

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

SB0622	Recalled	9
SB0622	Third Reading	9
SB0623	Recalled	10
SB0623	Third Reading	11
SB0624	Recalled	12
SB0624	Third Reading	12
SB0626	Recalled	13
SB0626	Third Reading	13
SB0680	Recalled	16
SB0680	Third Reading	17
SB0789	Recalled	17
SB0789	Third Reading	19
SB0796	Recalled	20
SB0796	Third Reading	20
SB0837	Recalled	21
SB0837	Third Reading	22
SB0848	Recalled	24
SB0848	Third Reading	26
SB0857	Recalled	26
SB0857	Third Reading	27
SB0861	Recalled	27
SB0861	Third Reading	28
SB0882	Recalled	29
SB0882	Third Reading	29
SB0916	Recalled	32
SB0916	Third Reading	33
SB0927	Recalled	34
SB0927	Third Reading	34
SB0946	Recalled	38
SB0946	Third Reading	39
SB1001	Recalled	41
SB1001	Third Reading	41
SB1028	Recalled	46
SB1028	Third Reading	47
SB1088	Recalled	47
SB1088	Third Reading	48
SB1089	Recalled	50
SB1089	Third Reading	50
SB1204	Recalled	51
SB1204	Third Reading	52
SB2310	Recalled	53
SB2310	Third Reading	53
SB2654	Recalled	55
SB2654	Third Reading	56
SR0702	Resolution Offered	1
SR0703	Resolution Offered	1
SR0704	Resolution Offered	2
SR0705	Resolution Offered	2
SR0706	Resolution Offered	2
SR0707	Resolution Offered	2
Senate to Order-Senator Halvorson		1
Prayer-Rabbi Dovid Tiechtel		1
Pledge of Allegiance		1
Journals-Approved		1
Journal-Postponed		1
Messages from the House		2
Introduction of Guests-Senator Crotty		5
Remarks by Carl Sandburg HS Coach Mike Polz		6

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

Adjournment

58

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The regular Session of the 94th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? And will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be give by Dovid Tiechtel, Chabad Jewish Center at the University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois.

RABBI DOVID TIECHTEL:

(Prayer by Rabbi Dovid Tiechtel)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Journals of Tuesday, March 14th; Wednesday, March 15th; and Thursday, March 16th, 2006.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Madam President, I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senators has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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

SENATOR HUNTER:

Madam President, I move to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal of Thursday, March 30th, 2006, pending arrival of the printed Journals -- transcripts.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Resolution 702, offered by Senator Harmon and all Members.

Senate Resolution 703, offered by Senator Risinger and all

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

Members.

Senate Resolution 704, offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

Senate Resolution 705, offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 706, offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Members.

They are death resolutions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

And Senate Resolution 707, offered by Senator Althoff.

It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Messages from the House, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

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

Senate Bill 2986, along with House Amendment No. 1 to 2986.

Passed the House, as amended, April 3rd, 2006.

We have received like Messages on Senate Bill 3010 with House Amendment No. 1, and Senate Bill 3046 with House Amendments 1, 2 and 3, which passed the House, as amended, April 3rd, 2006.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Bomke, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you, Madam President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR BOMKE:

With me today is Dulce Zamora. She is with the Illinois Government Internship Program. Think she's from Senator Link's district. In addition to Dulce, I have Chad Anderson who has been my personal intern this year with the Illinois Governmental Internship Program, who is from Senator Risinger's district. Would you please help me in welcoming them to Springfield?

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Will our guests rise? Welcome to Springfield. Senator Haine, for what purpose do you rise? State your point.

SENATOR HAINE:

Madam President, I, too, have two scholars from the -- from Eisenhower High School. And -- they're taken under Senator Maloney's wing. Rachel -- Schlavo, number one, and the second one is Hafeza Mithaiwala. Please welcome them to the Illinois Capitol and the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Will our guests rise? Welcome to Springfield. Senator Winkel, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WINKEL:

Point of personal -- privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR WINKEL:

I have a very special guest with me today. My daughter is here visiting. She's currently teaching in -- in Belgium, in Brussels, at an international high school. Her name is Meghan Winkel.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Meghan, welcome to Springfield. Senator Bomke, for -- or, Senator Rutherford, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to make an introduction. We heard the opening prayer from the Rabbi, but just a little more explanation. Rabbi Tiechtel is the Director of the Chabad Center for Jewish Life in the Champaign/Urbana area. And this is a local branch in part -- it's a part of the world's largest Jewish outreach organization. Their objective is to enhance Jewish awareness through people, culture, and social activities. They have over thirty-three hundred support units throughout the world. So if you'd, once again, welcome Rabbi Tiechtel here. And with him is Sam Zimbobsky, who's the President of the Student Organization of Chabad at the University of Illinois. Would you please welcome 'em to the Illinois State Senate, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

Welcome to Springfield. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I am very honored to have with me today a -- a young man from my hometown, Ronnie Paul. He's in the back here. He's going to be observing the -- all of the legislative proceedings today. And I'd like to welcome him to the Illinois Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Will our guest please rise? And welcome to Springfield. Senator Munoz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MUNOZ:

Thank you, Madam President. For the point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR MUNOZ:

I have here with me today Jose de Jesus Hernandez, my Page for the Day. Jose and his family lived in my district for a number of years, and now he currently lives in Senator Hendon's district. A bright young man. He took his Iowa test, scored a ninety-nine percent on his math. If we can give him a warm welcome, I'd appreciate it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Welcome to Springfield. Good job. Senator del Valle, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Thank you, Madam President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

I, also, have a -- a very bright young man with me here today. His mother and his parents are longtime constituents of my district. And Alejandro Lopez-Black is a student at Inter-American School, one of the -- the better schools in the City of Chicago, and we want to welcome him as a Page here to the

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

Illinois Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Welcome to Springfield.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

And his mom, Olga Lopez-Black, who is in the gallery.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Great. Will our guests please rise? At this time, I would like to turn the Podium over to Senators Maloney and Crotty for a special introduction.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you very much and, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, it's really a great honor for me today to bring to you the Carl Sandburg High School, located in Orland Park, the AA State Championships {sic} of the wrestling team. So as they start to file in, members of the team is Jon Morrison, Mike McAuliffe - not related to the Mike McAuliffe, but he -- Mike McAuliffe is here and -- and has said that he's sure that they're -- they're related. We have Matt Schmeski, Jake Holler, Kevin White, Billy Crowley, Brandon Precin, Tyler Le Pretre, Conrad Polz, Derek Sallas, Matt Cusick, John Doyle, Sepehr Nikpouri, Eric Pretto, Ben Friedl, Clinton Polz, Jeff Richards, Glenn Hurt, Cameron Miller, Eric Rettke and Craig Olson. As -- as they're all around me here, they finished the season with a perfect record of thirty-three wins, no losses and a fifty-one match winning streak. They finished number one in several tournaments throughout the year, including Wheeling Invitational, the Dvorak Invitational and the Clash National Duals. And they were Conference, Regional and Sectional champions as well. They're here today with their Head Coach, Mike Polz, and Assistant Coaches Eric Siebert, John Polz, Mike Klutcharch - that I went to grammar school with his dad and his aunt - Tony Siebert, Dan Polz, Tony Pretto and Paul Campos, and the school's principal is Debbie Boniface that I taught with at Southwest Coop. There's one thing that I want to mention and, you know, so many times we -- we see in the papers about coaches and -- and records, and kids' achievements, but the one thing I want to talk about Mike Polz, the coach at Carl Sandburg High School, is that he is -- the National High School Coaches Association selected him as its National High School Wrestling Coach of the Year 2006. Coach

