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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The regular Session of the 97th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Daniel Shelton, South Side Christian Church in Springfield, Illinois. Pastor Shelton.

PASTOR DANIEL SHELTON:

(Prayer by Pastor Daniel Shelton)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Jacobs, to lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR JACOBS:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Jacobs)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, March 27th, 2012.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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 SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Resolution 689, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

It's a death resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 690, offered by Senator Kotowski.

It is substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

James Carder with Blueroomstream.com requests permission to videotape. Seeing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3825, offered by Senator Frerichs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3915, offered by Senator Martinez.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4013, offered by Senator Martinez.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4145, offered by Senator Schmidt.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4510, offered by Senator Muñoz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4573, offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4601, offered by Senator Holmes.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4901, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House Bill 4990, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5187, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5342, offered by Senator Kotowski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5463, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5528, offered by Senator Muñoz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5547, offered by Senator Hutchinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5752, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5849, offered by Senator Jacqueline Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of these House bills.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Silverstein, Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary, reports Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 3204 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Noland, Chairperson of the Committee on Criminal Law, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2778 and Senate Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 3359 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Garrett, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3672 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Koehler, Chairperson of the Committee on Local Government, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 551 and Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 3183 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Hutchinson, Chairperson of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 410, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2958, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3212 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports House Bill 2009 Do Pass; Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1064, Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2491 and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2643 recommended Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point. Senator Kotowski.

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SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

It's nice to see you today. Good morning, everybody in the Senate. It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Shevlin family. The Shevlin family, if you could please stand up. Where are -- there they are. Shevlin family, from Arlington Heights. We have Mike and his wife, Linda, and their children, Micayla and Andrew. The children go to Our Lady of the Wayside. They're here visiting Springfield. They've gone to the Abraham Lincoln Museum. They're going for a tour of the Capitol. Could you please give them a great Springfield welcome, to the Shevlin family?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Welcome to the Illinois State Senate, folks. Great to have you here today. Thank you. Senator Sandack, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SANDACK:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

SENATOR SANDACK:

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, it's my privilege to introduce my Page for the Day, Louie Buttny. Louie's from Downers Grove North. He's a -- a neighborhood kid. He's a junior at the local high school. He plays tennis. Plays the violin. He is a dynamite math student, something we could probably use down here. His parents, Lou and Judy, are here as well. Judy is the Finance Director for the Village of Downers Grove, and someone I used to count on when I was the Mayor there. And so, taking a page from Jeffrey Schoenberg, today's

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Downers Grove Day at the Senate. If we could welcome 'em, I'd be appreciative.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Will our guests please rise and be recognized? Welcome. Good to have you here today. Senator Emil Jones, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR E. JONES:

Personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to introduce my guests from the Roseland Youth Peace Center. They're down here under the direction of Rogers Jones. Would they please stand? These young men and women are from the greater Roseland area. And they're -- stand committed in -- to preventing youth violence throughout our community. They're located a block away down from my district office and I work with them on a continuous basis. So, would you please given 'em a warm Springfield warm -- welcome 'em down to Springfield? Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Great to have you here today. Thank you. Senator Pam Althoff, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

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Thank you very much. I have two Pages - very, very special Pages - today with me. I have Samantha Sparks, who is sixteen - or, who is sixteen years of age, attends Kaneland High School. And her mother and our chief legal staff {sic}, Jo Johnson, went to school together. So, she is here paging. And I also have Stephen Wakeman, who is fourteen, goes to Bernotas Middle School. And his mom, Liz, and I have been friends forever and ever. And I actually have known Stephen since he was four years of age. So, might we give them a nice Springfield welcome, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Would our guests please rise? Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Great to have you here today. Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MURPHY:

Purpose of an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR MURPHY:

I'd like the record to reflect that Senator Millner is back home due to a family illness, and just ask that the record reflect his absence for that reason and that it be deemed excused.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Murphy. The record will so reflect. Senator Garrett, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GARRETT:

Thank you, Mr. President. For a point of personal privilege.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

SENATOR GARRETT:

I have a story to say. I was leaving the Capitol last night and, lo and behold, I run into some constituents from Lake Bluff who made their way over to the Capitol. They're up there in the Senate gallery. So I'd like to introduce Stephanie and Mike Kollasch and their daughters, Sylvia and Katie. They're all from Lake Bluff, Illinois. Thank you very much for coming.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Folks, welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Great to have you here today. Senator Hunter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HUNTER:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

SENATOR HUNTER:

This week is National Youth Violence Prevention Week. The goal of this campaign is to raise awareness and to educate students, teachers, school administrators, counselors, school resource officers, school staff, parents, and the public on effective ways to prevent or reduce youth violence. Each day of this week, schools and community groups are teaching youth about the important aspects of preventing violence, including promote respect and tolerance, manage your anger, resolve conflicts peacefully, support safety, and unite in action. I hope that every Member here joins me in standing against youth violence and encourage your schools and communities to stand with us. Thank you, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Hunter. Senator LaHood, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LaHOOD:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

SENATOR LaHOOD:

Mr. President, I'm joined here today by a young woman from my district, Rachel Stieghorst, and she's my Page for the Day. She lives in Peoria, Illinois. She's an eighth grader at Mossville Junior High School. Her hobbies include singing, band, acting, and marching band. And her future plans including -- include singing, acting, criminal justice, and a fashion career. She's also joined by her mother and grandmother today. And I'd ask for a warm welcome for Rachel. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Rachel, welcome to the Illinois State -- State Senate. Great to have you here today. Ladies and Gentlemen, if I could have your attention, today is Agriculture Day here at the Statehouse and we're pleased to welcome some very important guests representing future leaders in the agricultural industry. I'd like to call on Senator Duffy to make a special introduction. Senator Duffy.

SENATOR DUFFY:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I'd like to introduce Miss Illinois County Fair Queen for 2012. The reigning Miss Illinois County Fair Queen is Brittani Schisler, of Fox Lake. Brittani represented Lake

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County Fair at the annual pageant held during the 102nd Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs Convention in January. As the 53rd Miss Illinois County Fair Queen, Brittani will travel throughout this State this summer and promote county fairs and the State fairs. Will you please all help me in welcoming Brittani Schisler?

2012 MISS ILLINOIS COUNTY FAIR QUEEN BRITTANI SCHISLER:

(Remarks by 2012 Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Brittani Schisler)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you for being here today. I just might mention that a couple of the individuals accompanying Brittani today are two of my constituents, Bill and Cathy Redshaw. They've been involved with the -- the county fair queen association and pageant for many, many years. Amy Bliefnick, with the -- State Fair Manager, is here. Karen Fraase, with the Department, as well. And let's welcome all of our guests again, one more time. Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, to continue our Ag Day festivities, I'd like to call on Senator Cultra to make a special introduction. Senator Cultra.

SENATOR CULTRA:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mike Shively, of rural Buckley, Iroquois County, is the son of Todd and Stephanie Shively. Mike is a 2011 graduate of Paxton-Buckely-Loda High School in Paxton. He's been very involved in FFA Chapter over the last four years. He's a member of the 2011 State winning parliamentary procedure team. He is also the State winner in extemporaneous speaking and represented Illinois in the national competition last fall. Mike is involved in the school's National Honor Society and is

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also a ten-year member in the local 4-H club. Let's welcome FFA State President Mike Shively.

