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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Regular Session of the 96th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Jeff Nelsen, of Cherry Hills Baptist Church, here in Springfield. Pastor.

PASTOR JEFF NELSEN:

(Prayer by Pastor Jeff Nelsen)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. My friend and colleague, Senator Dillard, please lead in the Pledge, sir.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thanks, Mr. President.

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Dillard)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, March 16th, 2010.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Hunter. Good morning, ma'am.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Good morning, Mr. President. I move to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal just read by the Secretary, pending arrival of the printed transcript.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you very much. Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Madam

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Secretary, Resolutions, please.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Resolution 719, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

Senate Resolution 720, offered by Senator Hunter and all Members.

They are death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Joint Resolution 115 {sic} (114), offered by Senator Meeks.

Senate Joint Resolution 116 {sic} (115), offered by Senator Maloney.

They are substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading, please.

SECRETARY ROCK:

House Bill 4684, offered by Senator Wilhelmi.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4846, offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5203, offered by Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5666, offered by Senator Wilhelmi.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5907, offered by Senator Frerichs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of these House bills.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Risinger, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR RISINGER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR RISINGER:

Yeah, I have a Page for the Day. She is from Logan Junior High School in Princeton. Her name is Kelly Schmidt. Her mother, Barb Schmidt, is in the gallery up here. Would you please give them a warm welcome?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Will our guest in the gallery please rise to be recognized? And, Kelly, welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Welcome to Springfield. Kelly, I understand that the tips are a little better on... Senator Dahl, for what purpose do you seek recognition, sir?

SENATOR DAHL:

Moment of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR DAHL:

Thank you. I also, with me today, have two Pages - Erin Boyle, from Minooka, and John Kauffman. They're both eighth graders in the Minooka school district. And their mothers, Sandy and Michelle, are up here in the gallery behind us. Let's give 'em a warm welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Will our guests please rise and be recognized? And

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welcome. Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Welcome to Springfield. Senator Kotowski, for what purpose do you seek recognition, sir?

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

It's very nice to see you this morning. This Chamber is just -- I love it when it's filled with people. I want it to be filled. I have my godson here with me today, Lucas Kotowski. He's joined by his father up in the Chamber, my brother, Joe Kotowski, who teaches at Oakton Community College. And Lucas is a great young man. He's a junior at Northside College Prep. He plays -- he plays lacrosse. He is someone who plays saxophone. Guys, this is important information here. Talking about my nephew, my godson, Lucas Kotowski. Thank you for your understanding. And he is -- he wants to be -- I think, be a lawyer. And he argued a case - and you guys got to know this; this is interesting stuff - he argued a case - it was a mock trial at the Kluczynski Building, great Polish establishment, downtown Chicago - on dog fighting - dog fighting of all topics - and he won the mock trial. I think he wants to go to a school in Illinois, because, unlike me, he will raise the GPA - any school he goes to. He's a very bright young man. He's an awesome kid. Could you please give my -- because I know there's not a lot of people here - all right? - can you please give him a great Springfield welcome?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)



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Would our guests in the galleries please rise also and be recognized? Lucas welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Welcome, sir. Congratulations on your trial win. Senator Althoff. Good morning, ma'am. Nice to see you. For what..

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Good morning, Mr. President. It's lovely to see you. Happy St. Patty's Day.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you very much. And what purpose do you rise, ma'am?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, please.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

And -- and I would certainly expect at least the same, if not a higher level of enthusiasm for my special guest this morning. I have with me Carly Zirkel. She's here to observe government. She received this as a gift from her grandparents, who are also in the gallery, Kathy and Victor Zirkel. Very interested in animal rights. Very interested in the fact that U-46, her school district, had to lay off twenty-five percent of their teachers just this week because of the budget cuts here in Illinois. So she's got a lot of opinions. She's going to share them with us today. Can we welcome her to Springfield, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Welcome. Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, for the purposes of an announcement. May I have your attention, please? The following committees have been posted: Ag will meet at 10 a.m. - Ag will meet at 10 a.m.

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in Room 409. Public Health will meet at 10 a.m. in Room 212. Education - Education Subcommittee on Mandates will meet at 10:45 in Room 409. Education will meet in Room 409 at the same hour. Criminal Law will be at 11 a.m. And the Environmental {sic} Committee will meet at 11 a.m. Labor will meet at 11:45. The other subcommittee on Labor will meet at the same time in Room 212. Licensed Activities will meet at the hour of 12 noon. Revenue will be at 12 noon. Revenue subcommittee will be at 12 noon in Room 400. State Government and Veterans Affairs will be at the hour of 12:30 in Room 409. Energy will meet at 12:45. Financial Institutions will meet at 12:45 in Room 400. Commerce will meet at the hour of 1:15 in Room 409. The Gaming Committee has been canceled. The Gaming Committee has been canceled. Telecommunications and Information Technology will be in Room 212 at the hour of 1:15. And Commerce will meet at 1:15 in Room 409 - Commerce. Ladies and Gentlemen, we've just gotten -- we've just been notified that Telecommunications in 115 -- at the hour of 1:15 in Room 212 - Telecommunications and Information Technology - has been canceled. That committee has been canceled. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, may I have your attention, please? We ask all members of the Committee on Assignments please report to the President's Anteroom immediately. All members on the Committee on Assignments please report to the President's Anteroom immediately. The Senate will stand at ease while the committee meets. So I'd ask everybody just -- just stay very, very close. Please -- Committee on Assignments will meet immediately. Thank you.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE/SENATE RECONVENES)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

The Senate will come to order. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports, please.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to the Agriculture and Conservation Committee - House Bill 4775 and House Bill 4866; refer to the Consumer Protection Committee - House Bill 4698; refer to the Criminal Law Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 936, Floor Amendment 3 and Floor Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 3732, House Bill 4647, House Bill 4675, House Bill 4715, House Bill 4738, House Bill 4765, House Bill 4776, House Bill 4807, House Bill 4895 and House Bill 5148; refer to the Education Committee - House Bill 4879; refer to the Elections Committee - House Bill 4842; refer to the Energy Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2660, Floor {sic} Amendment 5 to Senate Bill 3627 and House Bill 4649; refer to the Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 375 and House Bill 5120; refer to the Financial Institutions Committee - House Bill 4865; refer to the Gaming Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 735; refer to the Human Services Committee - House Bill 4756 and House Bill 5223; refer to the Insurance Committee - House Bill 4782; refer to the Judiciary Committee - House Bill 3762 and House Bill 5125; refer to the Licensed Activities Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2835 and House Bill 4864; refer to the Local Government Committee - Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 3692, House Bill 4639, House Bill 4708, House Bill 4710,

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House Bill 4758, House Bill 4945, House Bill 4973 and House Bill 5122; refer to the Public Health Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 731; refer to the Revenue Committee - Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 3334 and House Bill 3659; refer to the State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 387, Floor Amendment 6 to Senate Bill 3249, House Bill 5412 and House Bill 5463; refer to the Transportation Committee - House Bill 4667, House Bill 4673, House Bill 4717 and House Bill 5486.

Signed by Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, because the Committee on Assignments has just met, there's some additional committees that will be meeting, so please bear with me. We have Criminal Law at 11 a.m. in Room 212. Criminal Law will be meeting in Room 212 at the hour of 11 a.m. In Room 409, Local Government will meet at the hour of 11 a.m. Executive will meet at noon. The Executive Committee will meet at noon in Room 212. Revenue will meet in Room 400 at noon. Licensed Activities will meet at 12 noon in Room 409. At 12:30 today, in Room 409, State Government and Veterans Affairs will meet - at the hour of 12:30. The Energy Committee will meet in Room 212 at 12:45. At 12:45, Energy will meet. And Gaming will meet today. The Gaming Committee will meet at -- oh, excuse me, at 1:15. The Gaming Committee will meet at 1:15 in Room 400. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, since there's no further business, the Senate will stand in recess to call of the Chair. After the committee meetings, the Senate will reconvene to receive committee reports and further Floor action. There will be Floor action. The

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Senate stands in recess.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The Senate will come to order. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senator Frerichs, Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, reports Senate Joint Resolutions 105 and 107 Be Adopted.

Senator Delgado, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Health, reports Senate Resolutions 576, 577, 625, 635 and 642 Be Adopted; and House Joint Resolution 56 Be Adopted.

Senator Noland, Chairperson of the Committee on Criminal Law, reports Senate Bill 3513 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Resolutions 633 and 652 Be Adopted; and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 936, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1020 and Senate Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 3732 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Garrett, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment, reports Senate Bill 3750 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Forby, Chairperson of the Committee on Labor, reports Senate Resolution 643 Be Adopted; and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2497, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3566 and Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3568 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Martinez, Chairperson of the Committee on Licensed Activities, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2835 and Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3769 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Viverito, Chairperson of the Committee on Revenue,

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reports Senate Bill 3620 Do Pass; Senate Bill 3772 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2795 and Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 3334 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Demuzio, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government and Veterans Affairs, reports Senate Resolution 651 Be Adopted; and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 387 and Senate Amendment 6 to Senate Bill 3249 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Jacobs, Chairperson of the Committee on Energy, reports Senate Bills 107 and 2812 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2660 and Senate Amendment 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2810 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Collins, Chairperson of the Committee on Financial Institutions, reports Senate Bill 3781 Do Pass; Senate Bill 2996 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Joint Resolution 81 Be Adopted, as Amended.

Senator Kotowski, Chairperson of the Committee on Commerce, reports Senate Bills 3619 and 3702 Do Pass; Senate Resolution 681 Be Adopted; Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 352, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 489, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2559, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2747, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3147, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3662 and Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3683 recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Koehler, Chairperson of the Committee on Local Government, reports Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 3692 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Silverstein, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 375 recommend Do Adopt.

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Senator Link, Chairperson of the Committee on Gaming, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 735 recommended Do Adopt.

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Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Resolution 721, offered by Senator Noland and all Members.

It is a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Resolution 722, offered by Senator Holmes.

It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3925, offered by Senators Trotter and Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 3926, offered by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Madam Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ROCK:

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

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

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the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 3998.

We have received like Messages on House Bills 4723, 4933, 4975, 4985, 4991, 5011, 5021, 5025, 5043, 5064, 5080, 5149, 5350, 5489, 5501, 5538, 5765, 5813, 5863, 5931, 5976, 6017, 6124, 6201 and 6231.