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

Polz is the NHSCA's first selection for 2006. There were twenty winners from the fifteen different states in 2005. He is honored as Coach of the Year at the Coaches and Officials Championships Banquet in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, March 23rd, of just this year. He also was a two-time State qualifier at Riverside Brookfield High School in the mid-1970s, and he's a graduate of Eastern Illinois University. Go Panthers. Coach Polz has coached for eighteen years, four at Providence Catholic High School and the last fourteen at Carl Sandburg High School. Again, please welcome them and I ask Coach Polz to come up and just say a few words to the Members of the Senate. Coach.

COACH MIKE POLZ:

(Remarks by Coach Mike Polz)

SENATOR CROTTY:

I'm also here with State Senator Ed Maloney that shares this district. Thanks.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator -- Senator Hunter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HUNTER:

Point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Madam President. Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Today marks the thirty-eighth anniversary of the assassination of a man that meant so much to history of this nation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Excuse me, Senator Hunter. Could we please get everybody's attention? Thank you.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Today marks the thirty-eighth anniversary of the assassination of a man that meant so much to history of this nation, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King would have been seventy-seven years old today. We all are familiar with Dr. King and his legacy. During his time, he was among the principal leaders of the civil rights movement. King was an advocate for direct action, nonviolent protest. He challenged segregation and racial discrimination in the 1950s and 1960s, and became a symbol

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

of protest in the struggle for racial justice. Equally as important, Dr. King was a fighter in the freedom movement, standing up for -- not just for African-Americans, but for -- but for wherever he saw wrongdoing. King spoke out on the Vietnam War and lobbied for America's poor, speaking out on economic inequality in America. The day before he died, King gave a speech in which he said, "I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land." Dr. King is no longer with us and we have not made it to the promised land, but he is a major reason why we are moving in the right direction. Today I ask that Members of this Chamber recognize Dr. King -- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for his strength, courage and wisdom, and to keep him in your minds today as we go on with our daily business. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Senator Hunter. That is so true. Senator Collins, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR COLLINS:

A point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR COLLINS:

I, also, would like to say a few words in reference to the impact and the influence of Dr. King on my life. I think anyone who came out of the sixties -- the sixties was a time of -- of tragedy, as well as triumph. And I would be remiss if I did not give credit to Dr. King. I consider Dr. King my philosophical mentor, and one of the reasons -- or one of the factors of -- of me deciding to go to Harvard Divinity School was the opportunity to study with a King scholar, Dr. Preston Williams. I wanted an intellectual understanding of the man, not only as a social justice advocate or a prophet of peace, but to understand him as a theologian. And one of the reasons that I stand here as a public servant is because of the model that Dr. King set as far as how do you bring faith into the public square and have a discussion about our values and the role that God plays in policy, in public policy. And Dr. King was able to impact public policy from a position of faith, a faith tradition, whether or

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

not it was the anti-Vietnam War position he took or the position he took on poverty, the anti-poverty campaign, or the Voting Rights Act of '64 and '65. So I would like to close with one of his sayings that sort of defines my political framework of how I view public service. He said, I have the audacity to believe that people everywhere deserve three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits. I thank Dr. King for his witness. I thank you -- I thank him, God, for his walk, and I also ask that God gives me the grace to uphold the tradition of moving policy to benefit all in society.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Senator Collins. Senator Sullivan, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Madam President. I have a gentleman -- young gentleman with me today. His name is Sean Miller. He's going to be assisting the Senate with his Page duties. He's a sophomore at Dieterich High School in Dieterich, Illinois, which is down in Effingham -- County in Senator John O. Jones' district. But this young man is a very bright and ambitious young man, and I'd like the Illinois Senate to welcome him to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Welcome to Springfield. Senator Crotty, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CROTTY:

On a point of personal privilege, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you. I, too, have a Page for the Day. She is an eighth grader at Hickory Creek Middle School in Frankfort, Illinois, living right down the street from my sister-in-law. Her name is Erin Skurka and this is her first time in Springfield. And she's accompanied by her mother, sitting right here, Margaret Skurka. So if you could also welcome them to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Welcome, Erin and Margaret. It's good to see you guys

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

again. Information for the Body: We will be turning to page 3. We'll be going to Senate Bills 3rd Reading, only to the ones that have had their deadlines extended. Senator DeLeo, on 392. Senator Crotty. 618. Senator Sullivan. 621. Senator Collins. 622. Senator Collins seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 622 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 622. Mr. Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Collins.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Collins, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This bill is a cleanup amendment to the Medical School Matriculant Criminal Records Check Act {sic} that we passed last year. The -- as the bill passed out of the Chambers, it asked for -- State Police must furnish information about a matriculant's fingerprinted information to the State Police. I'm sorry, it said that -- I'm sorry, let me go back. It said that all medical schools must submit the matriculant's fingerprint and information to the State Police and to the FBI to be checked against the FBI and State Police criminal databases. We since found out that private institutions don't have access to FBI databases. So it's really to remedy that and just specify that it was to -- to conform to the State Police criminal database.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, Senator Collins moves the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 622. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 622. Senator Collins, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 622.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen in the Senate. I think I explained, because Floor Amendment No. 2 becomes the bill. And basically it is the cleanup amendment to the legislation we passed out last year. I'm open for any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 622 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 622, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Sullivan, on 623. Senator Sullivan seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 623 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 623. Mr. Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Sullivan.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Sullivan, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Madam President. The -- the -- the amendment basically becomes the bill. And I'll discuss it further on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, Senator Sullivan moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 623. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 623. Senator Sullivan, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 623.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 623 amends the Illinois Finance Authority Act and the State Finance Act. First of all, it creates the Ambulance Revolving Loan Fund, which would be created under the State treasury. Secondly, the -- the program -- the fund and the program will provide zero-interest loans for the purchases of ambulances for fire departments, fire protection districts, township fire departments, or nonprofit ambulance services. The -- the -- the loans will be made subject to appropriation. I'll be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 623 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 623, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Clayborne, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

A point of an -- personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

I have three Pages with me from the St. Clair County Jack and Jill Program: Jasmine Manning, Stephanie Prince and Isys Ervin as Pages for me today.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Will our guests please rise? Welcome to Springfield. Senator Winkel, on 624. Senator Winkel seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 624 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 624. Mr. Secretary, have there been any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Winkel.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Winkel, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR WINKEL:

Thank you. Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 624 becomes the bill. It amends the Vehicle Code and the -- Unified Code of Corrections. It provides that a person convicted of a -- of driving an uninsured motor vehicle, in addition to any other penalty imposed, shall have his driver's license privileges suspended for three months. The suspension remains in effect until the reinstatement fee of one -- one hundred dollars is paid.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Senator Winkel moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 624. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 624. Senator Winkel, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 624.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Winkel.