2011-2012 ILLINOIS STATE FFA PRESIDENT MIKE SHIVELY:

(Remarks by 2011-2012 Illinois State FFA President Mike Shively)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is Ag Day, as has been mentioned. I know we have a number of guests that are with us today representing agriculture all across the State of Illinois. Would everybody that's with us in the galleries -- if you're involved with agriculture, would you please stand up? And let's show all of 'em -- give 'em a round of -- of applause for their participation. And thanks for being here today. Senator Noland, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege. Like to introduce a couple of guests.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President. I have a couple of gentlemen here today who are acting as my Pages for today. I'd like to introduce them. I have -- first, I have Aiden Canney. He's a fourth -- fourth grader at Goodwin Elementary School in Lisle {sic}. Likes to play basketball and is an aspiring engineer and/or architect. Also, too, I have Frank Vaughn, son of our eminent policy adviser, Margaret Vaughn, who's in the eighth grade at St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick's in Lemont. He likes to play soccer, volleyball, and will one

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day be a Senator right here in this Chamber. So, with that, I'd like to ask us to welcome them, as we always do here in the Senate. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Welcome to the Illinois State Senate, young men. Great to have you here today. Senator Garrett, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GARRETT:

Thank you, again, Mr. President. I'm here on a point of personal privilege, and I...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Well, I'm joined today by two Pages, both from Lake Forest: Jack Sanders, who's seventeen years old, and is a student at Lake Forest High School; and his brother, Akira Sanders, is fifteen years old and a student at Deer Path Middle School. So I hope you welcome them. This is one of the busiest days so far of the year, and they're going to be working hard for us.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Let's give 'em a round of applause. Great to have you here today. Senator Harmon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

For purposes of an introduction, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please make your introduction. Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

I -- I, too, have a Page today. My Page is Jacob Meister.

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He's fourteen and he goes to Julian Middle School, junior high, in Oak Park. He'll be paging with us today. He is also, for those of you who might know, the eldest son of Chris Meister. He lives in Senator Lightford's district now, but through the magic of redistricting, he will live in -- in my district come November, and I'd like to ask you all to join me in welcoming Jacob to the Illinois State Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Meister, welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Great to have you here today. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are going to be going to the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading shortly. Will all Members within the sound of my voice please come to the Senate Floor? We're going to be going to the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading here momentarily. Senator Althoff, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Purpose of announcement, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

The Body might have noticed that Senator -- Leader Radogno has been absent this morning. Well, she got the wonderful news late yesterday that her daughter was in labor. And I have the pleasure of announcing that Knox Bennett Braun arrived at 10:40. Mother is doing well, baby is doing well, and Leader Radogno is a very happy grandmother.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Congratulations to Leader Radogno - Grandma Radogno. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you will turn to page 5 of the printed

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Calendar, towards the bottom of page 5 of the printed Calendar -
- on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, first up is Senate
Bill 171. President Cullerton. President Cullerton, on 171.
Out of the record. Senate Bill 174. Senator Koehler. Senator
Koehler seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 174 to the
Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is -- seeing no objection, leave is
granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 171 --
174. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for
consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Koehler.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes, the amendment becomes the bill and I can discuss it on
3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? 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?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate
Bill 174. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 174.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman {sic}, Members of the Senate. This bill is a recommendation of the Governor's Office. It changes the timeline for the Department of Public Health to deliver the State Improvement Health {sic} (Health Improvement) Plan, or SHIP, to the Governor for presentation to the General Assembly. The next plan will be delivered by January 1st of 2016 and every five years after that. The intent of this bill is to focus on the implementation of the SHIP plan, rather than the crafting of it. Appreciate your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 174 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And 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 51 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 174, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar is Senate Bill 179. Leader Clayborne. Mr. Secretary, Senator Clayborne seeks leave of the Body to -- to return Senate Bill 179 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 179. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Clayborne.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Clayborne, on Floor Amendment 1.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Yes, it becomes the bill and I'll explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 179. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 179.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. -- Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Basically, Senate Bill 179 creates the Riverfront Development Fund. It allows DCEO enter into agreements with developers for projects within a river's {sic} (river) edge development zone that are in financially distressed cities. The incremental income tax from -- from new hires, or new employees, within the zone will be deposited into a fund and then used for grants for

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developers. This only applies to new jobs, not jobs transferred in or existing jobs. I would ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MURPHY:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Senator, I noticed from our analysis that the Taxpayer {sic} (Taxpayers) Federation of Illinois slipped in in opposition to the bill. I guess, first of all, is that correct? And if it is, what was the nature of their opposition?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

It -- it is correct. And, basically, they say that it creates a new tax credit.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 179 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that

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question, there are 51 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 179, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up is Senate Bill 180. Senator Haine. Senator Haine seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 180 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 180. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR HAINE:

This becomes the bill. It's an initiative of our distinguished Comptroller, Mrs. Judy Baar Topinka. And it's an arrangement between her -- authorizes her to enter into arrangements with counties to help collect defaulted fines and collectible court costs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 180. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Bill 180.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 180 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Aye, 1 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 180, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up is Senate Bill 181. President Cullerton. Out of the record. Ladies and Gentlemen, turn to the top of page 5 of the printed Calendar, again on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We have Senate Bill -- with leave of the Body, we will skip down to Senate Bill 267. 267. Senator Koehler. Senator Koehler. Out of the record. Senate Bill 275. President Cullerton. President Cullerton. Out of the record. Senate Bill 277. Senator Kotowski, on 277. Out of the record. Senate Bill 278. Senator Steans. Mr. Secretary, Senator -- Steans seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 278 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Readings is Senate Bill 278. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR STEANS:

The amendment deletes all, becomes the bill. I'll explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 278. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 278.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, this Act creates a permanent Human Services Commission. It already exists; this just makes it an ongoing permanent commission to look at human services programs across the State of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MURPHY:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Senator, is there a cost on this?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

I asked the Department of Human Services, which is who staffed it. They said it's nominal and they're neutral on the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy? Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Isn't this -- I mean, it says, in our analysis, the goal of the commission is to maintain efficient management of publicly funded programs and services and ensuring adequate appropriations for the provision of human services. Isn't that what the administration is supposed to be doing now without a commission? I mean, that's kind of their job, isn't it?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

This provides a forum to have outside providers provide input on that as well. For example, when they were looking at moving to -- functions between agencies, this commission they

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went to, to get input on where is it best to house that and as a way of getting outside input on that as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

To the bill, Mr. President. I -- you know, I -- I'll -- I'll support the bill, Senator. I -- I certainly respect your commitment to this issue, but it just strikes me as strange that we have to set up a commission by legislation to have the administration actually talk to people effectively and -- about a fundamental issue like this. I mean, this -- this seems to me to be yet another admission, although it may be not explicit, that this State isn't being run very well right now.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Seeing no further discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 278 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 41 voting Aye, 10 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 278, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. 279. Senate Bill 279. Senator Koehler. Out of the record. Senate Bill 280. President Cullerton. Out of the record. Senate Bill 281. Senator Delgado. Mr. Secretary, Senator Delgado seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 281 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 281. Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Delgado.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Delgado, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 281 with Amendment No. 1 amends the Disabled Persons Rehabilitation Act. It deletes the language concerning the payment rates for personal care attendants. It also requires the Department of Human Services to report on its website an annual report to the Governor about comprehensive rehabilitation services, habilitation, and rehabilitation in the State, an annual report about -- specified programs and services under the Disabled Persons Rehabilitation Act. And the Amendment No. 1 pretty much deleted everything and became the bill. And this is an initiative of SEIU, and I would ask for your Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 281 pass. All those... Thank you. That's correct. Ladies and Gentlemen, the -- the amendment -- 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?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 281. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Bill 281.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Delgado.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, again, Mr. President. I would ask for your Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 281 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 281, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MURPHY:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

SENATOR MURPHY:

We are joined today by a fine mayor from my district, the - the Mayor of the City of Rolling Meadows - my good friend, Tom Rooney. If we would all give him a warm Senate welcome, that would be most appreciated.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mayor, welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Great to have

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you here today. Thanks for joining us. Ladies and Gentlemen, next up on the Calendar is Senate Bill 350. Leader Clayborne. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 350.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Clayborne. Mr. Secretary, take that out of the record, please. Take Senate Bill 350 out of the record. Next up is Senate Bill 351. President Cullerton. Out of the record. Senate Bill 407. President Cullerton. Out of the record. Senate Bill 408. Senator Link, on 408. Mr. Secretary, Senator Link seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 408 to -- to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 408. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Link.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment becomes the bill. Be more than happy to do it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. 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