All passed the House, March 17th, 2010. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Madam Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ROCK:

House Bill 3998, offered by Senator Wilhelmi.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4933, offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4934, offered by Senator Garrett.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4975, offered by Senator Althoff.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4985, offered by Senator Steans.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5006, offered by Senator Noland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5011, offered by Senator Althoff.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5043, offered by Senator Noland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5064, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)



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House Bill 5190, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5350, offered by Senator Righter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5444, offered by Senator Noland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5538, offered by Senator Kotowski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5664, offered by Senator Frerichs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5813, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5913, offered by Senator Hunter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5931, offered by Senator Raoul.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 6017, offered by Senator Hendon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 6124, offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 6201, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of these House bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, may I have your attention, please? We are going to turn to the printed Calendar for the day. We will spend some time this afternoon on the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading. We are nearing the end of our opportunity to advance bills from 2nd Reading to 3rd

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Reading. If you wish to advance your bills from 2nd Reading to 3rd Reading, I urge you to be on the Floor. We will also be taking up Senate Bills 3rd Reading this afternoon and evening for final action. If all Members of the Senate could please be at their desks. All Members of the Senate within the sound of my voice, we are turning to the printed Calendar to the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, on page 2 of your printed Calendar, the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Senate Bill 1346. Senator Wilhelmi. Senate Bill 1525. Senator Burzynski. Senate Bill 1635. Senator Trotter. Senate Bill 2462. Senator Clayborne. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2462.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2499. Senator Noland. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2499.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Education adopted

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Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 2, offered by Senator Noland.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Noland, to present your amendment.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment simply provides that during the 2009-2010 school year and each school year after that, for school districts located in more than one county that use an estimated equalized assessed value to calculate the limiting rate utilized in specified calculations, that the State Board of Education shall make estimated payments of the resulting general State aid claim until the actual limiting rate becomes available and is provided to the State Board of Education by the affected school districts. Happy to take any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion of the Senator's amendment? Seeing none, Senator Noland moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 2. All 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?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senator Althoff, on Senate Bill 2574. Senate

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Bill 2600. Senator Cullerton. Senate Bill 2637. Senator Syverson. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2637.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 2, offered by Senator Syverson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This legislation -- or this amendment just reduces the fees that are charged by a municipality.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion of the Senator's motion? Senator Syverson moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2637. All 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?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we're going to move forward on your printed Calendars to page 6. In the middle of

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the page is Senate Bill 2747. Senator Demuzio. With leave of the Body, we will return to Senate Bill 2747. We're going to jump ahead on our printed Calendars to page 8. Oh, I... Senator Demuzio does wish to present Senate Bill 2747. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2747.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Demuzio.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Demuzio, to present your amendment to Senate Bill 2747.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Amendment No. 1 to 2747 is -- becomes the bill and what it does is to allow that existing enterprise zones, presently today, would be able to use the criteria of ten percent rather than a hundred and twenty percent on their unemployment rate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion of the Senator's amendment? Seeing none, Senator Demuzio moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 1. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are moving forward on our printed Calendars to page 8. Senate Bill 2795. Senator Althoff. Senate Bill 2818. Senator Haine. Senate Bill 2820. Senator Althoff. Senate Bill 2894. Senator Lauzen. Senate Bill 2914. Senator Lauzen. Senator Lauzen, do you wish to proceed? Senate Bill -- 2914. Senator Lauzen. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2914.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senator Lauzen, are you seeking recognition? Senator Lauzen, we still have a couple of your bills on the Calendar here. 2918. Do you wish to proceed? Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2918.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2920, Senator Lauzen? Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

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Senate Bill 2920.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2965. Senator Noland. Senate Bill 2985. Senator Martinez. Senate Bill 3000. Senator Garrett. Senate Bill 3044. Senator Muñoz. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3044.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

There been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Muñoz.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Muñoz, to present your amendment.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Floor Amendment 1 requires a supplier of beer to notify the distributor at least thirty days before the supplier amends or withdraws its registration -- a beer product with the Liquor Control Commission, unless the brand is discontinued. In the event all parties agree to the amendment or withdrawal, the Commission may waive the notification period. I'd ask for its adoption.

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Is -- is there any discussion of the Senator's amendment? Seeing none, Senator Muñoz -- to adopt Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3044. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body... Senate Bill 3064. Senator Trotter. Senate Bill 3091. Senator Althoff. Senate Bill 3093. Senator Sullivan. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3093.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Sullivan.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Sullivan, to present your amendment.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Happy St. Patrick's Day to you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

To you as well, Senator.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank -- thank you. The amendment does three things on --



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on -- on the recommendations of committee members. First, it imposes a quantity prohibition. Secondly, it lowers the offense classification to a Class 4 felony. And, lastly, it provides an affirmative defense if the person has small quantities of a meth precursor for legitimate medical purposes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Sullivan moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3093. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3098. Senator Cullerton. With leave of the Body, we will turn to the -- near the top of page 9 on your printed Calendar, still on the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading, is Senate Bill 3143. Senator Lightford. Senate Bill 3147. Senator Clayborne. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3147.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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Floor Amendment 2, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 2 just caps the tax credit at forty million dollars.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Clayborne moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 2. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3151. Senator Link. Senate Bill 3152. Senator Link. Senate Bill 3215. Senator Trotter. Senate Bill 3266. Senator Lightford. Senate Bill 3273. Senator Althoff. Senate Bill 3282. Senator Risinger. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3282.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Risinger.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Risinger.

SENATOR RISINGER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 1 just exempts the municipalities from this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Risinger moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3282. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 2, offered by Senator Risinger.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Risinger.

SENATOR RISINGER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 2 will restrict the trucks from crossing a bridge if the bridge is posted and the truck weighs more than the posting.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Risinger moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 3282. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senator Holmes, on Senate Bill 3309. Madam

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Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3309.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3316. Senator Garrett. Senate Bill 3334. Senator Lauzen. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3334.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 3, offered by Senator Pankau.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Pankau, to present your amendment.

SENATOR PANKAU:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment is a cooperation between Senator Hutchinson, myself, Senator Lauzen, the Realtors, the Department of Revenue, and the Taxpayers' Federation. And it basically does two major things. Number one, it creates a new definition of "compulsory sale" to be used in the assessment process. And it also provides that, in some

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areas, a multiplier on smaller units than just the township can be applied.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Pankau moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 3334. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3336. Senator Wilhelmi. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3336.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

There been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 3, offered by Senator Wilhelmi.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Wilhelmi.

SENATOR WILHELMI:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 3336 simply states that if you're going to notify the voters and the constituents electronically of any ordinance and you're a fire protection district, you also have to publish the

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-- the location of that website as well as the phone number.  
I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Wilhelmi moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 3336. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we are now on the top of page 10 of your printed Calendar, still on the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Senate Bill 3343. Senator Clayborne. Senate Bill 3344. Senator Clayborne. Senate Bill 3374. Senator Haine. Senate Bill 3375. Senator Haine. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3375.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3377. Senator Haine. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3377.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Haine, to present your amendment.

SENATOR HAINE:

This amendment is an -- product of an agreement between the Illinois Department of Public Health and IRMA. And what it does, quite simply, is shorten the time period for someone to be certified as a manager so they won't lose time at work. Consistent with other states.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Haine moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3377. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senator Forby, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR FORBY:

Personal -- personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR FORBY:

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We have some friends from Sesser, Illinois, visiting us today, up here in the gallery. Lowanda Johnston and her nieces -- niece Tammy, and Tammy has her three children here, Tim, Ben, and John. Lowanda's husband, Curt, who was the captain of Sesser Fire Department {sic} (Protection) District passed away a few weeks ago. Curt and his family has always been a friend to me. And Curt himself was very helpful in writing and passing the Shib Law last year, which we kept the firefighters safe working along our roadsides. Please welcome Lowanda and her family to the Senate. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Will our guests in the galleries please rise to be welcomed to the Senate? Senate Bill 3378. Senator Haine. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3378.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3474. Senator Wilhelmi. Senate Bill 3480. Senator Steans. Senate Bill 3482. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

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Senate Bill 3482.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3521. Senator Holmes. Senate Bill 3345 {sic}. Senator Crotty. Senate Bill 3547. Senator Clayborne. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3547.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Clayborne, to present your amendment.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman {sic}. It adds electronic textbooks and technology equipment to necessary -- necessary to support the use of electronic books to the list of uses of ADA Block Grant and Textbook Loan Program funding.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Clayborne moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3547. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3562. Senator Muñoz. Senate Bill 3564. Senator Haine. Senate Bill 3565. Senator Delgado. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3565.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3566. Senator Delgado. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3566.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 2, offered by Senator Delgado.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Delgado, to present your amendment.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 3566 replaces Committee Amendment No. 1 and adds that "expression protected by the First Amendment...and Article I of the Illinois Constitution including the exercise of free speech, free expression, and free exercise of religion or expression of" a -- "expression of religiously based views shall not be considered 'abusive conduct' unless the intent is to intimidate or harass."

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Delgado moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 3566. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senator Delgado, on Senate Bill 3568. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3568.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for

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consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 2, offered by Senator Delgado.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Delgado.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Amendment No. 2 -- I'm sorry, based on the agreements -- based on negotiations with the interested parties, Amendment No. 2 makes one substantive change among other technical changes. Amendment No. 2 changes the offense classification for wage theft. Instead of a Class A misdemeanor - under one year/two thousand five hundred dollars - for wage theft less than five hundred dollars, Amendment No. 2 makes it a Class B misdemeanor - up to six months and fifteen hundred dollars - for wage theft less than five thousand. Instead of a Class 4 felony for wage theft greater than five hundred dollars, Amendment No. 2 makes it a Class A misdemeanor - under one year and twenty-five hundred dollars - for wage theft greater than five thousand. Amendment No. 2 further provides that a subsequent wage theft offense within two years of a prior conviction is a Class 4 felony - one to three years with a twenty-five-thousand-dollar fine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Delgado moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 3568. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are now at the top of page 11 on your printed Calendar. Senate Bill 3585. Senator Bond. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3585.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments reported?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Bond.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Bond.

SENATOR BOND:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment becomes the bill. Happy to discuss it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion of the Senator's amendment? Seeing none, Senator Bond moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3585. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3592. Senator Bond. Please read

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the bill, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3592.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Bond.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Bond.

SENATOR BOND:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment as well becomes the bill. Happy to discuss tomorrow on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion of the Senator's amendment? Seeing none, Senator Bond moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3592. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senator Wilhelmi. Senate Bill 3607. Senate Bill 3611. Senator Garrett. Senate Bill 3617. Senator Wilhelmi. Senate Bill 3633. Senator Kotowski. Senate Bill 3637. Senator Muñoz. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

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Senate Bill 3637.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Muñoz.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment 1 is a gut-and-replace amendment that would allow veterans to be transported by ambulance to a Veterans Administration hospital under the Emergency Medical Services Systems Act. It represents compromise language between the City of Chicago and the Illinois Department of Public Health. I'd ask for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Muñoz to -- moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3637. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3647. Senator Cullerton. Senate Bill 3657. Senator Holmes. Senate Bill 3663. Senator Noland. Senate Bill 3668. Senator Risinger. Madam Secretary, please

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read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3668.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 2, offered by Senator Risinger.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Risinger.

SENATOR RISINGER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 2 clarifies that the bill only pertains to rural interstate highways.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Risinger moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 3668. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3683. Senator Holmes. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3683.



