dr. Tommy Williams. He is the Director of the Gary School System Drug and Alcohol Programs, and he also works with Faith-Based Initiatives throughout the country. So, let's welcome Dr. Williams to the Senate. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

We will be going to 2nd Readings. And if you want to move your bill, you need to be on the Floor. We're going to start with 2nd Readings. The Rules Committee will meet immediately in the Anteroom. The Rules Committee will meet immediately. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Viverito, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Agriculture and Conservation Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2716; refer to Education Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2762, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2796 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2882; refer to Environment and Energy Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2353, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2579 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2720; refer to Executive Committee - Committee Amendment 2 to

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Senate Bill 2310, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2445, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2505, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2688, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2983 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3086; refer to Financial Institutions Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2349; refer to Health and Human Services Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2254, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2394, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2483, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2561, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2568, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2965 and Committee Amendment 1 {sic} (2) to Senate Bill 3087; refer to Judiciary Committee - Committee Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2197, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2243, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2253, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2284, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2291, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2320, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2613, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2616, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2676, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2737, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2738, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2673, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2869, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2873, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2955, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2962, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2968 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2980; refer to Labor Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2442 -- pardon me, that is 2144 {sic}; (Licensed Activities - Committee Amendment No. 6 to Senate Bill 2144); refer to Local Government Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2340; refer to Revenue Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2123, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2185 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2709; refer to Transportation Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2405 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2650; and Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Bill 1547. (Legislative Measures within parentheses submitted in writing, but inadvertently not read into the record.)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

We will proceed to the Order of 2nd Reading. Top of page 2. 2nd Reading. Top of page 2. Senator Garrett, on Senate Bill 2170. Senator Garrett. Senator Sandoval, on Senate Bill 2196.

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Senator Sandoval. Senator Maloney, on Senate Bill 2225. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2225.

(Secretary begins to read title of bill)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Out of the record. Senator Demuzio, on Senate Bill 2236. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2236.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Agriculture and Conservation adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

3rd Reading. Senator Crotty, on Senate Bill 2237. Senator Crotty. Senator Crotty, on Senate Bill 2257. Senator Cullerton, on Senate Bill 2277. Senator Cullerton. Senator Demuzio, on Senate Bill 2292. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2292.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

3rd Reading. Senator Burzynski, on Senate Bill 2303. With leave of the Body, we'll return to Senate Bill 2339. Senator Collins, on Senate Bill 2351. Senator Trotter, on Senate Bill 2455. Senator Raoul, on Senate Bill 2510. Senator Dillard, on Senate Bill 2555. With leave of the Body, we'll return to 2569,

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Senate Bill 2569. Senator Garrett, on Senate Bill 2570. Senator Shadid, on Senate Bill 2615. Senator Garrett, on Senate Bill 2639. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2639.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

3rd Reading. Senator Collins, on Senate Bill 2670. Senator Link, on Senate Bill 2691. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2691.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

3rd Reading. Senator Althoff, on Senate Bill 2711. Senator Althoff. Senate Bill 2711. Senator DeLeo, on Senate Bill 2748. That bill has a fiscal note attached to it. Senator Garrett, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GARRETT:

Thank you, Mr. President. For purpose of announcement. I would just like to wish my colleagues a happy Valentine's Day. And in doing that, we have a very big cake for you. Please come over, cut yourself a piece, and enjoy the day in -- into the evening hours.

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Thank you, Senator Garrett. Senator Clayborne, on Senate Bill 2763. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2763.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Have there been any Floor amendments? 3rd Reading. Senator Sieben, on Senate Bill 2778. Senator Halvorson, on Senate Bill 2782. Senator Garrett, on Senate Bill 2784. Senator Clayborne, on Senate Bill 2807. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2807.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

3rd Reading. Senator Demuzio, on Senate Bill 2837. Senator Demuzio. 2837. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2837.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

3rd Reading. Senator Sandoval, on Senate Bill 2878. Senator Sandoval, on Senate Bill 2878. Senator Righter, on Senate Bill 2966. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2966.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

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

SENATOR W. JONES:

...personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

State your point.