SENATOR WINKEL:

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

Thank you. The amendment that I just described has become the bill. And Senate Bill 624 I'd ask for a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 624 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The -- voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 624, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Garrett, on 626. Mr. Secretary, read the bill. Senator Garrett seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 626 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 626. Mr. Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, sponsored by Senator Emil Jones.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Jones, to explain the amendment.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Madam President. Senate Amendment No. 1 - - Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 626 is the amendment to change the name of the Illinois State Beach Park and include the name of our esteemed colleague to Adeline Geo-Karis Park, and I move for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, Senator Jones moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 626. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 626. Senator Garrett, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

Senate Bill 626.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Thank you, Madam President. It is a privilege and an honor to sponsor Senate Bill 626, which -- which renames Illinois Beach State Park the Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park. Geo has been a trailblazer all of her life. She graduated from Northwestern University and went on to get her law degree at a time when women just didn't do things like that. She achieved the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy, again, breaking stereotypes. She was the first woman to practice law in the Lake County courts and the first woman to be an Assistant State's Attorney there. She was the first woman to hold a leadership position in the Illinois Senate. Given Geo's record of trailblazing, I think it is very fitting that Illinois Beach State Park, with its 6.8 miles of trails, will be named for her. Since the park is in Senator Geo-Karis' home district, giving it her name will forever tie Geo's dedication to her own community with her service to all the residents of the State of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes, thank you very much, Madam President. I would like to request that all Members be added as cosponsors if we -- if we would. And I just want to acknowledge Senate President Emil Jones and certainly Susan Garrett for the really classy manner in which this is being done. And I -- I think that we all recognize, obviously, the contributions that Senator Geo-Karis has made to -- not only to this Caucus, but to the -- certainly to her district and certainly to the people of Illinois. And we want to just, obviously, wish her well. And I thank them - Senator Jones and you, Senator Garrett - for naming this State park on her behalf, 'cause she's worked very tirelessly in regard to this particular park. Some of you weren't around, most of you weren't around, many years ago when she had an event up there.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

Took us up there, and we -- some of us went salmon fishing, and the idea was to try to enhance that particular park and the, of course, to bring tourism in and -- and just make it more available and accessible to the people. So I think it's very fitting that this particular park would be named in her behalf, and I thank you for acknowledging Senator Geo-Karis and all her work. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Senator Watson, and all Members will be added as cosponsors. Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. I just wanted to comment. Some people have contacted me recently since the -- this amendment was out there -- and -- and -- because a portion of this park is already named after a cousin of mine, Bill Cullerton. So about six years ago, the -- there was a dedication where the park, the marina and the nature conservancy was dedicated to and called the Cullerton Complex after my cousin. My cousin at the time certainly was surprised at this honor - a very modest man, was a very famous fighter pilot in the Second World War. Ironically enough, he was so famous as a result of his efforts during the war, in the 1947/48 era, there was an effort to name Orchard Field after him, after -- what -- what later became obviously O'Hare Field. They were going to name it after him, because -- but because he was so young, they didn't do it. So this complex was named after him. I called him over the weekend, told him of this resolution and he is very happy to have the Cullerton Complex remain, obviously, there, as well as have Senator Geo-Karis' name affiliated with the State park. It's going to be a very great honor for both of them to have these -- these facilities named after them. And I know that there are some people who expressed their concerns about this to me, but I -- I want to reassure you that my cousin has no problem with it. I have no problem with it. I think it's a great idea, and I would be very happy to support the -- the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 626 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 626, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Madam President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I feel very honored by President Emil Jones and Senator -- Minority Leader Frank Watson, and Senator Susan Garrett from my county. I -- I -- I am nonplused. I don't know what to say, and I'm not usually at a loss for words, but this is a great honor. I really didn't expect it, although I've heard rumors. But I just want to tell you that I have nothing but love and respect for all of you here. And I'd like to see that continue for all of us. I'll be gone after the 10th of January. My time is up by then, but I want you all to know that I have enjoyed my tenure. This will be thirty-four years in the Senate and in the House, of course, but I've enjoyed all of you. All of you have contributed greatly to the cause for the people of the State of Illinois. And all I can say is I -- I'm very honored and I thank you, thank you, thank you and God bless you all, and God bless America.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Geo. And we all appreciate everything that you've done. Thank you. Senator DeLeo, on 679. Top of page 4. Senator Sullivan, on 680. Senator Sullivan seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 680 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 680. Mr. Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Sullivan.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Sullivan, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Madam President. The amendment becomes the bill. I'll be happy to explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Senator Sullivan moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 680. All

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 680. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 680.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 680 adds fire protection districts to the list of taxing bodies that must be notified in the event that a property's assessment changes by more than one hundred thousand dollars. Currently, property -- currently, the property owner must be -- must notify municipalities, school districts and community college districts. This adds fire protection districts to that list. I'll be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 680 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 680, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Crotty, on 711. Senator DeLeo, on 789. Senator DeLeo seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 789 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 789. Mr. Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator DeLeo.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator DeLeo, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR DeLEO:

Thank you very much, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Just for inquiry, is -- I think Floor Amendment No. 1 has been adopted. We're -- we're looking at Floor Amendment No. 3, I believe.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

There is a 3, Senator, but we don't show that No. 1 was adopted.

SENATOR DeLEO:

That's correct. I'm sorry.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator, which...

SENATOR DeLEO:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

...which -- which...

SENATOR DeLEO:

We'd like to proceed on Floor Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Okay.

SENATOR DeLEO:

Thank you very much. It -- Amendment No. 1 expands the definition of a "sheriff's law enforcement employee" - it's commonly -- referred to around here as SLEP - to include elected and appointed coroners and allows for the conversion of -- prior service, and makes the Illinois Medical District Commission eligible to participate in the IMRF. And I'd ask this amendment be adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, the -- Senator DeLeo moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 789. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Hendon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

Senator Hendon, to explain Amendment No. 3.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Madam President. I thank Senator DeLeo for allowing us to put Amendment No. 3 on. Amendment No. 3 retains the bill, as amended, and adds the Illinois Medical District Commission to the IMRF, notwithstanding the fact that it's located in the City of Chicago. And this helps about twelve people with the -- who work there at the medical district.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion on Amendment No. 3? Seeing none, Senator Hendon moves the adoption of Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 789. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 789. Senator DeLeo, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 789.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator DeLeo.