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(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 2, offered by Senator Holmes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you, Mr. President. Quite simply, Amendment 2 allows the parties to continue discussions to find a solution to removing a substation from a River Edge Development Zone and this actually just gives them the opportunity to figure out the right mix of cost sharing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Holmes moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 3683. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3685. Senator Wilhelmi. Senate Bill 3697. Senator Crotty. Senate Bill 3706. Senator Holmes. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

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Senate Bill 3706.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Holmes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you again, Mr. Chairman. The requirement of the State Board of Education to establish a database will become effective once the State Board of Education has secured all of the funding necessary to implement it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Holmes moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3706. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3732. Senator Crotty. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3732.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 4, offered by Senator Crotty.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Crotty.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you very much. Floor Amendment No. 4 would become the bill and I'd like to explain it at that time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Crotty moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 3732. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3749. Senator Wilhelmi. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3749.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for

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consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Wilhelmi.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Wilhelmi.

SENATOR WILHELMI:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3749 is an initiative of the Illinois Association of County Clerks and Recorders and would allow county recorders to charge fees for non-certified copies of records up to one-half the amount that they are already allowed to charge for certified copies. I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Wilhelmi moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3749. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3761. Senator Wilhelmi. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're now on the top of page 12 of your printed Calendar, still on the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Senate Bill 3769. Senator Clayborne. Senate Bill 3775. Senator Wilhelmi. Senate Bill 3777. Senator Cullerton. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'm sorry for the delay. We're getting our paperwork in order. Senate Bill 3803, we believe the sponsorship has been changed to Senator Holmes. Senator

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Holmes, do you wish to proceed? She indicates that she does. Madam Secretary, please read the bill. Out of the record. With leave of the Body, we're going to skip over a series of the President's bills. At the end of the Order of Senate Bills 3rd {sic} Reading is Senate Bill 3811. Senator Martinez. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we got off to a quick start on Senate Bills 2nd Reading. We've had requests from some sponsors to return to their bills. Senator Althoff, are you ready to proceed? Madam Secretary, we're going to turn to page 8 of our printed Calendars, near the top. Senate Bill 2795. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2795.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Althoff.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment 1 becomes the bill and be happy to discuss that on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Althoff moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2795. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the

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amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Skipping down two on the page to -- Senate Bill 2820. Senator Althoff. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2820.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 2, offered by Senator Althoff.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Effectively, Floor amendment becomes the bill and be happy to discuss that on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Althoff moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2820. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senator Althoff, we're going to continue with the bills of yours that we skipped over. Senate Bill 3273. Do you wish to proceed? I'm -- I'm sorry, Senator. I've skipped over one of your bills now. Senate Bill 3091. Do you wish to proceed with that bill? Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3091.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 2, offered by Senator Althoff.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment 2 actually expands the mandatory insurance exemptions for this bill, adds penalty language that is consistent with the Vehicle Code, removes sweep language, and also adds the word "management" as a use for the Snowmobile Trail Establishment Fund.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Althoff moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 3091. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the

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amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senator Althoff, I believe your next bill is Senate Bill 3273. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 3273.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Althoff.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment 1 just allows hospitals that currently do not have the technological ability to either collect the data or send the data an additional period of time to comply with the legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Althoff moves to adopt Floor Amendment -- Senator Delgado, are you seeking recognition on this amendment?

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I want to



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thank Senator Althoff for her diligence on this work and totally in support. And thank you, once again, Senator Althoff, for doing the things you have done.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Seeing no further discussion, Senator Althoff moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3273. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senator Althoff, does that conclude the Order of Althoff? Thank you, Senator. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we are now turning to the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. This is final action. All Members of the Senate within the sound of my voice, if you could be on the Senate Floor, we are turning to the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We're going to stop -- start where we left off yesterday, at the top of page 25 of your printed Calendars. Senate Bill 3084. Senator Martinez. Senator Martinez seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3084 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3084. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Martinez.

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Senator Martinez.

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SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate -- the Floor Amendment No. 2 just clarifies what this bill will do and I'll be happy to discuss it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Martinez moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 3084. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 3084. Senator Martinez? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3084.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. With this amendment, it amends the Sex Offender's Registration Act to remove all implementation dates from the registration requirements of the Act, making the registration requirements apply to anyone convicted of any of the qualifying sex offenses, regardless of when they committed their crime.

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Anyone not already registered as sex offender will be required to register within five days from the effective date of the Public Act. It also -- applies only to adult offenders and does not impact the current registration system for juvenile offenders. The -- the amendment -- what we did was, it does not revive the registration period of any person who has previously been registered as sex offender and who has successfully completed the period of registration. It has no impact on sexual predators that are required to register for life. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3084 pass. All 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 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3084, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Continuing on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3085. Senator Raoul. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. I'm sorry. Senator Raoul seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3085 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3085. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

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Senator Raoul.

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SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment 2 repeals the Juvenile Justice {sic} (Jurisdiction) Task Force and places the responsibility for completing the study with the Juvenile Justice Commission. This is part of my overall effort to try to consolidate the many task forces that we have in the -- in the State and eliminate redundancies.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Raoul moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 3085. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senator Clayborne in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator -- Senate Bill 3085. Senator Raoul. Madam {sic} Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3085.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

I'm sorry, Mr. Secretary. Senator Raoul, to explain.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The Illinois Juvenile Jurisdiction Task Force was

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created by a bill sponsored by President Cullerton, Public Act 95-1031, and was supposed to study the impact of, develop timelines, and propose funding structure to accommodate the expansion of the jurisdiction of the Illinois Juvenile Court to include youths age 17 and under {sic}. As explained in my explanation of Senate -- of Amendment 2, this shifts the responsibility from the Task Force to the Juvenile Justice Commission.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3085 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 54 voting Yea, 1 voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3085, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Lightford, on Senate Bill 3094. Senator Lightford. Senator Lightford. Out of the record. Senator Haine, on Senate Bill 3096. Mr. Secretary -- Senator Haine seeks leave to recall the -- seeks leave to return -- seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3096 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3096. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Haine, to explain.

SENATOR HAINE:

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

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Senate. This Floor Amendment No. 2 further defines a "Medical Sharing Trust" to mean an organization that facilitates payment of medical expenses of its participants and complies with all provision of the Solicitation for Charity Act. There's a number of other parts of this. This was a result of negotiations between the proponents, Good {sic} Samaritan Ministries, and the Department of Insurance. And it was adopted with that in mind. That's in essence what it does.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

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

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3096.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Haine, to explain.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is a charitable sharing trust, the Medical Sharing Trust, in which people of the same denomination give a covenant that they will pay the medical bills of someone who incurs those

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bills without necessity of buying insurance. And they enter into this freely, voluntarily; there is no coercion. They can either do it or not. They trust and -- and have faith that the participants will perform this act. The Insurance Department had some concerns so we amended the bill, as I indicated. This is very similar to a bill we passed in the previous Session of the General Assembly also. Yesterday -- or, this morning I had a discussion with a representative of Attorney General Madigan's Office and she had further concerns. They don't want to regulate them. They prefer that this be treated as insurance. So, we have kind of an "After you, Alphonse" situation between the Department of Insurance and the AG's office. I would like to move this to the House and further discuss how we rectify who's going to -- I don't -- I think it can be done, so does Kathy Saltmarsh of the Attorney General's Office. And I talked to Department of Insurance again today about it and it's just going to take some doing in the House. It's too late now.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3096 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 55 voting Yea, 1 voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3096, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator DeLeo, on Senate Bill 3106. Out of the record. Senator Righter, on Senate Bill 3129. Senator Righter seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3129 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3129. Mr.

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Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Righter, to explain.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Chamber. Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3129 adds language that is necessary to remedy a constitutional infirmity according to the Torski case, which was decided, I believe last year, by the Illinois Supreme {sic} Court.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

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

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Harmon, on Senate Bill 3130. Out of the record. Senator Harmon, on Senate -- Senate Bill 3131. Out of the record. Senator Harmon, on Senate Bill 3132. Out of the record. Senator Harmon, on Senate Bill 3134. Out of the record. Senator Maloney, on Senate Bill 3148. Out of the record. Senator Harmon, on Senate Bill 3156. Out of the record. Senator Wilhelmi, on Senate Bill 3180. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:



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Senate Bill 3180.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Wilhelmi, to explain.

SENATOR WILHELMI:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 3180 creates the Common Interest Community Association Act. The Act affords similar protections to owners of single-family, townhome, villa, or other properties in common interest communities that are currently afforded to condominium property owners. This is essentially protection against runaway or dictator boards who do not allow participation by unit owners in these common interest communities. Specifically, the bill allows for procedures to elect board members, allows unit owners to inspect the financial records. It allows unit owners to speak at meetings and it prohibits boards from banning the displaying of American or military flags. We have had great participation in this endeavor. We've had AARP. We've had the Realtors. We've had the Illinois State Bar Association, Members on both sides of the aisle and in the House. Mr. Mark Pearlstein, who's an expert lawyer in -- in this area, has been of great assistance. We're going to move it over to the House, Mr. President. And we will continue to work on this bill in the House because there are a few cleanup items. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3180 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye.

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Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3180, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Jacobs, on Senate Bill 3188. Out of the record. Senator Delgado, on Senate Bill 3193. Out of the record. Senator DeLeo, on Senate Bill 3199. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3199.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator DeLeo, to explain.

SENATOR DeLEO:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 3199 allows the use of cell phones and two-way radios for emergency communications for bus operations that impact the health and safety of students. As you may recall, last year we passed a bill that requires school bus drivers to have a operating two-way radio so they'd have communication with their base, and this adds the cell phone to the provision.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Senator Righter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

To the bill, please, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

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To the bill, Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. I simply rise in support of Senate Bill 3199, Mr. President. Senator DeLeo is moving a piece of legislation here which, if enacted, will give school districts more flexibility to deal with what is an important issue. Senator DeLeo, thank you for doing so. I urge an Aye vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Rutherford, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

I appreciate it, Mr. President. A question, if I may, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Sponsor indicates he will yield.

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

Thank you. Senator DeLeo, just so I'm clear, that what you're doing is you're adding alternatives to the two-way radios, that they could substitute the use of a cell phone or -- or the like, as opposed to being mandated to just be the two-way radio. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator DeLeo.