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amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 408. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 408.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. This will require assessors to turn assessment books into the supervisor of assessment {sic} (assessments) by July 15th, currently October 15, in counties of six hundred thousand to seven hundred thousand inhabitants according to the 2000 census, which will include Will County and Lake County. According to Lake County, these assessments apply {sic} increased from thirty-six hundred in 2006 to twenty-five thousand five hundred and they do not have enough time to handle all these appeals in time for tax billing in May. I know of no opposition to the bill. Be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill -- 408 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have

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all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 408, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar is Senate Bill 409. Senator Link, on 409. Out of the record. Senate Bill 410. Leader Harmon, on 410. Mr. Secretary, Senator Harmon seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 410 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 410. Are there any Floor -- Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The amendment becomes the bill. I'd move for its adoption and happy to debate it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 410. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 410.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 410 is an amendment to the Property Tax Cap Law. It's designed to cure an unintended consequence of the tax caps. Today a taxing body is limited to a tax increase, but if they don't take that tax increase, then the subsequent tax years won't reflect that. This would allow them to forgo the maximum tax increase for one year without forgoing it in future years. It should allow a taxing body to reduce its property tax levy in the current year without fear of long-term repercussions. I'm not aware of any opposition and I ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Lauzen, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman {sic}. Just for the information of the -- especially this side of the aisle, passed out of committee unanimously.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 410 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who

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wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 410, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar is Senate Bill 538. Senator Kotowski. Senator Kotowski seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 538 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 538. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Kotowski.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

The amendment becomes the bill. I'll be more than happy to speak to it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 538. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 538.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Floor Amendment No. 1 requires the State Retirement Systems to certify the predicted State normal cost for the year.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 538 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 538, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar is Senate Bill 546. President Cullerton. Out of the record. Senate Bill 547. Leader Harmon. Leader Harmon seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 547 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 547. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment 1 becomes the bill. I'd move for its adoption and look forward to discussing it on

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3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 547. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 547.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Harmon, on 547.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd actually like to take the bill out of the record at this point.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, take the bill out of the record. Next up is Senate Bill 548. Senator Koehler, on 548. Out of the record. Senate Bill 549. Leader Clayborne, on 549. Out of the record. Ladies and Gentlemen, turn to the top of page 7 of the printed Calendar. We have Senate Bill 550. President Cullerton. Out of the record. Senate Bill 551. Leader Harmon. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Leader Harmon seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 551 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no

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objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 551. Mr. Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Harmon, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment becomes the bill. I'd move for its adoption and discuss it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 551. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 551.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 551 amends the Local Government Debt Reform

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Act. It codifies the -- in this Act, the -- the standard practice of defeasing bonds early by setting aside an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest. It allows for refunding of bonds at a lower interest rate. I'm not aware of any opposition and I ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Althoff, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicate -- indicates he will yield. Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you. I asked this question in committee. I'd like it just for a point of reference. Many municipalities or units of local government currently have an ordinance that permits them to do this and what you're attempting to do is just level the playing field and allow everyone to be able to utilize this mechanism?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you for the question, Senator. Yes, this is the standard way of defeasing bonds and it'll make sure it's available to all.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 551 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?

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Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 1 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 551, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you'll turn back a page, to the bottom of page 6, is Senate Bill 549. 549. Leader Clayborne. Leader Clayborne seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 549 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 549. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Yes, I'd to explain it on 3rd Reading, if I may.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 549. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 549.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you. Basically what this bill does, it allows municipalities who are beginning to grow small commercial areas, as well as residential areas, to provide police protection for those small businesses, which are the backbone of our country. So, basically, allows them to take ten percent of the TIF increment and hire policemen to protect those residential as well as commercial areas - only for financially distressed cities and/or those cities with two hundred percent of the federal poverty level.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Senator Schmidt, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SCHMIDT:

A question of the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Schmidt.

SENATOR SCHMIDT:

I'm -- I'm sorry you were in a committee yesterday, because I did have a -- a couple questions. First of all, the concern that I have is, you know, TIF districts are not -- normally not for paying for police or fire or any kind of staffing. My only concern is, and the question that I have is, once that TIF money is gone, how are we going to -- how are you going to -- or, how is that town going to pay for the police protection that

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they're, you know, getting right now? And I understand what you're doing, I just had that question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Well, I was -- I'm sorry. I would assume that that increment now will go to the General Fund and -- because right now, as -- as TIF funds, it's restricted in its use. And once the TIF goes away, then some of that money will go to the General Fund and hopefully they'll be able to finance those policemen -- those salaries by way of the General Fund.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor yield, please, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Senator Clayborne, I see that the bill only applies to distressed cities. I -- I mean, do you have a list of how many of those there are, where they're at, or..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Well, it -- it -- it applies to distressed cities, as well as those with a income poverty level of two hundred percent of poverty. Yes. I don't have a -- a list. There is a list of one city that's been designated financially distressed and it's the City of East St. Louis. But it's broad enough to encompass

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other municipalities that have a high level of poverty. That -- and basically, again, this is to protect those small businesses that have decided to invest in these communities.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Is there -- since you're -- you're making the nexus between the tax increment financing district and protecting the businesses that are in the district, so - and maybe this isn't possible - is there anything in the legislation that ties the police officers to the district in terms of patrol hours, anything like that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

No -- no, there isn't.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

And so, if this were to become law then, it's going to be up to the Mayor of East St. Louis to make sure that the police officers who are paid with the ten percent of these funds is actually focusing in on these downtown businesses? I mean, is that what you would anticipate?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

I would think that it would be done, I guess by the mayor, but more so by the police chief. I mean, right now, what's

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happening is, you -- you've created these commercial districts and you're putting an extra burden on the police force as a whole. So now what we -- we would like to do is to hire more to protect those business interests, as well as those new residential areas, to make sure that they -- those areas continue to thrive and those businessmen are protected and they -- they protected their investment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Last question. You know, Senator, something you just said caught my -- caught me. You said they've created these districts and there have -- have placed an extra burden on the police department. How -- how does creating the tax increment financing district increase the burden on the police department? That'd be my last question. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Leader Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Because, all of a sudden, you have maybe in -- in -- in one particular geographic area, you may have six to ten new businesses that didn't exist in this area before because it was a blighted area. You may have a -- in one area in East St. Louis, there's about eighty new residential units that didn't exist before. So now there's an extra burden placed on that police department. And we're saying, as a direct result of -- of good growth, whether it's residential or whether it's commercial, we want to make sure that investment is protected.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Seeing no further discussion, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 549 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 36 voting Aye, 16 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 549, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen -- Ladies and Gentlemen, back to the top of page 7 of the printed Calendar, Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We have Senate Bill 549. Excuse me, Senate Bill 552. Leader Harmon. Out of the record. Senate Bill 553. Senator Frerichs. Senator Frerichs. Out of the record. Senate Bill 554. President Cullerton. Out of the record. Leave of the Body, we will skip down to Senate Bill 636. Senator Lightford. Senator Lightford. Out of the record. Senate Bill 637. Senator Delgado. Out of the record. Senate Bill 638. Senator Steans. Senator Steans. Senator Steans, on 638. Senator Steans seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 638 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 638. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the -- this -- deletes all, becomes the bill. I'll explain it on 3rd.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 638. Please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 638.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, last Session, we had passed a significant bill changing alternative certification. This bill is sort of fixing a couple of problems from that. It creates -- extends the timeline for current alternative certification programs to have students enter from to give more time for the new alternative certification programs to come online. It also just clarifies that candidates from alternative certification programs can be placed in public schools, certified nonpublic schools, and charter schools.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 638 pass. All those in

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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? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 638, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar is Senate Bill 639. Senator Delgado. Senator Delgado seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 639 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 639. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Delgado.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Delgado, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 639 amends the School Construction Law to allow school districts to utilize school construction funding to rehabilitate school buildings. Currently, school districts may only use the funding to replace or reconstruct school buildings. And we can talk about this more on 3rd. It's identical to House Bill 5227 by Representative Watson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