SENATOR DeLEO:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. As you just heard, the two amendments have become the bill. And I just want to point out, just real quickly, that an elected or appointed coroner who has elected to participate in the fund may -- may have his or her service into the new SLEP Fund. And the most important point of this, the State will not be required to -- to provide reimbursement for this Act. I ask for a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you, Madam President. I stand in support of the

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

gentleman's bill. It received unanimous support in the committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 789 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 Yeas, none voting Nay, and 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 789, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Peterson, on 796. Senator Peterson seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 796 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 796. Mr. Secretary, have there been any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, by Senator Peterson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Peterson, to explain Floor Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you, Madam President. The amendment becomes the bill. I'll explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Peterson moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 796. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 796. Senator Peterson, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 796.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. As amended, this legislation amends the Downstate Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code. It provides that a city, village, or incorporated town of less than five thousand inhabitants that is regulated by the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law may elect to adopt provisions of the Article with no separate tax by passage of a resolution or ordinance by the governing board or municipality. If the Article is adopted by resolution or ordinance, that municipality shall not levy a separate tax without approval by referendum. I know of no opposition and I ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you so much, Madam President. And I -- Senator, I know that you're well prepared for this question. I understand that municipalities now -- let's see, no -- if this Article is -- or if this legislation is adopted, a municipality shall not level -- levy a separate tax without an approved referendum. But currently, does the law say that, if they want to do this, they have to pass referendum in order to do it?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

Yes, Senator, they would have to have a separate referendum. What this village would like to do is take the money from the corporate fund to pay for the pension. So if they have money in the corporate fund, they could do it. And it's specifically for those small villages under five thousand inhabitants.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any other discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 796 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Yeas, 1 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 796, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Crotty, on 836. Senator Dahl, on 837. Senator Dahl seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 837 to the Order of 2nd Reading

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 837. Mr. Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Dahl.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Dahl, to explain Floor Amendment No. 2.

SENATOR DAHL:

Madam President, the amendment becomes the bill. I'll explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Dahl moves the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 837. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 837. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 837.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Dahl.

SENATOR DAHL:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 837 amends the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act of the Illinois Municipal Code and extends the TIF district for the City of -- Village of Gardner from twenty-three to thirty-five years. I'd appreciate a Yes vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you, Madam President. Would the sponsor yield to questions?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you. Senator, I'm under the impression from preparation for the Revenue Committee that this is a TIF extension, and that there are two school districts in the city -- or the Town of Gardner and that they have each about two hundred and fifty people each. And that in the past, through this TIF district, they've received funding from the village. You know, the TIF money goes to the village, the village has taken some of it to give to the schools. Why would those two school districts not want to have the money flow straight from the collection of property taxes into the schools -- the school funding hands?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Dahl.

SENATOR DAHL:

That's -- that's a good question, Senator. However, the -- both the school districts and all taxing bodies have sent letters of -- of support for this tax increment. And I think that the reason for it would be that they realize that without this TIF, business is probably not going to locate there and their future growth would be minimal.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Could you confirm for us, I understand that approximately seventy-five percent of the land area of the Village of Gardner is in this TIF. So, what the town has been able to do is basically control the property tax that's collected from seventy-five percent of the town and direct it into the schools. Is that the intent of school funding in Illinois?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Dahl.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

That -- that...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Dahl.

SENATOR DAHL:

Senator Lauzen, whether that's the intent of school funding within the State of Illinois, I have no idea. This -- this particular bill is a bill that is being brought to me by the

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

people in the City of Gardner with support from all taxing bodies. And it only encompasses about two thousand people that live there, not the whole State of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you, Madam President. Then to the bill: This is a -- a TIF extension for another twelve years after the current twenty-three. I believe that we're in about year twenty. I don't believe that it is the intent of any of our communities or the State of Illinois, the policy on school funding, that a city captures seventy-five percent of the funding from property tax and that the village board then allocates to the local schools its share of property taxes. I think that because of the size of the TIF, seventy-five percent of the village area, that this is -- this is kind of TIF-gone-wild, and I think that we should vote No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. To the bill: And just for Members on this side of the aisle, it did pass out of the Revenue Committee nine to one. The Senator's paperwork was all in order. And I would tell you, I don't think you have concerns in voting Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Dahl, do you wish to close?

SENATOR DAHL:

Ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 837 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Yeas, 2 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 837, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Sullivan, on 842. Senator Clayborne, on 848. Senator Clayborne seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

848 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 848. Mr. Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Clayborne, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

There -- I -- I believe there's another amendment, too.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Yes, sir, a 1 and a 2. Neither has been...

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Okay. So I'll -- okay. Floor Amendment No. 1 creates the Mid-America Medical District. The purpose is to attract and retain academic centers of excellence, viable health care facilities, medical research facilities, emerging high technology enterprises, other facilities. This legislation creates a boundary in the City of East St. Louis, with nine appointed members and three ex-officio members. That's what this amendment does.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Clayborne moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 848. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Madam President. There was a "t" left out where it should have been, so we just inserted the "t" to "the".

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Clayborne moves the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 848. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 848. Senator Clayborne, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 848.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Madam President. I explained the bill. If there's any questions, I'm willing to answer; otherwise I ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 848 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 848, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Sandoval, on 854. Senator Clayborne, on 857. Senator Clayborne seeks leave of the Body to return Senate -- Senate Bill 857 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 857. Mr. Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Clayborne, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you. This is for a particular school district in my area called the Millstadt Community School District. They passed a referendum and they're looking to increase their debt limitation by -- even though this bill says twenty percent, they're only going to increase their debt limitation by 8.9

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

percent to take advantage of our school construction program.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, Senator Clayborne moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 857. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 857. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 857.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you. Again, I'm open for any questions, or otherwise I ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 857 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 857, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Lightford, on 858. Senator Maloney, on 859. Top of page 5. Senator Harmon, on 861. Senator Harmon seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 861 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 861. Mr. Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Harmon, on Floor Amendment No. 1.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. The amendment becomes the bill. I look forward to debating it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, Senator Harmon moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 861. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 861. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 861.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 861 amends the -- the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act. Under current law, a school needs a certificate of approval to do business and, as a part of that, must submit an application that includes, again under current law, a surety bond. This bill would provide an alternative that the school may post a certificate of deposit in an amount sufficient to guarantee its contractual obligations, including prepaid tuition. There is a similar expansion of the requirements for a sales representative for that school. They must obtain a permit and post a surety bond. Here, too, they would be permitted to post a certificate of deposit. This has been negotiated between the State Board of Education and one of the schools affected. I'm not aware of any opposition and I ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall -- Senate Bill 861 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 861, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Maloney, on 881. Senator Maloney, on 882. Senator Maloney seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 882 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 882. Mr. Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Maloney.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Maloney, on your amendment.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. The amendment becomes the bill. I'll be glad to explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Maloney moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 882. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 882. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 882.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. This is an initiative of the Federation of Independent Colleges and Universities. There is a health services education grant that goes to these -- some of these institutions. And what this bill does is it will give the authority -- the Board of Higher Education to include psychology

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

in this health services grant program. This is subject to appropriation. I know of no opposition. I'd be glad to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Madam President. Will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Senator, I think I know the answer to the question, but I just want to clarify. You said it is subject to appropriation and that in no way, shape or form, by adding these other services, are -- will we detract from the programs that are already in place?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

That's correct, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 882 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 882, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Watson, for what purpose do you rise? Senator Watson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes, ma'am. Thank you, Madam President, I appreciate it very much. I've got a special guest with me today and -- two special guests, actually: Curt Haas and his son, Clay. And just to give you a little bit of background on Curt. Curt and Clay are from Greenville, my -- my hometown. And Curt worked for me in the drug store. In fact, his dad worked in the drug store and his grandfather worked in the drug store. So there have been four generations - and Clay - four generations of Haas' have