SENATOR DeLEO:

That's correct, to take a burden off the school districts to fund the two-way radios. It gives them an alternative. That's correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

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Seeing no further discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3199 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 56 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3199, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Turning to top of page 26. Senate Bill 3206. Senator Schoenberg. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3206.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Schoenberg, to explain.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 3206 simply extends the sunset for the single prime for the Capital Development Board to January 1st, 2013. It's currently January 1, 2012. This is an agreed amendment. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3206 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 56 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3206, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator

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Schoenberg, on Senate Bill 3211. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3211.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Schoenberg, to explain.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 3211 is an initiative of Secretary of State Jesse White's Office and it takes advantage of the developments in communications and technology in order -- and eliminates certain local filing requirements. And this has been proposed in order to achieve a cost savings of approximately one million dollars per year. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3211 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 55 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3211, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Sandoval, on Senate Bill 3222. Senator Sandoval seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3222 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3222. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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Yes, Mr. President. Floor Amendment 3, offered by Senator Sandoval.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Sandoval, to explain.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Amendment No. 3 codifies the practice of the -- Southern Illinois University and the University of Illinois, our two flagship universities, as relates to the supplemental policy of expanding the -- or, codifying the policy of giving students who are in their fifth year a -- a break on their tuition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed will -- will -- opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3222.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Sandoval, to explain.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. You know,

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during these tough economic times that we're facing in the State of Illinois and in this country, some of the things that we have been sent here to the Illinois Senate is to some -- protect some of the bread-and-butter issues that affect working families and the poor and the middle class throughout this entire State. One of those issues is continuing to make college affordable and accessible to all families, especially the working class. And that's the whole purpose of why public universities exist in the State of Illinois. The whole concept between -- behind land-grant colleges, that was instituted by our late President Abraham Lincoln, was to give the opportunity for the working class and peasant families to be able to attend a public university right here in this great State of Illinois. And this bill goes one step further and continue to -- in that spirit of making college affordable and accessible to working families. What I have done is -- what -- Senate Bill 3222 simply codifies a practice by Southern Illinois University and the U of I, our two flagship universities, which gives working families an opportunity to continue to make college affordable when students have -- face a fifth year in higher ed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I just rise in support of the Senator's bill. When you first came to me about this bill, I was skeptical, but the -- the more we talked about it, the more it made sense. The universities are on board with this. Again, the philosophy of the Truth in Tuition bill is so that families can plan. It appears it -- it is -- it is more of a oddity now

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to graduate in four years than it is a practice and so I think that the universities realize this. They have -- they -- they themselves plan for this financially as well. And I urge its support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Burzynski, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. I guess to the bill, initially anyway. You know, I rise in opposition to the bill. We passed the Truth in -- in Tuition bill several years ago, trying to help students. I think what all of us know, though, is that there indeed has been a tremendous additional cost every year, as the following class has to pay an escalated - in my opinion - an escalated tuition amount to cover the cost of the guaranteed tuition for four years. It's my belief that this will just increase that exponentially over the next couple of years as well. In addition to that, this does codify the practices at two of our State universities and I don't know that all of them are in support of this particular piece of legislation, but certainly at least those two would be. I think that there's a legitimate concern from those universities that have other policies and procedures in place to deal with this. I know of at least one State university that currently offers a guaranteed tuition for nine semesters rather than the eight that are required by law. This bill would not allow them to continue to do that. So, there are changes and there are some changes that could end up hurting students as they go down this road. I think it's interesting to point out as well, it's my



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understanding that there currently is a study that's being looked at, at least by Illinois State University, as far as what the Truth in Tuition bill has done over the few -- last few years and what those incremental increases have been. So, I would really think that it would be wise if we would wait until we see the results of a study like that before passing legislation that, I think, will be detrimental to students in the State of Illinois in the long run. So, I would urge a No vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

A question for the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, a question about -- doesn't taking away -- doesn't -- doesn't this bill take away an incentive for a student to get the studies done on time in four years? If they continue to have the lower-rate tuition -- I mean, we're supposed to go through a four-year program in four years, aren't we? Or are we supposed to encourage five or six or seven or ten years in college? Doesn't this take away one of the disincentives for not meeting the four-year hurdle?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Sandoval.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

On the contrary, my dear colleague, Senator Lauzen, this keeps the incentive in place. I -- I left the sanctity of the

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Truth in Tuition Act alone. I have not changed -- this bill does not change the Truth in Tuition Act and leaves it at four years. And, in fact, it provides a further incentive to working families so that -- because they will have to pay an increment. Their tuition does not remain the same. Their tuition will go up one increment from what would be their sophomore year. So, there is a continued incentive to ensure that students finish on time, and if they don't, they will have to pay an additional increment. I do -- also want to respond to the former speaker that -- that talked somewhat about the unintended consequences. I think that it'd be foolish and I think we need to understand and we need to recognize that even at Northern Illinois University and at universities all across the State of Illinois, they are all engaging in some form of practice outside of the Truth in Tuition Act already, independently. Northern, Southern, Northeastern, UIC, Illinois, Chicago State - all universities are engaging in a practice outside of the Truth in Tuition Act to help working families and to make college affordable for students who, for economic reasons, have a difficult time finishing within those four years.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. So, it -- I -- I think that I misunderstood my first reading of the analysis of the bill. What you're saying is, if I go to the fifth and sixth years, it's going to cost me more than it cost me in years one through four. Is that correct?

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Senator Sandoval.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

That is correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. You know, the -- keep in mind what we're doing here. We -- we are basically saying to -- to the universities, as a -- as a student comes in as a freshmen, then he -- he gets that same rate through -- through four years and some schools have even -- even extended that. Now, obviously, you're -- you're paying -- you're paying a lot more than you would normally pay that first two years because they have to build that into the rate. If you were to go just two years to college, you'll -- you will pay a higher -- a higher tuition than you would normally have paid. So -- so, it -- it -- you know, there are winners and losers in this. Personally, you know, I -- I -- I -- okay, fine, we have the -- the four year and that is a law, but why don't we just let the universities -- if -- do what they want to do. If one -- if they want to give it nine semesters, fine. You know, they compete with each other and that competition I think will -- will level things out. It -- it is a bill that I really don't think we need. Again, there -- there are things about this that -- you know, for instance, I think it does set a standard that it's okay to go six years. Now, those last two years, obviously you -- you will get a pretty good deal, but you will really pay more than you should pay the first two or three years. And -- and now he said that this kicks in at the second year, but the

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second year is a lot cheaper than you would have to pay. That -  
- and universities, even though they testified in -- in favor of  
this yesterday because it just codifies what they do, I -- I  
don't think they really like this. I think they -- because they  
have to build in if -- and especially now, with the fact that  
the State's not paying them - they have to build in a price that  
they can -- that they can not -- you know, that they can live  
with. So, you know, I -- I really think this bill is totally  
unnecessary. Let the universities do what they want to when it  
comes to year five and year six. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator -- Senator Sandoval.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

I -- I have a difference in opinion with my colleague  
Senator Luechtefeld. I think, on the contrary, we cannot  
continue to allow public universities to do what they want to do  
in the State of Illinois. That is contrary -- contrary to the  
spirit and the reason why public universities were enacted by  
late President Abraham Lincoln. And, in fact, on the contrary,  
Senator Luechtefeld, your Chancellor, the great Glenn Poshard,  
who I have a lot of respect for, the Chancellor at Southern  
Illinois University in your district supports Senate Bill 3222  
because they are already engaging in the practice of helping  
working families, working poor, trying to get a public education  
in this great State of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Senator, I think that's great. Let him do that. He is

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doing it. Let other universities do that. Why do we have to come along with a law mandating that they do it? Doesn't that make sense to you? What they -- if they want to do that, that's great. And -- and he -- he is doing that obviously. And he's going to continue to do it whether this law passes or not. But why force the other universities to do it if they don't want to?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator -- Senator Sandoval.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

I have rarely agreed with you, Senator Luechtefeld, but you know what, when a great central and downstater from the State of Illinois, like Glenn Poshard, has a great idea and a great practice, we should adopt it as the -- the law of the land. I think it's a phenomenal concept. He's a visionary for all students in Illinois and there's no one else except Glenn Poshard who knows what's best for working families. So, therefore, I want to codify his vision, his practice for students like they have in the benefit in Southern Illinois University. Why shouldn't all families throughout the entire State benefit from such a great idea?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

To the bill, Mr. President. I wasn't going to speak to this bill, but I -- you know, I've been involved in higher education, mainly working with students who start their career in higher education through the community colleges, and many students do so because of the lack of affordability of higher education. We were converged upon by many students during our

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Veto Session, surrounding the MAP grants. And wouldn't it be a wonderful world that all students who were in college came from families that -- that -- that they had the financial support where they didn't have to work part-time and they could take a full load. They could take even an extended load and maybe finish college not in four years, but in -- in three years, because they have the financial resources to back them and they don't have to worry about taking on one or two jobs while they try to take on a full load - but that's not the world we live in. It -- it may be the predominant population of some of you-all's districts, but in many districts, that's not what we're dealing with. We're dealing with people who -- who may be single parents. We may -- we're dealing with people who have all sorts of situations, where the average load is far less than fifteen hours per semester. So there's no way that they're going to finish in four years. So, we can begin to deal with things as if every student in the State of Illinois comes from an affluent family, where they don't have to work extra and they don't have to deal with circumstances that may take them beyond four years. I have to confess, in my circumstance, I relied on my parents heavily to subsidize my college education and -- and I -- I probably should have finished in four years, but it took me a little bit more than four years. So I can imagine what other students, who have to deal with a whole lot more than I had to deal with, have to do. So, I -- I -- I urge your support on this bill. I -- I might add that, as Senator Sandoval pointed out, the University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Eastern Illinois University, Northeastern Illinois University and the Illinois Board of Higher Education are all

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proponents of this bill and there are no known opponents to this bill. And I -- I -- I'm sure that there are not deaf ears at the other public universities. So, if they were opponents to it, they would speak out to it and they haven't done so. So I urge all my colleagues to vote Aye on this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. I just wish to echo many of the sentiments that my colleague before me just expressed and I want to provide myself as an example of somebody who struggled through the difficulty of obtaining the types of classes that we needed in order to graduate on time. We're cutting back -- we're cutting back funding to our universities and we're going to find it hard to find the professors or to continue to -- to employ the professors that are going to provide those one-hundred-, two-hundred-, three-hundred-level classes that students are required to take in order to graduate on time. If you took a sample of our student population today, you would find that more of them are needing five years to graduate, and more than not, and more than ever before. And for those of us who have had to work their way through school and have never had the benefit of being provided financial assistance from their friends or their family, I can assure you that this is the least that we can do to provide the top-notch public education at a four-year matriculating college or university here in the State of Illinois. I strongly support Senator Sandoval's bill and urge an Aye vote.