SENATOR W. JONES:

Mr. President -- Mr. President, a point of personal privilege. I'd like to introduce some people from back home from High School District 211. Superintendent Roger Thornton, Nancy Robb, and members of his staff are here from Palatine, District 211.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise? Welcome to Springfield. Senator Roskam, on Senate Bill 2971. Senator Halvorson, on Senate Bill 2978. Senator Halvorson, on Senate Bill 2981. Senator Silverstein, on Senate Bill 2998. Senator Crotty, on Senate Bill 3046. There's a fiscal note filed on that bill. Senator Link, on Senate Bill 3088. Senator Link. Senate Bill 3088. Out of the record. We will be going to the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We are proceeding to the top of the page -- or middle of the page. Senate Bill 3rd Reading. Page 4. Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Senator DeLeo, on Senate Bill 392. Do you wish to proceed? Senator Meeks, on Senate Bill 1839. Senator Meeks. Senate Bill 1839. Senator Clayborne, on Senate Bill 1991. Senator Watson, on Senate Bill 2130. Senator Halvorson, on Senate Bill 2137. Senator Cullerton, on Senate Bill 2156. Senator, do you wish to proceed? Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2156.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is an initiative of the Illinois Supreme Court's Committee on Jury

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Instructions. Basically, we have a word in the criminal statute which is the wrong word. The use of the word "premise" has kind of hobbled the committee in its efforts to prepare patterned jury instructions for an offense. The offense is the use of a dangerous place for the commission of a controlled substance or cannabis offense. And what this does is it substitutes the word "premise" with "premises". I know it sounds like a small point, but it is important. And there's no controversy and I would ask that we all vote Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2156 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On the question, there are 55 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2156, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Harmon, on Senate Bill 2162. Senator Silverstein, on Senate Bill 2165. Senator Collins, on Senate Bill 2191. Senator Crotty, on Senate Bill 2199. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2199.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Crotty.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you very much. Senate Bill 2199 is a recommendation from the Department of Human Services. The Interagency Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Board has not convened since 1986. And Senate Bill 2199 is essential just to comply with their audit recommendations and to avoid audit findings in the future.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill, briefly: I rise in support of the bill. It is a historic day here in the Senate.

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We are repealing a governmentally created entity. Senator Crotty, thank you for your efforts.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2199 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On the question, there are 56 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2199, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Munoz, on Senate Bill 2230. Senator Link, on Senate Bill 2233. Senator Ronen, on Senate Bill 2267. Senator Cullerton, on Senate Bill 2272. Senator Wilhelmi, on Senate Bill 2283. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2283.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Wilhelmi.

SENATOR WILHELMI:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2283 amends the Illinois Vehicle Code and the Illinois Identification Card Act. The essence of this bill would provide that those that come into possession of information from a driver's license or an identification card are not allowed to disseminate that information to third parties. It allows for civil action with penalties and fines of two hundred and fifty dollars for providing that information to third parties. There are exceptions to this bill. The first exception - I think all three make sense - the first one allows -- were situations where express permission is given by the owner of that card; secondly, when the owner of the card is cooperating with federal or State investigations; and third, when that information is used in a commercial transaction, including all subsequent payment, processing, collection and other similar actions. I ask for a favorable roll.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2283 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye.

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Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On the question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2283, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Clayborne, on Senate Bill 2285. Senator Cullerton, on Senate Bill 2295. Senator Ronen, on Senate Bill 2297. Senator Cullerton, on Senate Bill 2300. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2300.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is an initiative of the Chicago Bar Association Legislative Committee. Their bill basically would give a tax purchaser or an assignee and the county sheriff more time to serve certain notices. There's no opposition to the bill and it would increase the time in which a tax purchaser and assignee may serve notice of a redemption period to six months from five and allow an order of possession motion to be brought by a tax deed grantee or the grantee's successor in interest, currently just a grantee. And, as I said, it was -- there is no opposition. Would ask for an Aye vote. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing -- seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2300 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On the question, there are 58 Ayes, no Nays, and none voting Present. Senate Bill 2300, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Link, on Senate Bill 2308. Senator Maloney, on Senate Bill 2312. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2312.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Last summer, we -- the Higher Ed Committee held a hearing on graduation retention rates in the State's colleges and university. And one fact that came to light was -- during the discussion, was that there are about one hundred sixty thousand undergraduate students aged twenty-five years of age or older in the State of Illinois. Senate Bill 2312 would provide that one of these students would become a member of the Illinois Board of Higher Education. My rationale is that nontraditional students be -- who have to balance school with employment and family finances and commitments, and I think this sends a message to the general public that higher education is more than just for eighteen- to twenty-five-year-olds. I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2312 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On the question, there are 58 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2312, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Jacobs, on Senate Bill 2325. Senator Jacobs, on Senate Bill 2330. Senator Shadid, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SHADID:

I -- personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

State your point.

SENATOR SHADID:

It's a great pleasure of mine to introduce to the Senate a very good friend of mine who happens to be the District Superintendent of District 150. His name is Ken Hinton. He's been in education most of his life. His family, I think, introduced education to Peoria many years ago. Ken Hinton. How about a big hand?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Cullerton, on Senate Bill 2348. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2348.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is an initiative of the City of Elgin. Senator Althoff is a cosponsor of this bill with me. It was at the request of the mayor, Mayor Schock. It arises from a situation in Elgin where an alderman would like to buy a personal residence but it's located in a TIF district, and by State law, he is unable to purchase it while remaining in his current position. The mayor wrote in a letter to me that it's an important piece of legislation to allow elected officials to live without restriction throughout their community and also it's critical for older revolving communities which are often characterized by one or more redevelopment areas. So, again, had no opposition in committee. Think it's a good idea and would ask for an Aye vote. And I would emphasize that this is only for private residence - only for a personal residence that this exception would apply.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Is there any discussion? Senator Axley.