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

worked in the Watson's Drug Store in Greenville. And that's as many Watson's that have been there. So the Haas' mean a lot to us, obviously, in -- in Greenville and in my personal life. The -- Curt now is the Chairman -- Bond County Republican Chairman, or will be, at the caucus, and I believe that's coming up. And Clay recently has -- he's home from the -- from the U.S. Army. And I just want to give a little bit of -- and, Clay, come up here a minute. Just stand up here and -- and your dad. Young men and women that obviously go into the service, a lot of times I don't think we give them the recognition that -- that -- that they deserve. And Clay has gone into the U.S. Army and is going to be serving in the Special Forces Unit in -- in the technology area, and will be going to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and will be assuming his training there, and be a paratrooper. And of course, obviously, we're very proud of him in Greenville. And I know certainly Curt and his wife, Charisse, are very proud of Clayton also. But let me just tell you a little bit about what happened just recently that I think we should recognize. And that's when he came home, part of the military requirement is that you try to go out and recruit others. So Clay was over in Effingham and visiting Effingham and some of the local businesses, and ended up into the residential neighborhood. And, unfortunately, a man from Effingham, an eighty-four-year-old man was burning trash and caught himself on fire. And came running out onto the front lawn and -- and people went by, believe it or not, unfortunately, people went by, but Curt didn't -- or Clayton did not. Clayton stopped and did what he could to put out the fire and -- and unfortunately the -- the gentleman did not live. But the point of the matter is, this young man, I think, went far beyond what I think most of us probably would have done in a situation like that. And I think we ought to recognize that. And recognize his service to our country. And we are proud of people like Clayton and -- and what he does to represent us, not only in the military, but in situations like happened in Effingham. And the funeral was yesterday and he saw the family and -- and they were very appreciative, obviously, of his efforts. So, Clayton, we -- glad to have you here and certainly want to acknowledge what you've accomplished in the very short period of time. What twenty-three years old? Twenty-two years

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

old. So he's a -- our future looks good when we have people like this. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Clayton, and thank you to your dad. Welcome to Springfield. Thank you, Clayton. We all appreciate all that you do. Senator Lauzen, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Madam President, Senator Dan Rutherford, who was a foreign exchange student and a host family during his youth, and Peg Mosgers of -- a member of our senior staff, a friend of the host family, and I would like to welcome to the Illinois State Senate a special delegation of -- of foreign exchange students who are joining us from, I believe it's eleven different countries, and only because they traveled from such a long way, will I mention each of these eleven -- twelve people by name. I would like them to rise. They're in the gallery over here. Several of the people who have joined us are: Benedikt Lorenzet - and I apologize, by the way, for mispronouncing any names - if we can hold our applause until we've introduced everyone - Benedikt Lorenzet from Germany is joined by Marie Sophie Beckmann and Lukas Blasius from Germany; from Indonesia we have Dian Anggraini; and then Muqoronatur Rohmah, also from Indonesia; then Lance Ataalla from Egypt; Giorgia Casanica from Italy; Thomas Lindenmann from Switzerland; Marcelo Eladio from Paraguay; Mohd Syaki Zailani from Malaysia; and then Katie Dohr and Maggie Dohr from the U.S. of A., along with their parent. The host families are Carol Dohr, Robbin Lang and Cathy Burdick, and they're all from Batavia, Illinois. So with that, I'd ask you to welcome these folks to the Illinois Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Welcome to Springfield. It's good to have all of you here. Thank you. Senator Haine, on Senate Bill 916. Senator Haine seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 916 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

Senate Bill 916. Mr. Secretary, have there been any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1 is offered by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Haine, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR HAINE:

Yes, Madam President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. In fact, this amendment's appropriate, especially today, considering Senator Watson's guest, Trooper Clayton Haas. This amendment to this bill, which will become the bill, provides that no Illinois resident activated for military service, no spouse or dependent of the resident who becomes eligible for military service and federal government-sponsored health insurance will be denied coverage or reinstatement into their previous individual insurance program due to the federal coverage or the activation of -- into military service.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, Senator Haine moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 916. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 916. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 916.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Well, quite simply, again, it -- to reiterate, this provides a protection for those of our citizens who serve in the military. When they come back, they're allowed to be reinstated, upon certain time limits, back into their insurance policies. It's

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

really an effort to reward them for taking the risk of that service, that putting themselves into harms way for us.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there -- is there any discussion? Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you, Madam President. I rise in support of the gentleman's bill. I recommend everyone vote for it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 916 pass. Those in favor will -- vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 916, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Maloney, on 927. Senator Maloney seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 927 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 927. Mr. Secretary, are there any amendments approved -- approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Maloney.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Maloney, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. The amendment does become the bill. And I would be happy to explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Maloney moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 927. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 927. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 927.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 927 would register tattoo and body piercing establishments throughout the State of Illinois. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention reports the risk of HIV and Hepatitis B transmission if tattoo and body piecing instruments are not properly sterilized. Because they -- these are not regulated in any way to ensure -- proper sterilization in Illinois, a person cannot donate blood for up to twelve months after having a tattoo. This has created a hardship for blood centers and tattoos are the number one reason for high school and college students, who are some of the biggest donators of blood, for not being able to -- to donate blood. The -- the blood centers estimated they're losing -- could be losing up to a hundred donors a day as a result of this. I think this is good public policy in the sense that it increases safety and it also provides a greater supply of blood, which is in great need. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Madam President. Will the sponsor yield, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Senator Maloney, first, in your opening on the bill, you commented about the issue with regards to blood donation and specifically that those who like, for example the Red Cross, won't take blood from someone who's had a tattoo in the previous twelve months. Is that regardless of what precautions were taken by that -- the person giving or receiving the tattoo?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

That's my understanding, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Well, is it your expectation, Senator, that the Red Cross and other entities who collect blood will change their position simply because now there's a State licensure requirement involved?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

That is my understanding, as well. I have not personally talked to the blood centers, but they maintain that the reason they can't accept the blood is because of the -- they are not aware of what techniques -- whether the sterilization was used from one -- from one tattoo parlor to the next. This will ensure that those safety precautions are in effect, and therefore they could accept the blood.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Madam President. Senator, there's a new fund being set up in this bill. The fund will collect the fees that are going to be taken in pursuant to this licensure requirement. One, what is the amount of fees? And, two, what is the expected yearly revenue from this -- this new fee schedule?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

The -- I'm not aware of the exact fee. I don't think that has been determined, Senator, at this particular point.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Last question, then I'd like to close on the bill, Madam President. Senator Maloney, this amendment -- obviously there was some period of time that went by for us to -- to figure out what this amendment should say and -- and what should be in it. And I'm a little troubled, and I know that you've heard this

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

concern before, about the fact that there is no provision in here to protect the fund that's going to collect the licensure fee money from the chargebacks that were instituted a few years ago. My concern is, if this is important enough that we collect money to enforce the Act, shouldn't it also be important enough that we not tax some of that money and deposit it into the General Revenue Fund? Can you address that issue, please? And then, Madam President, I'd like to close on the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

That concern was raised before in committee as well, and what -- what we did is that this law will not go into effect till July 1st of '07, when the law related to the chargebacks has expired. So the -- the law will not even take effect until July 1st of '07.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Madam President. Briefly to the bill: I appreciate very much the sponsor's work and also his comments with regards to the effective date not being until after the Governor's current chargeback authority is to expire. Having said that, I am -- have a sincere concern that that chargeback authority will somehow reawaken itself sometime later this year. Additionally, since we don't know what kind of fee schedule is going to be adopted, nor do we know for sure that the blood centers are going to be okay with the procedures that are used, I'm going to oppose the legislation reluctantly, and I would urge a No vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Risinger.