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Senator -- Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I realize this is the second time on this issue, but let -- let me try to explain it from a mathematics standpoint. If -- if, for example, you entered the Illinois State University at, say, a tuition rate of five thousand dollars, you would pay that your first, second, third and fourth year. Okay? Under the current system now, the universities, what they're doing is just reaching back a year. So -- so -- I'm sorry. So, at the end of that four years, the new freshman rate may be up to nine thousand dollars. So the university could, in fact, charge you, for that fifth year, nine thousand dollars. It's only in discussion of this bill that we've found out that the universities are voluntarily, all right, allowing a reduced-tuition fee. They don't have to do that. And it -- based on the fact that we have so many students that it takes more than four years to graduate -- in fact, I don't have the number in front of me, but I believe the University of Illinois has the highest four-year graduation rate in the State, and I don't think it's fifty percent. I believe it's like forty-eight/forty-nine percent. So that's the highest in the State. So, obviously, you know, there are others who need this. But the point is, is that the universities don't have to do this. This would make it uniform. It would allow that fifth year at a reduced rate. It would not be the same they paid as an entering freshman. The incentive would still be there to graduate on time because they are going to have to pay more money - all right? - although not as much as they would normally have under the old system. And so, I would advocate,



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again, for the passage of this bill. And, again, the philosophy of families being able to plan for that fourth and fifth year would certainly be advantageous to them. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Sandoval, to close.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

I'd ask a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 3222 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 39 voting Yea, 14 voting Nay, 2 voting Present. Senate Bill 3222, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Sandoval, on Senate Bill 3231. Out of the record. Senator Sandoval, on Senate Bill 3249. Senator Sandoval seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3249 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill -- 3249. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Sandoval, to explain.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

I'd like to explain the amendment on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the

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amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 6, offered by Senator Sandoval.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Sandoval, to explain the -- the amendment.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

The amendment narrows the scope of the bill. It -- it provides a ceiling of two hundred and fifty for any grant -- for any -- that's two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and above and also implements the requirement to submit a BEP, a business employment plan, at the time of final voucher.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed will say 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, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3249.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Sandoval, to explain.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

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Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 3249 is initiative of the Federation of Women Contractors, the Hispanic Association of Contractors, Black Contractors United, and a number of minority business enterprise associations throughout the State of Illinois. Senate Bill 3249 simply provides -- codifies the affirmative action goals that are implemented by State government when State government is involved in the construction of -- involved in capital construction, supplies, or services; makes the affirmative action goals applicable to all capital construction grants. I've been working with the Department of Economic Development, the Capital Development Board, Central Management Services, and the Governor's Office to look for acceptable language and agreement on Senate Bill 3249. I ask a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3249 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The Ayes -- the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 56 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3249, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Sandoval, on Senate Bill 3251. Out of the record. Senator Hunter, on Senate Bill 3267. Madam Secretary - - Mr. Secretary, I'm sorry, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3267.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Hunter, to explain.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. 3267 is a shell bill. I would like to pass this bill out of the Chamber so that we can fix it over in the House. It basically addresses the financial exploitations of the elderly. And we're trying to - "we" meaning the Department of {sic} (on) Aging, the Area Agencies on Aging, as well as the Bankers Association - are trying to create a cooperative agreement. And I ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Sponsor indicates she will yield, Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Senator Hunter, just -- just to be clear now, the bill doesn't have any substance to it at all. What you talked about substantively is what you'd like to see done with the bill. Is that right?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

We've come to -- to partial agreements, Senator. Yesterday, in committee, I was going to add an amendment to it and the Bankers, as well as the Department of {sic} Aging and -- and -- Area Agencies of {sic} Aging came to me and asked me not

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to adopt the amendment at all, to hold it, pass it as it is, and we'll send it over to the House and they'll fix it over there.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

You know, Senator, can -- can I make another suggestion, is that -- is that you get the deadline extended, which I know that you're capable of doing. And I'd feel more comfortable, because I know you and I know you're going to work in good faith and I know that, then, this Body will be able to work on something. I mean, this is your project and it's your bill and I think that you ought to put it in the shape that you can here, rather than send it over to the House, where sometimes things move, sometimes they don't move, who knows what agenda's being created over there. I know that doesn't happen over here, Mr. President. But, Senator Hunter, what do you think about that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Well, Senator, this is not empty language that we're sending over there. This is what is currently in this bill. What we're working towards is -- is to require -- to provide financial institutions with signage and other written materials concerning financial exploitation for the elderly is one. And then, too, what we're trying to work towards is to develop an on-line training program to be used by financial institution employees with direct customer contact. And these responsibilities are contingent on the Department of Agencies {sic} adequate funding. And I would rather not extend the

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deadline. I'd rather pass this bill as is out of this Chamber and we'll fix it over in the House with either a resolution or strengthening this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

And I -- I apologize, Senator Hunter. The reason that I'm confused on this is because, according to the information we have, you adopted Committee Amendment No. 1 on the bill, which shelled the bill, and then there was Floor Amendment 2, which we show was never added to the bill. Now that's a substantive amendment. Was that added and maybe it's not on the system?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

As I just indicated, Senator, the proponents and opponents yesterday asked me not to add the second amendment to this bill. So we are holding this amendment and we're not going to adopt it at this time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

And I'm sorry, Senator. I -- when -- you said it wasn't a shell bill and Committee Amendment 1 shelled the bill and it just says it makes a technical change. So I just want to -- I want to make sure everyone's clear here, that procedurally what we have on 3rd Reading is -- makes a technical change, or what we often call around here a shell bill, and that's all we have before us. Is -- is that right?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Righter. Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Sponsor indicates she will yield, Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

Senator, when I was in your committee the other day and I had a bill that I was working on and it needed some more work, you suggested to me that I ask for an extension, which I did, and not -- because I had an amendment to shell it and I asked that the amendment be put on and sent over to the House for them to work on it, and you suggested that I ask for an extension of time instead. And one of the things you said to me was that, sometimes, when you send a shell bill over, it never comes back in the same form because the House does stuff with it. I guess I am confused as to your -- your motives on this bill then. Could you maybe enlighten us?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Senator Radogno -- oh, gosh, I'm sorry. Not Radogno. Senator Pankau, yesterday you had no language to go into it and I -- remember, we talked about this yesterday, and you said that

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you were going to add language to it once it got over to the House. And I suggested that you not do that because we did not know what they were going to put on that bill. That's the difference between your bill and the difference between my bill, is that we have two items that we're working towards. That's the difference between your bill and my bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

So, Senator, you actually have language then?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

As I've -- as I've just indicated, the language that we have in this shell that we've not adopted yet is to provide financial institutions with signage on {sic} (or) other written materials concerning financial exploitation of the elderly, and, too, what we're working on is to develop an on-line training program to be used by financial institution employees with direct customer contact. That is what's -- is here now. That we're working towards.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

So, just like I explained to committee on what I was working on and where we were in the process and where we were going with it, you also know where you are, where you're going in the process, but you want us to send over a shell bill. With all do respect, Senator, I will be voting No on your shell bill.



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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. President, until we can clear up the matters over here, I'd like to pull this bill out of the record.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Out of the record. Senator Crotty, do you still seek... Moving on. Senate Bill 3268. Emil Jones, III. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3268.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Jones, to explain.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 3268 is a cleanup bill for the Burr {sic} (Burr Oak) legislation that we passed in the House and the Senate on January 12th. Senate Bill 3268 makes several changes to the Cemetery Oversight Act. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3268 pass. All those in favor will vote... Senator Burzynski, I didn't see your light. It must have been a delayed light there, Senator.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

I was trying to make a right turn and it was a delayed light. I apologize, Mr. President. I really do.

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So what purpose do you seek recognition, Senator Burzynski?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you. To the bill itself, Mr. President. I -- I appreciate the opportunity to -- to speak briefly here. The Senator is trying to -- to make the bill a -- a little bit better, and I appreciate that, but if you recall, this is a bill, and I'm sure that many of you, like me, have been hearing from a lot of your cemeteries, township cemeteries, small cemeteries, about how they're being impacted by this particular bill. And I think there are a lot more improvements that could be made. When we're talking about licensure, certification for some of these folks, it's going to be very difficult. And I'm just hearing from a lot of my constituents that are saying, "Senator, we're about ready to hand the keys of the cemetery over to the State of Illinois and let them do it. Let them deal with the public, because we don't have the wherewithal to do that, nor the time." And I -- I just think it would be good, if we're going to amend this bill -- this Act, that we take a more comprehensive approach in trying to meet the needs of people throughout the State, rather than perhaps the overreaction we had initially to the problems that existed in northern -- northeastern Illinois. So, I just want to make people aware of that, and vote your conscience.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3268 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 37 voting Yea, 19 voting Nay, none voting

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Present. Senate Bill 3268, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Hutchinson, on Senate Bill 3269. Out of the record. Senator Demuzio, on Senate Bill 3302. Out of the record. Senator John Jones, on Senate Bill 3320. Out of the record. Senator Harmon, on Senate Bill 3322. Out of the record. Senator Cronin, on Senate Bill 3332. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3332.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Cronin, to explain.

SENATOR CRONIN:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This bill was introduced at the request of the State's Attorney from DuPage County, who also came down and testified on the bill, offered some very compelling testimony about the seriousness of the problems, both in his professional capacity and also personal experience with his own family, surrounding alcohol consumption during pregnancy and, specifically, the -- the -- the malady known as fetal alcohol syndrome. This bill seeks to require that the dangers associated with drug and alcohol consumption during pregnancy be taught in sex ed classes. Seems pretty reasonable, pretty basic. Most people, myself included, thought that this was already being taught, but, lo and behold, it -- it -- it is not necessarily being taught in a required curriculum of sex ed. Some of the people who oppose the bill raise a concern and they

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said, "Cronin, this is a mandate, an unfunded mandate." Unfunded mandates is a very, very important issue to me and a lot of us here and we are very much opposed to doing that and going down that path. I would, respectfully, disagree - that this is not an unfunded mandate. In fact, because it's a curriculum, because it's a unit that's already being taught in the schools, what we're suggesting here is that in the course of that instruction, that the -- the -- the very, very important lesson about alcohol consumption during pregnancy be taught. It's sort of like, you know, we have a mandate already that we teach math in the schools; all we're saying is that in the course of the presentation of the math instruction that you teach, say, Algebra. So, this isn't a mandate. This is -- there's already a requirement. We're just talking about the -- the -- the -- the content of the actual presentation. And because it's so vitally important, I enthusiastically support this and be happy to answer any questions. Ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. I stand here in very strong support of Senator Cronin's bill. I believe now that, as we look at high school, I think all of us would love to make sure that we can teach abstinence over everything else, but the reality of it is, that it's not really going on in our schools. And I believe that, right now, as we look at the -- the amount of young ladies, and even young men, that right now are involved in relationships, and there's a lot

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of young girls that are pregnant right now, I think it's very important that part of the sex education class that be taught, that the -- the -- the risk of consuming alcohol during pregnancy is a very important aspect to a pregnancy and the dangers that might -- might be passed onto the baby. So, I -- I agree with Senator Cronin. I -- I commend him for this kind of legislation. Our young women and men need to know that there is responsibility that comes with a pregnancy, especially if they're consuming alcohol and drugs. So, I -- I urge an Aye vote by all of the Members of the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Haine, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HAINE:

To the bill, Mr. President. I rise in support of the bill. The irreparable damage - and this is irreparable damage - that's associated with the consumption of alcohol to fetal development is something which we must address in Illinois. And these poor children are a burden to themselves and to others and it could be easily prevented with a knowledge of the damage that is caused by alcohol consumption. It's very simple. And many of it -- many of these things occur because of woeful ignorance. This is a necessary and good bill for the common good and I would urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Maloney, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MALONEY:

Just to the bill, Mr. President. I -- I'll just explain. I -- I will be voting Present on this bill. It's not to dispute the importance or the seriousness of the implications of -- of

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this -- this condition that is explained in the bill, but it is at odds, philosophically, with a bill I have coming up later on school mandates. And so I will be voting Present. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3332 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 40 voting Yea, 14 voting Nay, 3 voting Present. Senate Bill 3332, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we'll return to 3342 at a later time. Senator Steans, on Senate Bill 3346. Out of the record. Senator Steans, on Senate Bill 3348. Out of the record. Senator Silverstein, on Senate Bill 3359. Senator Silverstein leaves -- seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3359 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3359. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Silverstein.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Silverstein, to explain.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

We just had a typographical error on one word, which I'll explain it on the -- on the 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question -- seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay.