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No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 639. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 639.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Delgado.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I explained the amendment and I would ask for your Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Senator Luechtefeld, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. To the bill: Keep in mind on voting on this bill - and, you know, I know that the sponsor has very good intentions - but keep in mind that school construction -- we're still -- we're building buildings from the -- who were -- who had applied for money back in 2003 and 2004. That money will soon run out. To expand those schools that qualify for this money, I think is the wrong thing to do right now. You know, again, I'm sure there are some schools that -- with -- that -- through historic preservation that maybe it does make some sense. But why would you take a program that is already almost out of money and expand it by giving a whole new -- a whole new group of people, whole new

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group of schools, the right to draw from this money? It just doesn't make sense to me. You know, I think if there's another school construction plan in another bill in the future - and that, I guess, is always possible - but for now, at least, this doesn't make sense. And I guess I just ask all of you on both sides of the aisle to think about that, especially if you have schools in your district that want some of that money. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Delgado.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you. To close, Mr. President. As to the previous speaker's comments, first of all, no schools on the current list would be affected. And this will help bring projects for renovation instead of new construction - those who cannot have new construction. You may need construction on your home; you don't knock it down and rebuild it. You may rehab it. At this point in time, we have many people -- that will add to jobs and making sure that many architects and engineers and others who aren't out there building new schools, because they're not being built, at least be able to also offer the opportunity to rehabilitate the existing structures. And also the fact that -- I want to point out to both sides of the aisle, this is actually bipartisan. My sponsor here is Senator Althoff, and this bill was originated in the House by Senator {sic} Watson. But, as of -- so I would propose that we would ask for an Aye vote and continue to make sure that our buildings do not crumble and utilize any way we can to rehabilitate 'em so our students will

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feel -- safe and able to perform. I would ask for your Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 639 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 35 voting Aye, 20 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 639, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 640. Senator Garrett. Senator Garrett. Out of the record. Senate Bill 679. Leader Harmon. Leader Harmon seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 679 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 679. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Insurance Committee reported the amendment out with the understanding that I would be holding the bill in the Senate. I'd move for the adoption of the amendment, ask that the bill be sent to 3rd Reading, but I do not plan to call it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Next up on the Calendar is Senate Bill 680. Senator Holmes. Mr. Secretary, Senator Holmes seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 680 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 680. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Holmes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Holmes, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Yes, Amendment 1 becomes the bill. I can explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Bill 680.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you so much. This bill was recommended by the Multiple Sclerosis Society and it amends the Nursing Home Care Act concerning the content of a nursing home's safe patient handling policy. We basically did this last year on hospitals and we are expanding it into nursing homes. And it actually expands the factors that a nursing home safe patient policy must contain, including a lot of training and especially in safe -- for safe lifting teams. This really is beneficial for the patient when it comes to safety and dignity. So I do urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 680 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 680, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up is Senate Bill 681. Senator Luechtefeld. Senator Luechtefeld seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 681 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 681. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments

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approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Luechtefeld.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Luechtefeld, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Yes, I would like to speak on this on -- on 3rd Reading, if you'll move it to 3rd, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 681. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 681.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 681 amends the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act. It allows Illinois residents to buy firearm ammunition through the mail from an in-state provider. There -- there -- the present

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law -- and I -- I actually didn't know this, but in-state providers -- or in-state -- you can buy ammunition out of State through the mail. That you can do and we've been able to do for a long time, but because of a quirk in the law, we've not been able to -- to purchase by mail to -- from in-state providers of ammunition. It just to me makes sense. I think it's safer. It doesn't -- you know, it doesn't have to travel as far as -- when you order it. I think it's something that -- that we need to change. There does seem to be an awful lot of support on both sides of the aisle on this issue. Would be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Kotowski, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Yes, thank you very much. Thank you, Senator. And you presented your bill in committee and answered a lot of the questions. And I supported the bill. Just -- just a question that I had. I was under the impression that you were going to come up -- come up with a definition of what a "seller" was.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Senator, I -- I would say that's a person who has ammunition and would like to sell it to a buyer. That's the best I can do for you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

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I didn't know if you were going to -- maybe that was unclear in committee, whether or not it was going to be defined as, you know, someone in retail, a federal firearms licensee who's engaged in business for profit. And I was under the impression, based on the dialog that we had in committee, that that was something that you were going to focus on as an amendment to more specifically define that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Again, I don't know -- remember making any kind of commitment to do that. I thought that question had been answered, honestly, in committee yesterday. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator -- Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much for your -- your answer to that. So I was under the impression that that was something that was going to be addressed specifically in language. So is that something that you can commit to doing in the House? I -- I don't know if that's -- if I'm -- if I misunderstand, forgive me, but I was under the impression that we would have some more specific language for a "seller".

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator -- Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

I -- I certainly would -- you know, I certainly would commit to trying to get that done. I -- I do commit to do that in -- in the House. I would like to pass this out of here today

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though. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Yes, sir. Thank you for answering the question. I appreciate your commitment to do that. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Silverstein, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Short question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Senator Luechtefeld, currently we don't allow shipment within State. Do you know why -- what the intent was before that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

I'm told that -- let me read this to you: Although the FOID -- FOID Act allows for purchase of ammunition through the mail, the law requires that in-state vendors may only sell ammunition to people who display a valid FOID card. This has been interpreted to mean that the ammunition seller must see the original FOID card in person, thereby preventing an Illinois business from selling ammunition to its own residents through the mail. This would change that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Further discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 681 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 47 voting Aye, 6 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 681, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar is Senate Bill 758. Senator Trotter. Out of the record. Senate Bill 774. Senator Schoenberg. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 774.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Schoenberg.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Ladies and Gentlemen, for the last several years, with overwhelming bipartisan support, we have passed hospital assessment legislation, which enables us to access hundreds of millions of dollars annually in additional federal funding in order to provide resources to meet the critical needs of over two hundred hospitals throughout the State. In light of the current challenges that we face, here provides another opportunity to maximize and leverage those additional federal matching funds. This is a proposal that enjoys support of the Illinois Hospital Association, the safety net hospitals. I can tell you that what it would do is it would provide for an

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additional...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Schoenberg.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Mr. President, I'm overly caffeinated and getting a little ahead of myself. Could we take this out of the record, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Absolutely. Mr. Secretary, take Senate Bill 774 out of the record. Senator Righter, do you have a -- Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Point of personal privilege, if I might.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Absolutely. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I simply stand to announce to Senator Schoenberg that there is decaffeinated coffee over on our side of the aisle.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you for that bipartisan gesture. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're on the middle of page 7 of the printed Calendar. Senate Bill 820. Senator Steans. Senator Steans seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 820 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 820. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, on Amendment 1.

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SENATOR STEANS:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 820. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 820.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 820 amends the Early Intervention Services Systems {sic} Act. Does two primary things. It's reflecting changes that were made in federal regulations - so bringing us up to date on that - and adds representatives to the Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council {sic} (Illinois Interagency Council on Early Intervention). I don't know of any opposition to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Righter, for

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what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

What are the changes, Senator, in federal law? And are -- are those affecting this, or -- or they're driving this? Is -- are -- are we mandated to follow federal law changes with regards to this?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yeah, the federal law changes are driving this. They had final regulations for Part C Early Intervention Program made effective at the federal level on October 28, 2011. And to comply with some of those key requirements, we're making some changes to our regulations.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator, do you know how many members are on the Interagency Council now?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

The minimum number of members right now is fifteen. This changes the minimum number to twenty and increases the maximum number of members from twenty-five to thirty. So it's upping it

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by five in the range.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. So, if I understand you correctly, Senator, the federal government is actually telling the State of Illinois that we have to increase the minimum number of individuals on the Interagency Council. Is that right?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

No. I don't believe that's the case. I think we had to make other changes to the Act based on federal requirements - things like adopting standards for delivery of quality services in the child's natural environment and things like that. This had been suggested by the Early Intervention Council to strengthen the Council to do that. So that was -- a local decision. So this is why I was saying this is doing two different things.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Last question. Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator, for your indulgence. And two parts to this: One, why do you think it's a good idea to increase the number here? And, two, what is it that this Council is supposed to be doing? Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Steans.