SENATOR RISINGER:

Thank you, Madam President. Will the Senator yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR RISINGER:

Yes, it's my understanding that ear piercing is exempt from

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

this. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

That -- that is correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Maloney, to close.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. I -- I would like to reiterate that this, I think, is good public policy in the sense that it will increase the blood supply, create a -- a safer atmosphere for people to get tattoos in. In fact, the -- the -- the more popular tattoo parlors are supporting this initiative. It's also supported by the Cook County of Department of Public Health, the Red Cross of Illinois, the community blood services throughout the State, the Illinois Dermatological Society and the AIDS Foundation of Chicago. And I ask for an affirmative vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 927 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 45 Yeas, 10 voting No, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 927, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Demuzio, on 928. Senator Forby, on 929. Senator Cullerton, on 946. Senator Cullerton seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 946 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Mr. Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Cullerton, explain your amendment.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. -- Madam President, Members of the Senate. This is a bill that amends the Liquor Control Act. I'd like to adopt the amendment and explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Cullerton moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

Senate Bill 946. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 946. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 946.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. I think the Senate is going to really find this to be an interesting bill. I found out that thirty-four states have already adopted this bill and it's really a -- a kind of a win-win. It has to do with the ceiling and removal of -- of open wine bottles from a restaurant. What the bill says is that -- I first should say that right now, in Illinois, you're not supposed to take an open wine bottle out of the restaurant, because that's a violation of open liquor statutes that we have on the books. So what this bill says is that a restaurant licensed to sell alcoholic liquor in this State may permit a person to remove one unsealed, partially consumed bottle of wine for off-premise consumption provided that the patron has purchased a meal and consumed a portion of it -- of the wine with the meal on the restaurant premises. A partially consumed bottle of wine that is to be removed from the premises shall be securely sealed by the licensee or an agent prior to removal from the premises and placed in a transparent one-time use tamper-proof bag, like the one I'm holding up here. The license {sic} or agent of the licensee shall provide a dated receipt for the bottle of wine to the patron. And then the point of this is, if you order a bottle of wine in a restaurant, you won't feel the pressure to finish and consume the entire bottle of wine and then get in the car and drive home. This way you can take the bottle of wine home to --

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

to your home to finish it. So it'll actually cut down on having people with higher blood alcohol contents driving on the highway. And the Restaurant Association hasn't weighed in yet, but I'm sure they'd be in favor of it, because as people know, a higher quality of wine frequently is sold in bottles of wine, rather than by the glass, so people would be able to -- to buy a higher quality of wine, drink one or two glasses and then take the remainder home. I think it's a good idea. I know a number of states -- as I said, I believe thirty-four states have already done it, and I think we should do it in Illinois. Be happy to answer any questions and urge your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Thank you, Madam President. To the bill: You know, when this came up in the Senate Executive Committee, my initial instinct was not to support it and I didn't in the committee. But upon reflection and in further conversation with Senator Cullerton, I came to the conclusion in my view that it's a pretty decent idea. It -- it is I think well thought out in that it doesn't put the type of pressure on someone who would feel the need not to waste a bottle of wine, and so forth, and to finish it at the table. I think that the way it's been crafted in other states means that it will be followed properly. I think that any notion that this would -- that this -- this at all involves driving with open liquor in the car is a false argument, because of the receipting and the -- and the sealing of the -- of the bottle of wine itself. And this is legislation that's -- consistent with our DUI statutes. So upon reflection, I think it's a good idea. It's well thought out and I would urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Any further discussion? Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

I rise in strong support of the Senator's bill. I've taken a look at the packaging. It makes a lot of sense and you don't see a lot of commonsense bills, but this is one of 'em.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

is, shall Senate Bill 946 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Yeas, 1 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 946, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Schoenberg, on 999. Senator Lightford, on 1001. Senator Lightford seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1001 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1001. Mr. Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Lightford, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 101 {sic} basically clarifies the relationship of the Response Fund and which department would oversee it. And I'd be happy to explain it further on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Lightford seeks -- moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1001. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1001. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1001.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Lightford.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Madam President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, this legislation is really important. Over the past couple years there's been a trend in the amount of women - African-American women - disproportionately affected by the virus HIV and AIDS. And we've taken some strides to add some support to the population. There was a study done in -- that was highlighted by The Washington Post just this last -- February that indicated two out of three women, that's sixty-six percent here in Illinois, of women affected by the virus is African-American. And so what...(microphone cut off)...would do is provide a response fund that is created for the State treasury's department. It would allow for the opportunity to include service delivery systems, HIV and AIDS prevention and treatment, and the creation of the -- establishment of the treasury fund in the Treasurer's Office. And the proponents of this legislation is the Illinois Planned Parenthood Council, Alcoholism and Drug Dependency Association, the Alliance for Community Empowerment, Let's Talk, Let's Test Foundation, Bridging the Tys to Jordan, the Jo-Ray House of Chicago, and Vision House of Chicago. I'd be happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Madam President. I certainly commend the sponsor for taking this issue on. It is a -- a problem. But I have a concern that was raised on an earlier bill as well, and that is with respect to the creation of this fund. Is it protected from the chargeback authority?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

No, it isn't.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Why is it not? I -- I understand you had a similar bill before that was actually let out of Rules that did protect it from chargeback authority, and that would seem to me to have been

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

a preferable approach.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

There was a change in concept.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Could you explain the change in concept?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Well, the chargeback authority ends on June 30th, so I just found it unnecessary. This is critical. I know it's something that we need in the African-American community. It's an add-on to some legislation we sponsored last year, year before. Representative Howard in the House takes the leads on this issue. I do the same in the Senate, and I'd be happy to have an Aye vote so that we can continue to work on this measure.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

My concern is the chargeback authority is going to be extended and that it wouldn't hurt to have that protection, and that particularly in this fund, where we're going to be actually taking private donation. So people could contribute to what they think is a worthy cause and then have that money moved into a different use. And so it would seem to me, since there is a bill out there that had that authority, that that would be the one that we ought to vote on.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