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The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any -  
- are there any further Floor amendments approved for  
consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Mr. Secretary,  
please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3359.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Silverstein, to explain.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. This makes it a Class A  
misdemeanor for anyone, other than a licensed physician, to  
tattoo the sclera, which is the white portion of the eye. Yeah,  
unfortunately, it's happening in other states. So I'll ask for  
your favorable...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Mr. President, I'm going to vote in favor of this bill and  
I have the same request of Senator Silverstein I had a few days  
ago to Senator Martinez. She had that hair pulling business  
through the skull and out. I think we should take both of these  
things and give 'em to the CIA. If we're going to ban  
waterboarding, let's give 'em these two things as an option.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3359 pass. All those in favor will -- will -- will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 56 voting Yea, 1 voting Nay and none voting Present. Senate Bill 3359, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Schoenberg, on Senate Bill 3382. Out of the record. On top of page 27, Senator Schoenberg, on Senate Bill 3383. Out of the record. Senator Schoenberg, on Senate Bill 3401. Out of the record. Senator Schoenberg, on 3402. Out of the record. Senator Dillard, on Senate Bill 3411. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3411.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Dillard, to explain.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This legislation is in response to the Illinois Department of Corrections' prisoner early release abuses that have been in the news of late. The bill addresses both of the programs which were being abused by the Department of Corrections, the secret Early Release Program and the publicly disclosed Electronic Detention Program. And what this would require is that the Department of Corrections, when they early



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release one of these individuals - and hopefully they won't be doing it very often - setup and put it on the Web, World Wide Web, the Internet with a photo of these offenders within three days of the early release. And I would appreciate a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3411 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3411, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Kotowski, on Senate Bill 3420. Senator Kotowski seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3420 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3420. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Kotowski, to explain.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 3420, as amended with Floor Amendment No. 1 {sic}, requires federal funds received by the State for child welfare services which are certified and paid under the Medicaid program to be deposited into the DCFS Children's Services Fund.

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed will say 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 CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3420.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Kotowski, to explain.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

I just simply ask for an Aye vote if there's no questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3420 pass... Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just a quick question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Senator, we raised this in committee and I'm -- I'm going -  
- I'm still going to support the bill, but the concern is this,  
this legislation takes away flexibility because this takes money

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out of -- currently that would be going into GRF and now is going to be put into this -- this fund. So, it takes away flexibility. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

The money goes specifically into the DCFS Children's Services Fund.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. But currently those dollars now go into GRF. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Yes, sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Syverson, on that one short question.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

So, that's the only question -- that's the only point I want to raise, is the fact that it does take away some of the flexibility. It goes -- what's now going to GRF is now going to be going into this fund, which takes more flexibility at a time when our General Revenue account is, some might say, a little bit low. So, thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Kotowski, to close.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

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Simply ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

The -- the question is, shall Senate Bill 3420 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 56 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3420, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Bond, on Senate Bill 3429. Senator Bond seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3429 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3429. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Bond.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Bond, to explain.

SENATOR BOND:

Happy to speak to the amendment on 3rd Reading. It's a minor change.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed will say Nay. The -- 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 CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Mr. Secretary,

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please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3429.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Bond, to explain.

SENATOR BOND:

This is a initiative of the American Institute of Architects - a very creative idea. Basically, what we're going to do is amend the Capital Development Board Act and ask them to work with the Department of Commerce on developing a common energy efficiency standard for buildings. It's kind of been described as a "miles per gallon" sort of label. We had a great discussion in committee, filed an amendment to put a time line on when the study is due back and gave them a little bit more direction on some of the standards that may already be out there in different energy surveys and studies. So, ask for a -- a favorable consideration. Happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3429 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The Ayes -- I mean, the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 56 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3429, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Kotowski. Senator Harmon, on Senate Bill 3460. I'm -- I'm sorry. Senator Kotowski, for what purpose do you

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seek recognition?

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Let me gather my thoughts. Due to the excessive grilling of Senator Syverson when I was speaking to my bill, I got a little confused and overwhelmed and I neglected to vote for my bill. He's a -- he's -- it's -- being cross-examined like {sic} him is like dealing with Clarence Darrow - I'm sure you know. So, I must admit that I forgot to vote for my bill. It's the first time that I've done this. I hope not to do it again. And I want to be recorded as voting Yes for Senate Bill 3420.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

The record will so indicate your intention to vote Yes on - on the Bill 3420. Moving on. Senator Harmon, on Senate Bill 3460. Senator Harmon. Senator Harmon. Out of the record. Senator Steans, on Senate Bill 3489. Out of the record. Senator Jacobs, on Senate Bill 3501. Out of the record. Senator Muñoz, on Senate Bill 3506. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3506.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Muñoz, to explain.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 3506 holds that if a rental car company obtains an estimate to collect liability for damages and the estimate of the repair exceeds three thousand five hundred, then

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prior to any repairs being initiated, the insurer of the renter or the renter shall be allowed seventy-two hours from the date of the notice to inspect the damaged vehicle and obtain another estimate. I know of no opposition. I'll answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3506 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3506, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Haine, on Senate Bill 3509. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. I'm sorry. Senator -- Senator Haine seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3509 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3509. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Haine, to explain.

SENATOR HAINE:

Floor Amendment No. 1 is the result of discussions with the Hospital Association and the advanced practice nurses. And under this amendment, a health care professional must display what type of license they have only if their -- if their in their office or where they see current or prospective patients.

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed will say Nay. The Ayes -- 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, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 3509. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3509.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Haine, to explain.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is an initiative of the Illinois Society of Anesthesiologists, partnering with the Illinois State Medical Society, but it -- it is introduced to deter false advertisements and other means to -- to disseminate false information as to the professional qualifications of those in the health care field. It's quite -- simply is that they -- they have to state exactly what their expertise or professional status is to a -- a consumer, rather than wearing a white coat and having someone assume that they're a doctor -- a physician.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3509 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye.



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Opposed will vote Nay. The -- the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 55 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3509, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Schoenberg, on Senate Bill 3514. Senator Schoenberg. Out of the record. Senator Sandoval, on Senate Bill 3523. Out of the record. Senator Viverito. Senator Viverito, on Senate Bill 3529. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3529.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Viverito, to explain.

SENATOR VIVERITO:

Thank you, Mr. President. I was just on -- on the phone with one of my Irish friends wishing him the very, very happy St. Patrick's Day, because I have so many of them that I had to wish him a happy St. Patrick's Day. But this bill is something to help those individuals that pay a little bit late on the tax bill this coming year -- those especially with financial difficulty, and this will lessen the penalty. And I certainly think that this is a good bill because every assessor in Cook County has been one hundred percent for it, because, you know, we -- we passed that bill a while ago for fifty-five percent up front and some people had to pay a little bit more money. And those that are going to have a little bit difficulty will pay a lesser fine. Is there any questions? I'd be happy to speak on

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the item.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3529 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay -- I mean, will vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 56 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3529, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Turning to top of page 28. Senate Bill 3531. Senator Silverstein. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3531.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Silverstein, to explain.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. This specifies that three percent of the total income tax credits awarded each -- fiscal year for a donation to be -- to approved housing projects be -- be set aside for the Chicago Board of Education. This is a program that subsidizes homes for -- teachers to purchase homes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3531 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 55 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none

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voting Present. Senate Bill 3531, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Raoul, on Senate Bill 3533. Senator Raoul. Senator Raoul. Out of the record. Senator Raoul, on Senate Bill 3534. Senator Raoul. Senator Raoul. Out of the record. Senator Delgado, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Mr. President. On the previous bill, I was -- I was up at the front of the well, signing onto a bill, and unfortunately I missed that vote. I would like to be recorded as an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Record will so reflect, Senator Delgado. Senate Bill 3535. Senator Raoul. Senator Raoul. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3540. Senator Raoul. Senator Raoul. Out of the record. Senator Crotty, on Senate Bill 3544. Out of the record. Senator Hunter, on Senate Bill 3551. Senator Hunter? Senate Bill 3551. Out of the record. Senator Sandoval, on Senate Bill 3558. Out of the record. Senator Sandoval, on Senate Bill 3560. Out of the record. Senator Forby, on Senate Bill 3570. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3570.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Forby, to explain the bill.

SENATOR FORBY:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is an initiative of

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Illinois Federation of Teachers. This proposal, Senate Bill 3570, is to allow pre-professional graduate assistants the same rights as represented by the union as other graduate assistants. This is a matter of fairness. The PGA does the same work as other educational workers who are covered under the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act and the PGA should have the same right Act. And what we're here doing is just trying to give students the same rights that other -- other students have and -- which includes the right to organize. I've checked with SIU. They do not have a problem with this bill because they say they do the same thing. It's already working there. So I just ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Senator Pankau, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR PANKAU:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

Senator, when we had this bill in committee -- this is a kind of unique thing - isn't it? - because there's only -- there's only one university that has this classification of people. Correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

Yes, that's correct. And, you know, we never heard nothing

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in the committee about 'em. They never come to testify. They never said anything. So, if I don't hear anything from 'em, I just figure they don't have a problem with it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

To the bill, Mr. President. This is to let pre-professional graduate assistants organize. And on the face of it, you would say, "Well, what's wrong with that?" But, on the other hand, even the -- the person from the university was -- that was there couldn't exactly tell us what pre-professional graduate assistants do or why they needed to organize. So it sounds to me like it's just something that maybe the union wants to do. Or maybe they're having an internal fight. Doesn't seem to me like something that we need to have legislation for. So, with all do respect, I will be voting No on this measure.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. A question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

The sponsor indicates that he will yield, Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Senator, do I understand this bill correctly - that while we're trying to drive down the cost of tuition and the cost of undergraduate education, that you're going to allow graduate students to unionize against the administration of the schools? Is that what's happening here?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

Not exactly, but there is an option here where they can. So why should some students get treated different than any other? So, there's students doing the same kind of work they're doing here; other students are doing the same. So what we're doing, giving the same student obligation to do what the other students are doing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Just -- thank you, Mr. President. Thank you to the sponsor. Just to the bill: We are doing, you know, a lot of work to drive down tuition to -- to increase the affordability of education - higher education in Illinois. I have to say that this just goes in the opposite direction - that now we're going to allow students, graduate students, who are just so fortunate and happy to have this -- these positions, we're now going to allow them to unionize against the administrations of the schools that we're trying to have run efficiently. We are really working against ourselves and against our stated goals with legislation like this. I ask for a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Righter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Sponsor indicates he will yield.