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SENATOR STEANS:

Well, this was a recommendation of the Interagency Council to increase the number of representatives so that they can have a greater reflection of people who are involved in early intervention services, is my understanding. You know, and I think we should be in compliance with the new federal regulations, which is why I think going forward we should be making the changes to updating our Act.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Seeing no further discussion, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 820 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 820, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar is Senate Bill 952. Senator Muñoz. Out of the record. Senate Bill 963. Senator Haine, on 963. Out of the record. Senate Bill 966. Leader Clayborne. Leader Clayborne, on 966. Out of the record. Senate Bill 967. Leader Harmon. Leader Harmon seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 967 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave -- leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 967. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon, on Amendment 1.

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SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment becomes the bill. I'd move for its adoption. I would like the bill to advance to 3rd Reading, but I'll come back to it tomorrow.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, next up on the Calendar is Senate Bill 968. Senator Sandoval. Out of the record. Senate Bill 969. Senator Sandoval. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1064. Senator Muñoz. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Muñoz seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1064 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1064. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Muñoz.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Floor Amendment 1 deletes everything and becomes the bill. Under current law, a for-profit company cannot operate a

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prison. This bill we just want to add a detention center as well that they will not be able to do that. They're seeking to open a for-profit company in Crete. This for-profit company did the same thing in Arizona. And as a result, they don't charge the State, but they have to get federal funding from the government in order to maintain that. So, therefore, for them to make money, they will have to put a lot of people into these detention holding centers. I will answer any...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1064. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1064.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. As I just stated, the Floor amendment became the bill, and that's my intention, to put this into current law, to put detention centers not to be able to be run by a for-profit company.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor yield, please, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Muñoz, we discussed this briefly in Executive Committee. Now one issue that we did not touch on, does this apply only to the operation of any detention center or does it apply to construction as well?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

This is -- doesn't apply for construction, but for operation and management.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Can you help me, Senator, in finding where it specifically states "operation of" as opposed to just the detention centers generally?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Section 2, line 6 -- line 7 - prohibition of the ownership, operation or management of correctional and detention facilities by a -- for-profit private contractors.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. And thank you, Senator, for pointing that out. I had missed that. Now there was testimony in committee about -- the -- the witnesses that you had testified in objection to a facility that's going to be built in the Village of Crete, which apparently is intended, by municipal officials and by the company that's constructing the detention facility, to be used to detain individuals who are in -- in the country in violation of the law. And one of the issues that was raised in committee was whether or not the people who are pushing this bill are opposed to building a facility that is intended to detain people in the country illegally or whether there was a broader objection than just that. Can you speak to that, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Again, Senator, the intent is not to -- not -- it's not so much -- it's nothing against Crete. We just don't want to have a for-profit company opening up detention centers right now. They do have detention centers all over the State, so the need for it -- to open up this one, I don't see the need for them to do it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Okay. I -- I mean, you're making a little bit of a

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capacity argument there, and I appreciate that. Do you know if there are any other detention facilities in the State that would be affected by this prohibition? Or would -- is there something in the bill that would grandfather any detention facilities that currently exist in the State from this prohibition?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

I know of no other for-profit companies that are doing this in -- in our State, Senator. The -- the detention centers that we have now, it's my understanding, is run by the federal government, unless the federal government has worked out some arrangement with the State of Illinois Department of Corrections. That I am not sure of, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Last question, if I might, Mr. President, then I'd like to go to the bill. Senator Muñoz, I don't know what stage in the construction process this particular facility is, but I'm assuming that contracts have been signed and legal arrangements have been put in place. Would -- would this bill, were it to pass and become law, stop this particular facility in Crete from being operated by this company?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

It's my understanding, Senator, that nothing has been signed. This was just brought to Crete. The company was saying

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that there is space there to do this and it would provide jobs. We had someone testify, as you were there in committee, a resident from Crete, and they're objecting to it. They said it would bring down their land value and they don't want this detention there. So, I know of no contracts that have been signed, and if this bill does go into law, yes, it will stop any for-profit company to do that in our State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

To the bill, if I might, Mr. President. Thank you very much. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I appreciate, obviously, Senator Muñoz's efforts here, but this bill is a giant leap forward in what our policy has been here. I mean, right now the policy in Illinois is to say, in the State, we won't have corrections facilities operated by private-sector entities. Now, we are going forward to any layer of government and any detention facility, regardless of its size, regardless of who may -- being detained, whether or not that's a detention facility for the guy down the street who maybe got a DUI, or is this a detention facility for youth -- maybe a troubled youth, or a detention facility for someone who's been deemed by law enforcement to be in the country illegally. This is a -- this isn't just an extension, like it was characterized in committee - not by the sponsor, but by the witnesses. It is a considerable expansion of this prohibition without us knowing for sure who it would affect. I mean, do you have a facility anywhere in your district, or even if it's not in your district, somewhere else where there's a good reason why the private

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sector's involved in the operation of the facility? If you do, or if you're not sure you know one, this is -- this is an opportunity, I think, for us to stop and say, you know what, let's do a little more homework before we enact such a prohibition. I would urge a No vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Lauzen, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Questions for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Okay. Senator, do you have any evidence that a non-profit company, by its private or public nature - its nature itself - is any less safe for the population in Illinois?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

I did not research that, Senator. I don't know what other states, such as Arizona, how they maintain a security level. And I -- I don't know what criteria they have to meet with the federal government for non-for-profit. I just believe, as a law enforcement officer in this State and -- and a lot of people here, if a for-profit company wants to come and do business with that, in this State, they should meet some criteria with the federal government and with the State guidelines, as opposed to just come in and trying to make some money and putting people in these detention centers. If someone is bad, then you lock 'em

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up, and we have Department of Corrections and we have federal facilities now.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Senator. Do you have any evidence that a non-profit company by its public or private nature is any more expensive to the taxpayers? Actually, I think that you've said there'd be no expense to the taxpayer. Is there any evidence, you know, behind the concept of this bill that it'd be more expensive for the taxpayers?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

No, I don't.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Then the final question would be, you know, based on those two things, if it's not less safe and if it's not more expensive, why would you want to limit the operating alternatives to folks who have to get the job done of public safety? Why would you want to limit the options available?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Senator, this bill will not limit law enforcement. We have facilities all over the entire State, and people that are caught for illegal activity, whatever the case may be, they are brought

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to holding cells, and then, if it's on a federal level, they go to the federal facilities. Believe me, we're not shortchanging the entire State. This is just a for-profit company that wants to come into this State and do business, and they're not federally -- I don't know how they do it in other states, but this is a wrong precedent to do it here in this State when we have the federal authority here and State facilities that can get the job done.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Bivins, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BIVINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Bivins.

SENATOR BIVINS:

Currently, in Illinois, I -- I believe there is a Tri-County jail operation run -- run by a private entity. And it's my understanding, there are a lot of problems there. And what happens a lot of times when you have private companies come in, they -- their cost savings comes from employees, in cutting their -- what they're paying their employees, so we have a lower salary amount. And a lot of times, quite frankly, some of the employees are employees that weren't hired by law enforcement or can't get into law enforcement or other correctional facilities. So this is where they're saving their money. So I have a real concern. And I know -- I know we're talking about, you know, possibly taking away and limiting options in -- in local control, but at the same time, this can generate -- this

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privatization can generate a lot of lawsuits too, more than the norm. So I will support your -- your bill, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Raoul, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RAOUL:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

I think Senator Bivins brought out some great points, and -- but just fundamentally, as the previous speaker has indicated, we have philosophically taken the position against privatization of correctional facilities as -- as a State, and this just follows that same philosophy. Defendants and convicts ought to -- ought not be commodities. It ought -- corrections ought not be incentivized by making a profit. It ought to be corrections to deal with -- to deal with crime. And -- and to the extent that you make it a profitable venture, you're -- incentivized to keep people in prison longer than they otherwise would be by creating violations just haphazardly just so you could have them there longer. And in the end, that costs government more money. There have been a lot of national news programs on such private -- private facilities in other states that are -- that are -- that are just basically pimping corrections in -- in other states. And Illinois ought not want to be -- be -- ought not want to be one of those states.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Schmidt, for what purpose do

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you rise?

SENATOR SCHMIDT:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Schmidt.