That isn't the bill I'm looking to vote on. I'd like for us to continue with this measure here. I know that when sweeps come up as a discussion, it's been unsuccessfully done. I hope that we consider to also keep that measure unsuccessfully done as we look at funds such as this that does critical measures for my community and for my many of our constituencies.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Any further discussion? Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Madam President. Will the sponsor yield, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Sponsor indicates she'll yield.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Lightford, I want to pick up a little bit on where Senator Radogno left off. The chargeback authority doesn't expire on June 30th; it expires a year from June 30th. And it would seem to me, particularly if you're going to be inviting individuals to make private contributions to this fund in order to do what I think is good work, why would you subject that then to the chargeback authority?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you. Thank you for making the change with the deadline. It's only public dollars that we're looking to seek and I don't know that you've ever been concerned about a measure as greatly as this. I appreciate your concern. I appreciate Senator Radogno's concern, but I don't know that it's a concern that I have as a sponsor. I know that many of us recognize that HIV and AIDS is very critical. We're looking to expand the opportunity to help a -- a portion of -- of the community that is highly devastated by this impact. Again, many chargebacks and -- and funds have not been able to be swept. I don't know that you should be as concerned about this as any other fund. And I really ask the -- my colleagues to consider that this argument has nothing to do with the issue of the legislation, but perhaps just to bring up the concept that there is potential to fund -- to sweep all of our funds, just not this particular issue.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

To the bill, Madam President. Thank you, Senator Lightford, I appreciate that. A -- a couple points worthy to make though: Is that if you exempt the bill from the Governor's chargeback authority, then it takes a special act of the Legislature, an

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

affirmative vote of the majority of the Legislature, to sweep the funds. So at least you would have a say then in whether or not this new fund that you're creating would be swept. So, I'm -- I guess my suggestion is that you provide yourself with a voice on whether or not these monies should be taken out of the fund. And my suggestion is that we not give the Governor carte blanche authority to do that. It seems to me -- and I -- I don't know that I'm any more concerned about this fund than I am the rest of these funds that we're subjecting to this -- this tax, which right now has collected two hundred and thirty-five million dollars, Senator, two hundred and thirty-five million dollars that's being held up by the Treasurer right now. It seems to me that if these funds are important enough to fund initiatives that we care about, then they should be important enough to protect them from the chargebacks. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Any further discussion? Senator Emil Jones.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Yeah. Thank -- thank you, -- Madam President. In response to the questions and query as it relate to the chargeback, those informed Senators know that on June 30th next year, '07, that the chargeback will expire. Between now and June 30th, it's almost impossible for these funds to even be swept, because there will be insufficient amount of money in the fund for it to be swept. So having that language in there will really be meaningless, because there will not be enough funds in here to do anything with. And then a few months later the chargeback will expire. So for the merits of the bill alone, I think it should receive your affirmative vote, because if you're concerned about the chargeback, there will not be sufficient funds by -- by the time this legislation is up and running. And there will be -- it'd be impossible for it to be swept for any fund. That reason why the sponsor does not have it in there and that should not even be a concern along those lines.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Lightford, to close.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Madam President. I'd just like to just quickly

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

note that this is critical legislation. It isn't something that just began today, it's an epidemic that's been growing drastically and disproportionately. And it's affecting African-American women and children. And I'd like the opportunity to set up a fund so that, in addition to State dollars, we can -- pursue federal funds and also other public resources so that we can begin to collaborate with other measures and also helping to attack this great concern. So I really appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 1001 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 50 Yeas, 6 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. And Senate Bill 1001, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Watson, on 1028. Senator Watson seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1028 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1028. Mr. Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Watson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Watson, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes, thank you very much. This amendment amends the Environmental Protection Act and excludes closed loop heat pumps, as long as they use food grade propylene glycol, in the -- in -- in the definition of what a "potential route" would be in a well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Watson moves the adoption of Amendment No. 3 to -- Senate Bill 1028. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill -- 1028. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1028.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes, thank you very much. I first of all want to thank Senator Clayborne. This was actually his legislation to begin with and we commandeered this to use for this particular purpose. And most of you recognize or understand the importance of efficiency in heating and cooling. And there's a process called -- geothermal heating and cooling. And right now what this amendment's going to do is allow for the use of geothermal heating and cooling within a certain distance of a water well. The EPA supports this. There's been no opposition. Appreciate your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1028 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 -- 58 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1028, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Munoz, on 1088. Senator Munoz seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1088 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1088. Mr. Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Harmon, to explain Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1088 becomes the bill. It amends the Vehicle Code to expand the purposes for which DUI fines and fees may be used to include not only the purchase of law enforcement equipment, but also

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

enforcement and prevention of alcohol and drug related crimes, including officer training and staffing for safety check points, saturation patrols, and liquor store sting operations. I'm not aware of any opposition and I'd ask for your Aye votes to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, Senator Harmon moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1088. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1088. Senator Munoz, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1088.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Munoz.

SENATOR MUNOZ:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. As my colleague stated earlier on the Floor amendment, becomes the bill. I will attempt to answer any questions if necessary. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you. Will the sponsor or the sponsor of the amendment yield for some questions?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Sponsor of the amendment, Senator Harmon, will yield.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Madam President. Just point of information. A couple questions relative to the bill for -- purposes of clarification. As many of the Members of this Chamber will

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

recall, the underlying bill, the original DUI fine that this impacts, was a -- a bill that I brought forward to the General Assembly a few years back, resulting from a tragic accident in my district where we had two members of the same family killed by a head-on -- in a head-on collision by a drunk driver. And my simple question is, as I understand what the amendment does now, Senator, is that it just broadens the scope of what the fines can be utilized for anything that is either drug or alcohol related. That's my basic understanding, including the hiring of law enforcement officials to -- to take care of those types of issues.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Harmon. Even though, Senator Burzynski, there was -- I did ask for discussion on the amendment. So I hope that -- Senator Harmon, quickly answer this.

SENATOR HARMON:

Yes, Senator, your understanding is correct. It simply expands those purposes, but again, all within relation to enforcement of drug and alcohol driving related incidents.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

We are now discussing the bill and all questions will be directed to Senator Munoz. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1088 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Yeas, 1 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1088, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Clayborne, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Point -- point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

I have three more Pages: Allexis Holland, Kristen Andrews and Ashley Brickhouse. I'd like for them to be welcomed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Welcome to Springfield. Top of page 6 on -- Senator Emil Jones, on 1089. Senator Jones seeks leave of the Body to return

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

Senate Bill 1089 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1089. Mr. Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Jones, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Thank you, Madam President. Amendment No. 1 is essentially the bill. I move its adoption. I'll discuss it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Jones moves the -- adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1089. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1089. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1089.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Jones.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 1089, as -- as amended, will -- would require a additional twenty-dollar fee for those persons placed under supervision - those persons who are in violation of the Vehicle Code, an additional twenty-dollar fine. Also the bill carries a additional five-dollar fine for -- and -- and of that five dollars, four -- four dollars and fifty cents will be deposited in the Circuit Courts Clerk Operation for administrative costs and the remaining fifty cents will be deposited in the Prisoner Review Vehicle and Equipment Fund. That's what the bill does. Ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

Is there any discussion? Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Thank you, Madam President. I rise in support of the bill. It came through and passed out of the Executive Committee unanimously. And as the President said, it's a twenty-five-dollar fine on traffic offenders. The overwhelming majority of the money would go to police agencies - that's twenty dollars - police agencies that issue the ticket. Four and a half dollars goes to the circuit clerk and fifty cents goes to the Prisoner Review Board, which needs new vehicles. So it is a fine, but I rise in support of it and urge its passage.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any further discussion? If not, Senator Jones, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 1089 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 Yeas, 1 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1089, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator -- oh, with leave of the Body, we'll return to 1143. Senator Wilhelmi, on 1144. Senator Cullerton. 1145. Senator Crotty, on 1204. Senator Crotty seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1204 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1204. Mr. Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Crotty.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Crotty, explain your amendment.