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SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator -- Forby what is a pre-professional student?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Sponsor indicates -- Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

This is a student that is -- that's working in a school, that's working out their education, and they're having a job on the side to try to get 'em through their education. And what we're doing it, this is no different than other students in a -- in a university.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Now, Senator, when I was a student at Eastern Illinois University, I worked part-time in the business office. And I think I worked maybe eight or ten hours a week when I was a junior or senior, performing various tasks. If this bill was law then, would I have a right then, along with my fellow employees in the business office and in the student life office and in the athletic center and those places, we -- would we have a right to organize and collectively bargain?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

If you -- if you would get under the Act of a -- pre-professional graduate student, yes, you could.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

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Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Okay, Senator, what I'm asking is, in the -- in the example I just gave you, is that a pre-professional graduate student? I was -- I think I was a junior or senior when I read that. So, according to the definition that's in the bill, does that situation fall under what would -- this -- this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

These -- these are students that works in a -- health care, library, university, or fire service that the -- that if you'd have worked in one of these areas, you could have -- you'd have been able to unionize.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. So, Senator, when I was a student at Eastern, I worked eight to ten hours a week in the business office on campus. And the question I have is, again, in that -- would that situation fit the parameters of your bill? Would I and my fellow employees working in the business office and the other areas across campus be able to organize if this were the law?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

Normally, on this -- this here, you have to work between fifteen and thirty-five hours to be a pre-students {sic}



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graduate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Where is that work requirement - not less than fifteen, but more than thirty - in the bill, Senator?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

That is just an average.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Okay, Senator Forby, I -- I don't want to restate it again. I've given you an example of a scenario that existed when I was a student and what I'm asking you, again, is whether or not I would have been, under this enactment, been able to organize.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

If you were the graduate and you fell under this definition, yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Okay, Senator, I'm asking you, as the sponsor of the bill, whether or not that example falls under the definition. And -- I don't mean to press you on this, Senator, but if you don't know, then I'm not sure who in this Chamber is going to know and

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I'm not sure how the universities are going to know, much less the students that you're trying to help.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

Probably what I need to know, if you're a pre-professional graduate student. Was ya? And if you was, you would probably - you would be under this definition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Forby, I don't know what a pre-professional graduate student is. And -- and what -- what -- and that's troublesome enough; but what's more troublesome is I don't think you do and you're the sponsor of the bill. What is a pre-professional graduate student? Was it me? Was it when I was -- in the summer between my undergraduate and law school, because I wasn't quite in professional school? I mean, what -- what is that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

If you was working at a bookstore as a -- a pre-graduate -- as a graduate student, yes, you would -- you would be under this. But if you wasn't, you wouldn't be.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Okay, we're making progress. So, if you work at a

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bookstore and you are a graduate student, that is -- that is the universe of students to which this applies - book -- students working in bookstores who are graduate students. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

If you was practicing under this in a bookstore and this is your practice, yes, you would be.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Practicing what, Senator? If I was practicing what while I was working in a bookstore as a graduate student? What does that mean?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

If you was going to school, working under that -- under that career, yes. If you was going to work as your graduate's - - school, you would be, under that career at that job.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

So -- and I'm about ready to bring this to a close, Mr. President. I appreciate your indulgence. So, Senator Forby, what I understand you to say is that if I am a graduate student who is pursuing a graduate degree in bookstore studies or bookstore administration, then I would be in the category of

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students that would be eligible to organize if this were the law. Correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

That is correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Mr. President. Would the sponsor yield for a question, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you. We've had a lot of discourse here and maybe I missed it, but, Senator Forby or Senator Frerichs, what -- what is the position of the University of Illinois, since most of these pre-professional whatever they are work for that university?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

They have not -- expect any -- any issues on this bill. They've not contact us. They never come to committee. We've never heard from nobody. And so, I guess, when you don't hear nobody, don't -- they don't come here, we'll usually hear something. I know if it's something to deal with SIU, we would hear from SIU that says they're against this, and they came out openly and said they're not against this. They're doing it now

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and they don't have a problem with it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3570 pass. All those in favor -- I'm sorry, all those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 34 voting Yea, 15 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 3570, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Haine, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HAINE:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Please state your point, Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I want to thank you again for the round of applause I received yesterday on the birth of our nineteenth grandchild, William Richard Schlueter, of Michigan. I want to add - if you recall, I -- I brought in and passed a bill concerning the licensure of midwifery in the State, which passed the Senate, went over to the House, still there. And just to let the proponents know and the opponents know, that this is a good example of this bill. This baby had a midwife and the baby had some distress. The trained, observing midwife got my daughter, the young mother, to the hospital in time for a C-section, which was medically necessary. So, both sides should be happy, as I am, with the -- the sound child that was born as a result of this childbirth.

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Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Congratulations, Senator Haine. Senator Bill Haine. Senator Hendon, for what purpose do you seek recognition, sir?

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'm almost afraid to speak on the Senate Floor, 'cause every time I do I make the Sun-Times. But I did want to say congratulations to the proud grandpa-pa. And I think that the President - I'm not going to mention that - President wanted us to kind of get out of here in time for people to go to their dinner and I just wanted to mention that. Tomorrow, we'll be rocking and rolling.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Sullivan, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Please state your point.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Ladies and Gentlemen, last night the Sullivan Caucus had their St. Patrick's Day celebration and, as we do every year, we took up a collection and we always try to come up with a worthy cause. This year we took a collection for Haitian Hearts. It's a program that helps children in Haiti with medical conditions. And I just wanted to let folks know that we raised almost eight hundred and fifty dollars in donations last night. So I want to -- I want to thank everybody for your support. We'll see -- I know that that money will be very, very well spent. And if

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anybody would like to make a donation, just let me know and we'll certainly add to it before we send the check. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Congratulations. Senator -- Oh, I'm sorry. Committee Reports, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

I have a committee report correction, Mr. President. The following correction was made on the report from the Senate Committee on Energy, which reported Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2660 and Senate Amendment 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2810 recommended Do Adopt and should have been -- should have reported these amendments as having been held in committee. Additionally, Senate Bill 3693 was reported from the Committee Do Pass and should have been reported that the bill was held in committee. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Thank you. We're going to go through 2nd Readings. Stand at ease for a moment. (At ease) We're going to go back to the middle of page 28, 3rd Readings. Senator Schoenberg, on Senate Bill 3578. Out of the record. Senator Cronin, on Senate Bill 3616. Senator Cronin seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3616 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3616. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Cronin, to explain.

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SENATOR CRONIN:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This bill basically is an administrative fee increase for DU -- for DUI violations, from five hundred to seven hundred and fifty dollars, and gives the law enforcement agency that made the arrest a bigger percentage of the fine than current law provides. I know of no opposition. I ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, 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 CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 3616. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3616.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator -- Senator Cronin, to explain.

SENATOR CRONIN:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. The remarks that I just offered moments ago, I would apply or offer for the bill, please. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)



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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3616 pass. All those -- all those in favor will vote Aye. All -- all those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 56 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3616, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Frerichs. Senator Frerichs seeks leave of the Body, on Senate Bill 3622, to return to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3622. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Frerichs, to explain.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. This -- the Floor amendment becomes the bill. I'll be happy to explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, 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 CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill

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3622. Senator Frerichs -- I mean, Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3622.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Frerichs, to explain.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senate Bill 3622 is an effort to bring some more sunshine and -- transparency to our budget-making process. Will require that the budget be placed online for four days before final action is taken.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

Thank you. Senator, I'm going to be supporting your bill, as I did in committee. But I think for everybody's clarification, when does the four-day period start, so that everybody knows?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

It starts when the budget is placed online. And so, final

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action cannot be taken until four days after that begins.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

So, whatever -- whatever house passes it first, that's when -- and is put online, that's when the four-day period starts. Correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Well, not quite. It's when it's put online. So, it could be placed in the public record. The public can have enough time to review this. And that first Chamber could take two days before they pass -- for that side of the Chamber, but then the next Chamber would have to wait an additional two days before they could pass it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

Thank you, Senator. I think this is a good bill. I urge everybody to support it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Mr. President, to the bill: I think this is a good bill. It contributes to the transparency in our budget process. And I've received some recent communications and I want the citizens of my district, especially Mr. Vernon Johnson, who wrote me recently, to know that this bill -- I'm going to be happy to

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support this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3622 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 56 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3622, having received the required constitutional majority is declared passed. Senate Bill 3648. Senator Hendon. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3648.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Hendon, to explain.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. Very simple bill. This simply says if a person has been wrongly convicted and then they are proved innocent and given an award, they wouldn't have to pay these extra income taxes on the award. I appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3648 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 53 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill -- Senate Bill 3643 {sic}, having

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received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Frerichs. Senator Frerichs seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3659... Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3659.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Frerichs, to explain.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. This bill amends the Enterprise Zone Act by allowing enterprise zones to apply for a one-time extension of twenty calendar years at the completion of the zone's original designating -- designating ordinance. Be happy to answer any questions about the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Senator Dahl.

SENATOR DAHL:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill: This -- this is a bill that was brought over early on and -- and Senator Frerichs had it and I had a bill and -- and it's an agreed-to bill now with the -- all of the enterprise zones within this State being in agreement that this language is acceptable, and I encourage an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. A question of the sponsor,

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please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. Senator, I think I heard you say that it extends all enterprise zones in the State for twenty years.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

...apply for a one-time -- extension.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Burzynski. Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

To the bill: Just wanted to comment. As the Chair of the Commerce Committee, I wanted to compliment Senator Dahl for his willingness to compromise. I know he had a very similar measure that came before the committee and he was willing to work it out through the committee and it was a bipartisan effort, and I just wanted to compliment on that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Seeing no further discussion, the -- the question is, shall Senate Bill 3659 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3659, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Noland. Senator Noland seeks leave of the Body to return Senate

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Bill 3662 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3662. Mr. Secretary, are there -- are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Noland, to explain.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3662 just makes a technical correction to the title of the program. The amendment was brought by DCEO.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, 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, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 3662. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3662.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Noland, to explain.