SENATOR SCHMIDT:

Question I have, Senator, does this keep any facility from privatizing any other portion? For example, let's say food service or maintenance.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

No, not to my knowledge. I would -- I'd have to say that on the federal level, I'm sure they put out RFPs, as well as our own State. This does not apply. This is just so we wouldn't have detention -- for-profit detention centers in our State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Schmidt.

SENATOR SCHMIDT:

Thank you. But you're telling me then that this does not keep the -- any detention facility from privatizing any other portion of that facility.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

This does not apply to contracts for ancillary services. It states it in the bill, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Seeing no further discussion, Ladies -- Senator Muñoz.

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Ladies -- Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1064 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 34 voting Aye, 17 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1064, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Koehler, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. For an announcement and a congratulatory message.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your announcement and message.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

It's a very proud time for us in Peoria right now, and I have joining me on the Floor Representative Jehan Gordon from Peoria, and I'll include my colleague there, Senator LaHood. We have the Central Illinois High School Champion Basketball Team, and if they'd stand. They beat North Central -- North -- North Chicago, I'm sorry, seventy-two to sixty-four. Let me just give you a piece of trivia. Which -- which community -- in the years of 1989 to 2004 - that's sixteen years - which community had nine of those years in which they were in the championship game? The answer would be Peoria. So, please help me in giving a good Senate welcome and a congratulations to our Peoria Central Lions, the champions of 3A basketball.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Great to have you here today. Congratulations. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're on

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the bottom of page 7 of the printed Calendar. Next up is Senate Bill 1076. President Cullerton. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1077. President Cullerton. Out of the record. Ladies and Gentlemen, let's turn to the top of page 8 of the printed Calendar. Again, we're on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1078. President Cullerton. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1079. President Cullerton. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1132. Senator Jacobs, on 1132. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1135. Senator Noland. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1197. President Cullerton. Out of the record. With leave of the Body, we will skip down to Senate Bill 1351. Senator Koehler. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1351.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 1351, as amended, would -- makes changes to the Home Services Program under the Department of Human Services. This legislation aims to correct errors in the enabling legislation so that the Home Services Program can operate in a similar manner to its sister program, the Community Care Program, under the Department of Aging. Specifically, the Floor amendment clarifies the Department's authority to alter the program's asset limit through the administrative rule and addresses a concern that was raised in committee during the -- during the

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hearing. I'd -- happy to answer any questions and appreciate your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1351 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1351, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar is Senate Bill 2124. Senator Garrett, on 2124. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2124.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Yes, thank you very much, Mr. President. About four years ago, I co-chaired a task force to reform the Health Facilities Planning Board, and as you remember, there was a considerable amount of corruption. And one of our goals in this task force with the twenty-one-member board was to ensure that the board members were professional, and that, for that, they got some compensation. They do review all of the hospital, nursing home types of expansions and new buildings, and many would believe it's one of our most important boards. We did a overall reform

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package. We had salaries in there for the board members and the Governor did veto that. I'm coming back today asking you to reconsider that, because what we're asking is that these board members who travel the State, they hold many public hearings, they have been professionalized, they have to have health care expertise, that, in fact, they do get compensation. The compensation is not at taxpayers' expense. The compensation is derived from the revenue from the permits and the application fees. Currently, the fund that these application fees are -- are deposited has over a million dollars. So we are asking that the nine-member board receive approximately -- well, receive thirty-five thousand dollars a year. And that would be deducted if, in fact, they didn't show up at any of these public hearings around the State. So, I'm happy to take any questions, but that's the crux of the bill and I hope you'll be able to support it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Syverson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Some questions of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield. Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. Senator, can you give me an idea of how often and how many hours that these board members meet currently?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

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Yes. Thank you. It varies because of the number of applications. It could be twenty-five hours a week. It could be ten hours a week. They do a lot of preparation for their meetings. Or it could be thirty-five hours a week. So there really is a range, but they do spend a lot of time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

And -- and how often -- I guess two questions. How often do they meet? And this ten to thirty-five -- this ten to thirty-five hours, is that an average, and so in a course of a year, it's -- it's that much, or is it just ten to thirty-five hours those weeks that they're actually meeting?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Yes, it is really dependent on the type of applications that are received. For instance, if there is a new facility that has been proposed in southern Illinois, everybody goes to southern Illinois. So there's drive time, there's preparation for the meeting. And these hearings can take really eight hours or so. So, depending on the number of permits and the type of work that is involved in preparing, determines how many hours a week, a month and a year that they spend.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

The money currently you're talking about that they would be paid out of, this fund, have -- have these funds been swept

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before or are they intended to be swept?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Not that I know of, and there's no intention to sweep them.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Well, there's never an -- but does -- the law doesn't preclude those currently from being swept. But, there's no change in fees; if there was going to be a change in fees to require these facilities to pay more, in case the Governor does -- our indication is that the decision is the Governor's going to be sweeping all the funds this year, and if that's the case, is there any -- the fees that are currently being charged to those, are those set in statute now or who determines what those fees are?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Yes, they are set in statute.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Okay, so this won't change those fees at all in case the Governor does do that. Now, if the Governor does sweep it, is this subject to funding? If -- if the funds were swept and the dollars were not in that account to pay their salaries, what would occur?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Thank you. The way I understand it is that there -- there are funds in that fund used for administrative purposes. And the Governor, while he may sweep some of those funds, those administrative fees and payments have to be in place. If, in fact, the Governor chose to sweep a hundred percent of that particular fund that would pay the board members, the board members would not receive any payment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Okay. Thank you very much. I appreciate your answers and your work on trying to put some safeguards in place with this. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Pankau, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PANKAU:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

I was the person in committee that voted No to this. They are -- the -- currently, the members on the board are not being paid. And they haven't been paid for a number of years, since the -- the change of the board and the new people were put in place. At this time, in this economy, in this State, this sends

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the absolute wrong message to the people of the State of Illinois. These people are serving without compensation now. And now we want to pay them? Yes, I understand it is not coming out of GRF. Yes, I understand that there's plenty of money there. But, you know, there have been money in other funds too. And that money, after a period of time, is all of a sudden gone, because the Governor has taken it or we've used it for this or we've used it for that. And now, of course, out of the kindness of our hearts, we should continue paying these people. This -- they say that perception is everything, and I believe, at this particular time, this perception of paying board members that are not being paid right now and are doing it because of their interest in this particular subject is sending the absolute wrong message. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, Senator Garrett, do you wish to close? Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Yes, I do want to respond to the previous speaker. When we met, our twenty-one-member task force, it was very diverse. It covered many different groups from all over the State. One of our top priorities was to ensure that this board - and I -- I sincerely believe it's one of the most important boards in the State - is as professional as possible, that never again can it be corrupted. So, we did that. We made sure that the members that the Governor were to appoint would be -- you know, would have health care background and that they would be engaged and - and interested. We also said that, because of that, they should be treated like professionals. And we all agreed that

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they should receive some compensation, and that was in 2009. And we aren't coming up with this idea today. And -- and what we're saying is that it is a mistake to really not pay them. This will not affect taxpayers at all. These fees that come from the hospitals and nursing homes are for the use of their expertise. It makes perfect sense for them to be compensated for their professional work and I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2124 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 29 voting Aye, 24 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2124, having -- having not received the required constitutional majority, is declared failed. Senator Garrett, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GARRETT:

Yes, I would like to put this on postponement for consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Garrett requests that Senate Bill 2259 {sic} be postponed. The bill will be placed on the Order of Postponed Consideration. Senator Trotter in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

On page 8, Senate Bill 2259. Senator Jacobs. Senator Jacobs, on 2259. Do you wish to proceed? Out of the record. Senate Bill -- 2526. Senator Sandoval. Do you wish to proceed? Senator Sandoval. Out... Senate Bill 2534. Senator Mulroe. Do

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you wish to proceed? Out of the record. Senator -- Senate Bill 2545. Senator Silverstein. Senator Silverstein indicates he wishes to proceed. Senator seeks leave of the Body to return to -- Senate Bill 2545 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2545. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Silverstein.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Silverstein, to explain.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Amendment 3 removes the Section from the bill that provides the Attorney General from -- adopting rules and regulations to implement the Internet Dating Safety Act. And I'd also like to table Senate Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Silverstein, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Procedurally, if we can adopt Senate Amendment 3.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