SENATOR CROTTY:

The amendment becomes the bill and I can explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Crotty moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1204. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

No further amendments reported, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1204. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1204.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Crotty.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you very much. Senate Bill 1204 allows the Village of Matteson to use quick-take proceedings for two years in order to acquire specified property for the purposes of widening an existing public roadway, providing a fire and safety ring road, and for general economic development pursuant to the Village comprehensive redevelopment plan. Currently, there -- they have been in negotiations with Interstate Bakeries Corporation, but that Corporation is currently in bankruptcy. They have offered a purchase price as of February of 2006. They have been involved in negotiations since October of 2005. And I have talked to the Village and they will continue to negotiate with IBC. I need a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Thank you, Madam President. I rise in support of the bill. It passed out of the Executive Committee unanimously. For those of you who are quick-take purists, however, heads up, it's a quick-take bill. It is limited for a public purpose and I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1204 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 43 Yeas, 8 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1204, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

Dillard, on 1835. Senator Harmon, on 2123. Senator Cullerton, on 2310. Senator Cullerton seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2310 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2310. Mr. Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Cullerton, explain your amendment.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. This bill deals with freezing a -- putting a security freeze on a person's credit. It's an agreement reached with the AARP, the Office of the Attorney General and the reporting agencies. Move for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, Senator Cullerton moves the adoption of Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 2310. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2310. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 2310.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. This is a Senate bill and it took us some time to reach an agreement on this bill. So I'll tell you who the players are. It -- it was an initiative of the AARP, the Office of the Attorney General was involved, as well as lobbyists representing major

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

reporting agencies - TransUnion, Experian and Equifax. The current law allows for people to get a freeze on their credit report if they can show that they've been the victim of identity theft. What this bill would do would be to allow for a person to freeze their own credit report and in -- in anticipation or to avoid being the victim of identity theft. The negotiations involved how much money can the reporting agencies charge for the freeze or the removal or the temporary lift of the freeze. The negotiations involved allowing for up to ten dollars per freeze to be charged, and keep in mind there are three of these major reporting agencies. So if someone wants to do this, they can do it, but it would cost them ten dollars to do so times three. The AARP and the other participants agreed to a -- a -- a waiver of the fee to a consumer who's sixty-five years of age or over to place and remove a freeze. And of course the victim of identity theft who is -- who is already -- is already covered by the law to not be charged. So that's what the agreement is. It's -- again, I don't know of any opposition. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Thank you, Madam President. Will the sponsor yield for a brief question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Senator, can you just explain to the Senate the reason behind the entire senior exemption for -- for not -- not paying, as opposed to a gradation and so forth?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Well, not surprisingly the AARP was interested in trying to provide a benefit to people, and one of the things we talked about was providing for poorer people the opportunity to have the freeze not be charged for. And we talked about the -- the -- the people who are eligible for Circuit Breaker. In fact, I quite frankly would have thought that would have been a better way of

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

doing it. It would have been a smaller universe, but the reporting companies, surprisingly enough, were the ones that said it would be easier for them to check a person's age, rather than check their eligibility for the RX program. So that's where the negotiations went and we obviously said that since they're the ones that are waiving the fee, if that's what they want, we might as well let them do it. There are a number of senior citizens who are very wealthy who would benefit from this. The theory was to try to help those who are less well off, but the reporting agencies themselves were the ones that asked for that. So that's what we went along with.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2310 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2310, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Cullerton, on 2394. Senator Clayborne, on 2412. Senator Ronen, on 2515. Senator Demuzio. 2519. With leave of the Body, we will be going to page 9. Senator Cullerton, on Senate Bill -- Senator Harmon, on 2654. Senator Harmon seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2654 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2654. Mr. Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Harmon, on Floor Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. As a parliamentary inquiry, are there more than one amendments? Two. Thank you. The first amendment becomes the bill and makes modest changes to the underlying bill. I'm happy to debate the full bill on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Harmon moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

Senate Bill 2654. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Harmon, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Amendment No. 2 is purely a technical amendment. Reinserts some words that were left out inadvertently from Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, Senator Harmon moves the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2654. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2654. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 2654.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 2654, in one form or another, has been before the Senate at least five times before this. It dissolves the Suburban Cook County Tuberculosis Sanitarium District, following the City of Chicago, DuPage County and many others in abolishing the special purpose tuberculosis districts. It transfers responsibility for the care and treatment of TB to the County Department of Public Health and offers the hope for more holistic and comprehensive treatment. Importantly, it abolishes the tax that's levied by the district and permits the county to

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

expand the scope of services to include emerging respiratory diseases like avian flu and SARS. I'm not aware of any articulated opposition to this bill, and I would ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is -- oh, Senator Righter. You got to be a little quicker than me.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Sorry, Madam President. I just wanted to get up and assure our side of the aisle that the bill did pass out of Health and Human Services unanimously and I urge its support. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2654 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 59 Yeas, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2654, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Clayborne, on 2672. Senator Pankau, on 2770. Senator Althoff. 2777. Senator Althoff. Senator Althoff, on Senate Bill 2777. Top of page 10. Senator Schoenberg, on 2845. Senator Harmon, on 2955. Senator Martinez. 2959. Senator Martinez. With leave of the Body, we will return to 2978. Senator Hendon. 2983. Senator Trotter. 3053. Senator Hendon. 3056. Senator Watson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. I'd like to introduce our Page for the Day here from Decatur Eisenhower High School, obviously located in Decatur and from my district, Zach Collins. He's a freshman there, and I'd just like for us to welcome him here to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Welcome to Springfield. With leave of the Body, we'll return to... Senator Link, for what purpose do you rise?

STATE OF ILLINOIS
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

4/4/2006

SENATOR LINK:

There will be a Democratic Caucus in the President's Office immediately upon adjournment, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Senator Link. Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Madam President. Purposes of announcement. There will also be a Republican Caucus immediately upon adjournment in Senator Watson's Office. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Madam President. You know, we have one of these House chickens on the Floor right now - House chicken Eddie -- Washington. He's running on back to the House. You know, we have the annual game tonight and I wanted to let you know the House had practice yesterday. They're so afraid -- they're so afraid, Harry Osterman was just over here begging us to go easy on 'em. I had to tell 'em that some of our Members are -- got a little older and a little -- little kinky in the legs and a little messed up and all of that. We did have a five point advantage that they were giving us, now it's down to one run. But the game is tonight at 6 o'clock in Lincoln Park. Adeline Geo-Karis will be calling the game, her final game. So let's go out as Senators for Geo, for Emil, for Frank Watson and let's whup the House tonight in the annual softball game and keep our doggone trophy. 5:30. I'm looking for everybody. Every single one of you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you -- thank you, Senator Hendon. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 10 a.m., tomorrow, April 5th, 2006. Senate stands adjourned.