SENATOR NOLAND:

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Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 3662 amends the Illinois Income Tax Act by increasing the credit for employees hired to work in a River Edge Redevelopment Zone, an enterprise zone, or at a High Impact Business from five hundred dollars per employee to one thousand dollars per employee from January 1st, 2010 until December 31st, 2012. After December 31st, 2012, the credit would -- would revert to five hundred dollars per employee. Happy to take any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3662 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 55 voting Yea, none voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 3662, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Lightford, on Senate Bill 3681. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3681.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Lightford, to explain.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 3681, as amended, allows ISBE to certify a -- a school district to be in financial difficulty if it's unable to meet its payroll or a bond payment on time. There's a couple school districts that are in this status, and this legislation is intended to address an issue



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that arose with the Lemont School District recently, when the district informed ISBE that it was unable to meet its payroll. I'd be happy to answer any questions Members might have.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3681 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 56 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3681, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Turning to page -- top of page 29 is Senate Bill 3692. Senator Harmon. Senator Harmon seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3692 to the -- to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3692. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Harmon, to explain.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Floor Amendment No. 3 becomes the bill. I'd move for its adoption and would look forward to discussing the bill on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further

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ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 3692. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3692.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Harmon, to explain.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 3692 is an initiative of the National Solid Wastes Management Association. It elaborates on the existing legal procedures for municipalities considering solid waste franchises. With the amendments, I believe we've eliminated opposition to the bill. I'd be happy to answer questions and I ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Senator Dahl.

SENATOR DAHL:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill: I want to thank Senator Harmon for the hard work he did making -- making this a much better bill than it was when it started out. And we'll see where this goes in -- in the future. I'm -- I'm still not a hundred percent convinced, but it is certainly a better bill than it was when we started. And thank you, Senator Harmon.

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And it passed the State Government Committee unanimously --  
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Seeing no further discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3692 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3692, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Harmon, on Senate Bill 3694. Out of the record. Senator Bond, on Senate Bill 3699. Senator Bond seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3699 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3699. Mr. Secretary, please -- Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Bond, to explain.

SENATOR BOND:

The amendment becomes the bill. I'll -- happy to explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

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

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No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 3699. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3699.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Bond, to explain.

SENATOR BOND:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This simply sets up the Community College Transfer Grant Program, a two-thousand-dollar credit for kids transferring from community college to a four-year baccalaureate, subject to appropriation. Happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you. Senator, how much money are you -- are you going to request from the Governor to implement this new program?

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SENATOR BOND:

I do not have a -- a figure on that.

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Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you. Senator, do you know how much it would cost if it was fully implemented?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Bond.

SENATOR BOND:

The -- we do not have a cost estimate at this time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill: Here we go again. We've got a brand-new program. We have no cost estimate. Sure, it's subject to appropriation, but, again, I guess the intent is not to ask for money for this program for this year. But I just want to caution the Members - again, subject to appropriation, brand-new program, no idea of the cost. I would encourage a No vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Murphy, the sponsor indicates he will be glad to yield.

SENATOR MURPHY:

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I -- Senator, I want to make sure I understand. This is a grant for community college grads who go on to a four-year State school. What's the rationale for treating them differently than somebody who starts year number one at one of those State universities?

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Senator Bond.

SENATOR BOND:

This is very similar to the MAP program. Currently, if you do a full year of tuition, it's about a five-thousand-dollar MAP grant. This would be an additional tool to encourage the -- the student that attends a two-year university to kind of grab a -- the lever to -- to step up to a four-year baccalaureate to finish up. It -- the intention here is part of the economic recovery packages that -- whether they're angel tax credits or expanding the life of an enterprise zone or creating innovation zones. There's -- there's a whole package of economic recovery bills that we're running. This is one that can be very helpful for -- for young students who are caught up in a -- in a down economy right now and proposing it as a -- as a -- as a tool to help them.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

To the bill, Mr. President. I -- I appreciate the intent of the sponsor, but it feels like we're picking winners and losers, and because you went to a community college, where you spent less money than if you went to one of our State institutions, we're going to afford you the opportunity to get

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more money in years three and four, when there's an argument to be made that those who have been at the State school -- university those first two years maybe need the help even more. I don't know that we've seen any data that would support the argument that community college grads are socioeconomically in a situation where they need this necessarily more. Again, a good intent to try and help our community college grads, but I think -- I think trying to pick winners and losers is -- is not quite the right approach. And, unfortunately, I'd urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just to the bill: You know, we have had, in the last couple years, this group called NCHEMS - the National Collegiate {sic} (Center for) Higher Education Management Systems come in and talk about the need for greater certification in this State, both at the associate level and a bachelor's degree, if we're -- if we're going to attract businesses and have a skilled work force. This, to my way of thinking, Senator Bond's bill, would attract the interest of non-traditional students, those -- those people who are perhaps beyond the eighteen- to twenty-two-year-old age group who -- who do get a MAP grant to complete their associate's degree, and this would give them an additional incentive, I think, to go on to their -- to obtain their bachelor's degree. So, it would not be focused, I think, not just on the eighteen- to twenty-two-year-old group, but on many of the non-traditional students and it would help them in their quest for a bachelor's degree. I would urge a Yes vote.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Not to be redundant from Senator Maloney's comments, but in addition to the non-traditional students, the traditional students that go to community colleges, to my knowledge, having worked with the largest community college system in -- in the State, are often students who otherwise wouldn't be attending a higher education institution, both for economic reasons as well as other social reasons. So, I -- I -- I urge support of this bill, because, you know, while I don't have the data, you know, I'd -- I'd be willing to wager that the data would support that the socioeconomic circumstances of the community college population is -- is -- is different than that -- that of the regular four-year college population in the first two years.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Bond, to close.

SENATOR BOND:

Thank you. Just -- in reading some of the research, there's -- this was piloted in Virginia and this isn't just a -- a flat grant anybody can have. It's required -- the financial need test, it -- to qualify for the financial aid; maintaining a 3.0 GPA or better; and, also, the -- obviously, the residency requirement. But, in Virginia, they've appropriated, in fiscal year 2010, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and then in the next year, five hundred and twenty thousand. So, it's in the -- depending on the demand for this segment of students who want to go on to a four-year. If you want to use Virginia as a proxy, it's under a million. But I think it's a fair question



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and the request has been made to do a -- a financial impact and we'll -- we'll take it from there. So I appreciate the -- the debate and ask for favorable consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 3699 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 37 voting Yea, 14 voting Nay, 2 voting Present. Senate Bill 3699, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Maloney, on Senate Bill 3700. Out of the record. Senator Frerichs. Senator Frerichs seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3712 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3712. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Frerichs, to explain.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Yes, to explain the amendment? Yeah, the amendment becomes the bill. I'll be happy to explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? 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?

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No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. On the Order -- on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 3712. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3712.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator DeLeo in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Frerichs, to the bill, sir.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senate Bill 3712 amends the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004. The bill changes the definition of "veterinarian-client-patient relationship" to include a licensed veterinarian who has access to the animals -- animal patient's records and has been designed -- has been designed {sic} (designated) by the veterinarian with the prior relationship with the animal patient to provide reasonable and appropriate medical care if he or she is unavailable. This is an initiative of the veterinarian's association and this is a result of much debate and compromise. I'd be happy to answer any questions about the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3712 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all

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voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3712, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Continuing on House -- Senate Bills 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 3722. Senator Frerichs, do you wish to proceed. Out of the record. House {sic} Bill 3737. Senator Koehler. Senator Koehler, on 3737. Do you wish to proceed, sir? Senator... Okay, correction: Senator Frerichs -- leave of the Body, we -- we'll return back to 3716. Senator Frerichs, do you wish to proceed? He indicates he does. Senator Frerichs, I believe you're seeking leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3722 back to the Order of 2nd Reading for purpose of amendment. Is that correct, sir? Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill -- could the -- Scott, could the -- Mr. Secretary, could the board read 3716? Okay, once again, I apologize, a correction: We are now on the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 3722. Mr. Secretary, has there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration, sir?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Yes, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Frerichs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Frerichs, to the amendment, sir.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. You have nothing to apologize for. The amendment becomes the bill. I'd be happy to answer any questions on 3rd Reading.

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Thank you. Is there any discussion on Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3722? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. It's the opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it, and Floor Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Mr. Secretary, has there been any other Floor amendments approved for consideration, sir?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 3722. Do you wish to proceed, sir? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the gentleman's bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3722.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Frerichs, to the bill, sir.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senate Bill 3722 expands the scope of the Fire Protection of Unprotected Area Act by enlarging the number of fire departments that could be assigned to serve an area otherwise unprotected in the event of a fire. The amendment represents a compromise between the Illinois Municipal League, on behalf of their municipalities and municipal groups, and the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Be happy to answer any questions about the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any

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discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3722 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3722, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Koehler, on Senate Bill 3737, sir. Do you wish to proceed? He indicates he does. Mr. Secretary, read the gentleman's bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3737.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Koehler, to the bill, sir.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 3737 adds to the list of entities that would not be considered private business and vocational schools any institution that maintains accredited status with the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools or other -- comparable regional accreditation associations, a national accrediting agency that is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, or the Board of Higher Education or a comparable out-of-state agency. What has happened here is that these schools -- and this was brought to me by a technical institute -- have had to wait anywhere from two to nine months each year for ISBE to grant their renewal certificate, yet they have to be running

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with staff and with locations and -- even though the national requirements are -- are much higher. So, I'd appreciate a Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3737 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3737, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, for purposes of announcement - for purpose of announcement - the Committee on Assignments will meet immediately in the President's Anteroom. I'd ask all members to please come to the President's Anteroom. The Senate will stand at ease for just a few minutes. So let -- allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. The members on Assignments will please come to the Anteroom immediately. Senate will stand at ease.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senate will come to order. Madam Secretary, Committee Report.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to the Executive Committee - House Joint

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Resolution 107; refer to the Pensions and Investments Committee  
- House Bill 306.

Signed by Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

I also have a committee report correction. The following correction was made on the report from Senate Committee on Energy which reported Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2660 as having been held in committee and should have reported Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2660 as recommended Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. Ladies and Gentlemen, I'd ask you to turn your printed Calendars to Senate Bills 2nd Reading, page 2 of your Calendar. On the bottom of page 2 of your Calendar is Senate Bill 2660. 2660. The sponsor has been changed, Madam Secretary. It should reflect Senator Clayborne. Senator Clayborne, do you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. On the Order of 2nd Reading -- Madam Secretary, has there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration? Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2660.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments reported, but Floor Amendment 1 is offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Clayborne, on Floor Amendment No. 1, sir.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you. Floor Amendment No. 1 just makes several changes. Creates a ten-year supply contract between suppliers.

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It allows for a purchase cap of 16 million MMBtu. Allows transportation costs. Authorizes the Illinois Finance Authority to issue bonds. Authorizes the Illinois Power Agency to verify contracts.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, sir. Is there any discussion on the gentleman's amendment? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. It's the opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Has there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Madam Secretary, Messages from the House, please.

SECRETARY ROCK:

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

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

House Bill 4672.

We have received like Messages on House Bills 4780, 4788, 4818, 4909, 4984, 5065, 5790, 5824, 5930, 5933, 5969, 5970, 6003, 6006, 6045, 6062, 6077, 6268 and 6299.

All passed the House, March 17th, 2010. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

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Ladies and Gentlemen, can I have your attention, please? Very important announcement. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 10 a.m. on the 18th of March, the year 2010. The Senate stands adjourned. Thank you.