SENATOR AXLEY:

To the bill, Mr. President: This came out of Local Government Committee 9 to 0. I recommend a do pass. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

The -- the question is, shall Senate Bill 2348 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On the question, there are 57 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2348, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Proceeding to the top of the page - top of page 6. Senate Bill 2356. Senator Hunter. Madam Secretary, please read

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the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2356.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This legislation was brought to me by the Comptroller's Office in an effort to streamline the reporting dates to January 31st -- required by the Office of Comptroller in reporting the consumer price index for copying fees and dram shop liability limits and also for setting the effective rate of -- of interest for SURS' retirees. This bill also reverses 1.4-million-dollar statutory fund transfer in the current fiscal year for the Comptroller's Office. This bill is supported by the Illinois Federation of Teachers and the State University Retirement System. I know of no opposition to this bill and I ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Is there any discussion? Senator Millner.

SENATOR MILLNER:

Thank you, Mr. President. From our side, it's unanimous, support the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2356 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On the question, there are 57 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2356, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Clayborne, on Senate Bill 2360. Senator Link, on Senate Bill 2381. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2381.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

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Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2381, as amended, requires that Older -- Older Adult Services Advisory Committee to examine or -- for -- pilot projects operating in Illinois and other states, and that further requires DOA to furnish the Committee with a list of all demonstrations or pilot projects furnished {sic} by the Department and included in the description in rule to -- law, policy memorandums, or funding -- agreements. The Committee must work with DOA in assessing the feasibility of expanding such pilot projects into additional areas of -- of the State. I know of no opposition to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Is there any discussion? Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. -- thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of the bill. It did pass out of the Health and Human Services Committee unanimously last week and I appreciate Senator Link's work. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2381 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On the question, there are 57 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2381, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2391. Senator Haine. Senate Bill 2395. Senator Wilhelmi. Senate Bill 2397. Senator Halvorson. Senate Bill 2399. Senator Halvorson. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2399.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Halvorson.

SENATOR HALVORSON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2399 amends the Prevailing Wage Act regarding certified

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payroll. We passed this last year and it didn't go anywhere in the House. It was suggested that we do this again. Basically, when we passed the piece of legislation certifying payroll, we had a few things that came up. One of them was we needed to eliminate the start and stop times, and we also wanted to make sure that the thing -- the payroll records, instead of making them available after two days, we'll make them available after seven. So, I think that was a compromise that needs to be done and so we're back here. Passed last time unanimously. We're going to try it again.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Is there any discussion? Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is a bill that we passed last year. There were unintended consequences to the bill. This agreed language in this bill makes all of that go away now. So, the unintended consequences were taken care of. Labor is happy and also business is happy. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2399 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On the question, there are 57 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2399, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Clayborne, on Senate Bill 2412. Senator Crotty, on Senate Bill 2437. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2437.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Crotty.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you very much. Senate Bill 2437 requires the Department of Human Services to implement a three-year pilot project in Will County or southern Cook County for the operation of two community-integrated living arrangement homes or CILAs for adolescents diagnosed with autism.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none... Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Sponsor indicates she will yield.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Crotty, it's my recollection, and please correct me if I'm wrong, that this bill was in committee last week and is like a bill that you sponsored last year. Last year, you made the commitment to hold the bill until there was an agreement from the Department. Wasn't there a similar commitment made this year with regards to that? I think there were some serious reservations raised on -- at committee level about the fact that CILAs, as they're designed right now, are neither for adolescents nor people with autism. Is that not - am I recalling that incorrectly?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Crotty.

SENATOR CROTTY:

My understanding last year when we passed this, that this would be a pilot program for that age group, between thirteen and eighteen, which are adolescents. And we don't have a program like that. We had testimony last year from a constituent of mine who was a single mom and was able to keep her youngster at home, but once he became thirteen and a teenager, he really became a pretty large boy and it was hard to handle. So, what we're looking at right now is to have these CILAs set up to help persons with autism, and their families, when they're adolescents.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Crotty, have you had discussions with the Department about this issue since the filing of the bill this year?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Crotty.