We'll table Amendment No. 1, and we'd like to move for adoption of -- of Senate Amendment No. 3.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Is there any objection to tabling Amendment No. 1? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. All opposed, say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is tabled. Mr. Secretary,

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are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Silverstein.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Silverstein, to explain.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

For the second time, table -- Senate Amendment No. 3 removes the Section of the bill that provides that the Attorney -- Attorney General shall adopt rules and regulations in the implementation of the Act.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

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, Mr. Secretary, approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2545. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2545.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. This creates the Internet Dating Safety Act. Requires that Internet dating services operating in

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Illinois must indicate and notify customers whether or not they've conducted criminal background checks on prospective members. And I'll take any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Sponsor indicates that he will.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Senator Silverstein, I want to make sure procedurally I understand where you're at. Amendments 2 and 3 are now on the bill; 1 has been tabled. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

That -- that is correct, Senator Righter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Now, with that understanding, can you walk through for me, Senator Silverstein, briefly, what it is exactly we're doing here?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

If you look at the bill, it creates the Internet Safety Dating {sic} (Dating Safety) Act. The Act requires that dating services operating in Illinois must indicate and notify

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customers whether or not the service they -- they've -- the service provides criminal background checks on prospective members and also whether the service has a policy that permits individuals with criminal convictions to access -- that -- access the service. Senate Amendment No. 3 takes away the Attorney General from adopting any rules and regulations. And Senate Amendment 2 expressly specifies that the dating service provider or website hosting service does not violate the Illinois (Internet) Dating Safety Act, which is defined in -- it -- it removes the -- I say, it removes the definition of the Internet service provider. So, we -- it was an amendment brought forth by, I think, AT&T.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator, is -- first, is there -- is there an enforcement issue here? I mean, if -- if a company is running an Internet dating service out of Massachusetts or even abroad, how do we police them with regards to enforcing Senate Bill 2545 if it becomes law?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Well, they have to be operating in Illinois. I think we get into minimal contacts and all that other good arguments we could discuss. But if they're operating in Illinois, they would be subject to the jurisdiction of Illinois just like any other company that operates outside Illinois and does business here.

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Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Would -- would doing business in Illinois include people who are viewing the company's site, but not utilizing the service? And I've -- and I've never been on one of these, but I'm assuming that people can go on and look and see maybe what the service offers, but maybe not sign up and become a participating member. One, is that -- is that -- is that commonplace or does that even happen? And, two, if it does, does that jurisdiction extend to that company for that -- that casual visitor, if you will, as opposed to the person who's actually participating?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

I think you're looking at the individual. You have to look at the provider, if the provider is operating in Illinois. So if you go on the Internet, which I don't think you -- I hope you don't, if you do, it's the -- it's the provider, not Dale Righter or anyone else.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Righter, any further questions?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

No. Just to thank the sponsor for using my name like that. So -- insofar -- have you had a conversation with the Attorney General's Office about enforcement issues? They were in the bill and now they're not in the bill. I hope that doesn't indicate on their behalf a reluctance to want to enforce the bill were it to become law.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

And I apologize for using your name, Senator Righter, but just -- just an example. I've not had any discussions with the Attorney General regarding this bill. She was here yesterday, but I forgot to bring it up.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Righter. Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

He indicates he will yield.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Just so I understand, Senator, this -- what you're saying is that the provider must simply say whether or not they do provide criminal background checks. They don't have to provide a criminal background check on everyone who participates, is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

That's correct. Just a notification, Senator Maloney. That's all.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Are you aware of -- do any of the providers do this now? Do they provide criminal background checks for participants?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

There -- there has been other states now requiring it. Seems like it's a pattern going on. But other states are requiring it right now.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Just one final question. So -- so that if the provider is going to provide this service, asking for criminal background checks, then obviously they are the ones that need to pay for that. Or is it the -- or is it the person who goes on the site to utilize their services, are they the ones that pay for this?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

The -- the service would pay for it, as far as I understand.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Maloney, no further questions? The question is, shall Senate Bill 2545 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 42 voting Yea, 9 voting Nay, no Presents. Senate Bill 2545, having -- received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. On Senate Bill 2548... Out of the record. On Senate Bill 2559, Senator Haine. Senator Haine, on 2559. Senator Haine indicates he wishes to proceed. Senator

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Haine seeks the leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2559 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2559. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Haine, to explain the amendment.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The amendment is the result of negotiations between the sheriffs of Illinois, who are wardens of the county jails, of course, and Department of Human Services on developing a pilot program to determine if an expedited transfer of people found unfit back to the county when they're found fit would help open up beds for those who are, again, found unfit, other persons who are later in the system. There's -- there's a jam in our mental health facilities and in the county jails, and both sides are trying to determine the best way to do it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

3rd Reading. Okay. On 2559 -- Senate Bill 2559, Senator Haine. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2559.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2559 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On the question, there are 56 voting Yea, none voting No, and none voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, Senate Bill 2559 is declared passed. Senator -- Schoenberg.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Aren't you going to ask me why I'm seeking recognition?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

I wasn't -- didn't really care. I just saw you standing. But since you brought it up, why are you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Well, once I tell you, you'll care plenty. Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'm honored and delighted today to be able to introduce you, on a point of personal privilege, to my friends from the Evanston Township High School, who are here in the gallery over by -- mistakenly, by the

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Republican side of the aisle. My friends from Evanston Township High School are part of a delegation who've come down to the Capitol today to educate Members of the General Assembly on the importance of providing strong continued support for school-based health clinics. The one that is at ETHS is really one of the model school-based health clinics in the State, which keeps our students healthier so that they can achieve more in school and provides a great relief for their parents as well, so they access quality health care. Could we please give our friends from Evanston a warm Senate greeting? Thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Please stand and be recognized. And welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Cultra, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CULTRA:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

State your point.

SENATOR CULTRA:

Today, with me as guests on the House {sic} Floor, I have three {sic} women that are part of the -- the county -- or the State Republican Women's party. They're from Iroquois and Ford County. We have the President of the Iroquois County women's group, Deb Monk, and Susan Wynn Bence, who is a Iroquois County Board Member. Would you please stand up and let us -- welcome to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Please stand and be recognized by the Illinois Senate. Welcome. Welcome. Proceeding on page 8, we have Senate Bill

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2569. Senator Mulroe. Senator Mulroe indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2569.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator -- Mr. -- Senator Mulroe, to explain the bill.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is an initiative brought by the Illinois State Bar Association and the members of the Bar Association that practice in the Dissolution of -- of Marriage Act, or that -- that -- that practice. It addresses three -- three areas of that Act: dissipation of assets, child care, and applicability clause. The applicability clause basically says it's effective as of the date it gets signed. The child care portion of the Act, it actually codifies existing practice and puts that in the statute - what -- what people are responsible for paying with respect to child care. And dissipation of assets is -- provides a framework regarding what you have to prove to claim a dissipation of assets and provides, you know, steps to do that. I'd be happy to answer questions. I -- I don't believe there's any opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2569 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all

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voted who wish? Take the record. On the question, there are 56 Yeas, no Nays, no Presents. The -- Senate Bill 2569, having received the constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Schoenberg in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

We will proceed on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2578. On the top of page 9 of your printed Calendar. Senator Crotty. Senator Crotty, do you wish to proceed? She indicates that she does. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2578.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Crotty.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you. Senate Bill 2578 modifies the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and Dependency Act. It expands the definition of "array of services" and "client assessment and diagnosis". It includes uniform screenings, assessments, and evaluation processes. Yesterday in committee, I add -- had just a few changes that they'd like to make in language. I'd like to move it over to the House as they continue these discussions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Thank you, Senator Crotty. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Crotty, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 2578 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is