SENATOR CROTTY:

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No, Senator, I have not. They have not contacted me about this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Have you tried to initiate contact with them and they have refused to talk to you, or is it just yours and theirs understanding that they're not for it and you're for it, and by golly, we're just going to run the bill? I mean, is that -- is that the position that we're in now? And the reason I'm raising that, I mean, we have -- that happens all the time here, Senator Crotty. And I appreciate that, but I think this is a significant departure from what policy is in this State right now with regards to the community-integrated living arrangements and that's the reason I'm -- I -- I want us to be careful about this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Crotty, to close. Senator Crotty.

SENATOR CROTTY:

I'd like to pull it out of the record and have a discussion with Senator Righter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Out of the record.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Forby, on Senate Bill 2446. Senator Forby, on Senate Bill 2448. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2448.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President. This is a bill that I run last year out of the House. It was 2527. Only difference that is, they're adding "adult day health service" so they can get federal funding. That's what this all done. Just added "adult day health service".

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2448 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On the question, there are 57 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2448, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Pankau, on Senate Bill 2449. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2449.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill amends the Department of Employment Security Law. It requires the Department of Employment Security, through its Illinois Skills Match Program, to implement and administer a central clearinghouse for information and opportunities for those seeking employment in Illinois. This basically came from a constituent who had lost their job and they basically called me on the phone and said, "How do I find a job? How do I know where there are jobs in the State of Illinois?" And so we started figuring out that there are many places that you can find out where there are jobs, but they're all individualized. You could call DuPage County and they will give you a list of the county jobs. You can call the DuPage Forest Preserve and they will give you the list of the forest preserve. But there's never one place where you could look at any and all jobs that might be in the area of interest that you have. So this is an effort to start putting in place a one central location where you can go and just take a look at the jobs that are available, government and private, in the State of Illinois. I urge your approval.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2449 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open.

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Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On the question, there are 57 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2449, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator DeLeo, on Senate Bill 2454. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2454.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator DeLeo.

SENATOR DeLEO:

Thank you -- thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator DeLeo, excuse me. Can we -- can we keep the noise level down? It's becoming increasingly difficult to hear the speakers. Thank you. Senator DeLeo.

SENATOR DeLEO:

Thank you very much, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 2454 allows the sale of alcohol beverages for the historical preservation council, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and numerous other historical sites throughout the State of Illinois. There's been a request for -- and you see in the legislation, there's a word, it says for an individual. It's not that we're going to put a sports bar in the -- Abraham Lincoln Museum or Library. It's for wedding receptions, et al, and it's -- it includes the Dana House and a couple other historical preservation sites. It came out of committee with no opposition. I ask for a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Is there any discussion? Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill: Rise in support of the bill. I think it's narrowly crafted and a good idea and urge its passage.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2454 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open.

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SENATOR CROTTY:

I rise on a point of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

State your announcement, please.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Local Government will be meeting at 1 o'clock, so I would say right after this Session, in the Stratton Building, Room A-1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Martinez, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

For the purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

State your announcement, please.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

The -- I'm sorry -- the Pension and Investments Committee will today at 4 o'clock, in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator John Sullivan, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

For the purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

State your announcement.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

The Senate Ag and Conservation Committee will meet tomorrow morning at 9 a.m., in A-1, at the Stratton Building.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Munoz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MUNOZ:

For the purpose of announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Make your announcement, please.

SENATOR MUNOZ:

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Transportation Committee will meet in Room 400 today, at 2:30.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Lightford, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Education will meet at -- immediately following adjournment in Room 212.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Clayborne, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

For point of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

State your announcement.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Environment and Energy Committee will meet tomorrow morning at 9 a.m., in Room 212. Again, Environment and Energy will meet tomorrow in Room 212, at 9 a.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Ronen, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RONEN:

Purposes -- for purposes of announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Make your announcement, please.

SENATOR RONEN:

The Health and Human Services Committee will meet tomorrow at 9 a.m., in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Harmon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

To make an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

State your announcement, please.

SENATOR HARMON:

The Senate Judiciary Committee will meet today at 2:30, in Room 212.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Senator Haine, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HAINE:

Mr. President, for two purposes. A point of personal

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privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

State your point.

SENATOR HAINE:

Just like to wish everybody in the Chamber a happy St. Valentine's Day and remind them that love should be the order of the day when we face our bills in committee. I'd also like to call attention of the Body to the fact that seventy-seven years ago today in Chicago, the Irish got out of the beer business permanently. And, last of all, Mr. President, I want to announce the Insurance Committee meeting at Room 400 at 1 p.m., right after Session. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Meeks, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MEEKS:

Purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

Make your announcement, please.

SENATOR MEEKS:

The -- at 2:30 today, in Room A-1, Housing and Community Affairs will meet.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEL VALLE)

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 11 a.m., tomorrow, February 15th. The Senate stands adjourned.