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open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2578, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. With leave of the -- of the Body, we will return to Senate Bill -- Senate Bills 2581 through 2642. The next order of business is on page 11 of your printed Calendar, Senate Bills 3rd Reading, middle of the page, Senate Bill 2643. Senator Noland. Senator Noland, on 2643. Do you wish to proceed? Senator Noland. Out of the record. With leave of the Body, we will return to Senate Bills 2644 through 2775. The next order of business will be on page 16 of your printed Calendar, Senate Bills 3rd Reading, middle of the page. Senate Bill 2776. Senator Raoul, do you wish to proceed? Out of the record. On the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 2777. Senator Raoul. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2778. Senator Raoul. Do you wish to proceed? He indicates that he does. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Raoul seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2778 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2778. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Raoul.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Raoul, on Floor Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR RAOUL:

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

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Senate. Floor Amendment 1 provides that any person who is required to register as a sex offender because of a conviction of criminal sexual abuse under subsection (c) of Section 11-1.50, which involves what is commonly known as the "Romeo and Juliet" sex offenses, can petition for termination of their registration after ten years of the initial registration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 2778. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2778.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

I'd seek an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

He indicates he'll yield. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Raoul, you referred to the formal classification of the offense. You also used the term "Romeo and Juliet". I guess for those of the -- in the Chamber who are not that familiar with the Criminal Code or the story, can you lay out exactly what it -- the kind of offense that you're -- you're trying to affect here?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Yes. It's a sexual act where the victim is between thirteen and seventeen years old and the offender is no more than five years older than the victim.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

So that -- that mean -- the victim is thirteen to seventeen. That means the offender would be eighteen to twenty-two years of age, depending on the -- the age of the victim. Correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Righter.

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SENATOR RIGHTER:

Now, can you articulate for the Body why it is you think that this particular group of offenders should be singled out and given this opportunity, as opposed to other sex offenders?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

There -- there have been cases throughout the country where -- sex offenses were -- were brought against a so-called offender in consensual sex circumstances, where the person's forced to register as a sex offender for an act of consensual sex. And, you know, I don't know what the Body's philosophy is to -- with regards to these -- these cases, whether they're same as the more egregious sex offense cases, but I think these are - - distinguishable cases. And it should be noted that the offender in these cases will still have to be registered for ten years, a minimum of ten years.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Righter, any further questions? Is there any further discussion? Any further discussion? Senator Raoul, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 2778 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Aye, none voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 2778, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. With leave of the Body, we will skip Senate Bills 2779 through Senate Bill 2795. The next order of business will be on page 17

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of your printed Calendar, Senate Bills 3rd Reading, middle of the page. Senate Bill 2837. Senator Althoff. She wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2837.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you very much, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 2837 provides that the Secretary of State shall designate a space on each original or renewal identification card, driver's license, State ID, or disabled ID card where, at the request of the applicant, the word "veteran" shall be placed. The veteran designation shall be available to a person identified as a veteran under honorable conditions and the acceptable form of proof shall include, but is not limited to, the Department of Defense form DD-214. And unlike the specialized license plates that may appear to be honorary in nature, this actually serves a functional purpose. It allows the Department of Veterans' Affairs to plug -- to identify veterans and plug them into resources and benefits before they enter a downward spiral. It allows the State's homeless veterans to be permanently identified. And it also improves health care delivery by, again, having an easy means to identify many of the veterans. We are still in conversation and working with the Secretary of State's Office to make this a more seamless and easier mechanism for them to initiate and will

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continue to do that as this measure moves over into the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Thank you, Senator Althoff. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Althoff, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 2837 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2837, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MURPHY:

Purpose of an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR MURPHY:

After the -- Senator Raoul's bill, I did a quick survey and was able to find that twenty-three of the twenty-four Senate Republicans have, in fact, read Romeo and Juliet. And I thought the Chamber might want to know that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is that because you have so much free time on your hands? It's a caucus activity? Unless Senator Murphy has any other observations to share with us, we'll proceed with the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2840. Senator Mulroe. He wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2840.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2840, as amended, would allow for a few things, first of which is to allow the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to implement enhanced oversight and screening techniques prior to a vendor's enrollment into any medical assistance program. It would also allow the Department to enter into data sharing agreements with other State and federal agencies to perform eligibility and payment verifications, and also to issue a request for information in Fiscal Year '13 to identify the benefits of a pre-payment, post-edit claims system with goals of streamlining the claims process and making the provider reimbursement system more transparent. I should also let you know, there are a few pending issues that we plan to continue working on with the House. So there will be an amendment to this bill to address a few things, one of which is concerning the sharing data agreements with the State and federal agencies. And we're also going to amend this bill to incorporate a bill by Senator Raoul, Senate Bill 3354, which is also a Department -- HFS initiative. Be happy to answer any...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

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He indicates he'll yield. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator, your -- your bill has a special kind of glow about it, and that glow is kind of reserved for pieces of legislation in this Chamber which appear to carry pits {sic} and pieces of what's commonly known as Obamacare. So we all kind of step back and say, ooh, maybe that's not a good idea. Now I want to be clear, though, your bill does have that, but it -- those provisions relate to the ability of a state or federal government to detect and root out fraud or abuse. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Mulroe, could you respond to Justice Scalia's inquiry?

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you for the glowing remarks. No. Actually, yes. When I started out with the bill - and -- and, Senator, you were there with me - when -- when I initially -- the initial draft was to actually utilize current technology -- for pre-payment claims to detect irregular payments, fraud or -- or anything like that - dead doctors, dead -- patients. And this developed into this -- this bill, as amended. So, yes, it is intended to use current technology to try to root out any fraudulent or irregular payments and -- along with the other things that you mentioned.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just to thank the Senator for

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his work and thank you for your compliment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Thank you. Is there any further discussion? Is there any further discussion? Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

He indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR RAOUL:

I -- the previous speaker made me think that -- to make sure to ask you, are there any bits and pieces of anything that's commonly known as Romneycare in the bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

I am actually just trying to pass a bill that's going to make our Medicaid system work more efficiently.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Thank you very much. Is there any further discussion? Senator Mulroe, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 2840 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2840, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2847. Senator Steans. Senator Steans. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2861. Senator Sandoval. Senator Sandoval. Out of the record. Senate Bill

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2864. Senator Muñoz. Leader Muñoz. He wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2864.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 2864 - this legislation will create Illinois jobs by reducing regulations on businesses. Many states have passed laws changing the rules for collateral for reinsurance companies, including Florida, Indiana, New Jersey. And this is -- bill is important to keep Illinois insurance industry competitive. This bill is exact model that all fifty state insurance commissioners unanimously approved. Negotiations are continuing and we are willing to accept certain modifications requested by some companies, but this bill is the exact model. There are still negotiations with Allstate. But, for time, we're going to move it out, and if they're going to put an amendment, they're going to do it in the House. So, other than that, there's no other opposition. The bill does not eliminate collateral requirements. It just gives the Directors of Insurance the option to do it if certain conditions are met.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Muñoz, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 2864 pass. All those in favor will vote

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Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Senator Garrett. Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2864, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2867. Senator Haine. Senator Haine. He wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. With leave of the Body, Senator Haine seeks -- wishes to return Senate Bill 2867 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of -- of Senate Bills 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 2867. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Haine, on Floor Amendment No. 3.

SENATOR HAINE:

This puts an exemption back in for applicability of JCAR review process. Through a miscommunication, it was taken out. This just puts it back in.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Haine.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Haine, on Floor Amendment No. 4.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This provision -- it reinserted a provision relating to the Leucadia coal plant. Initially, when it was drafted, it would have called into question whether they could be so named or designated as an SNG - synthetic natural gas - facility or a clean coal brownfield facility. And this, in working with the - the ICC and the EPA, brings the Act into consistency with Leucadia's needs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. Opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it. Amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration, Mr. Secretary?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 2867. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2867.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

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Yes, this is the ironically named annual IEPA cleanup legislation. And it addresses and makes several changes to the various inspection of carbon dioxide sequestration sites, surface discharging sewage disposal systems, their permitting. And it also affects the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and the IEPA Act.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Thank you, Senator Haine. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Indicates that he'll yield. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Haine, I'm doing my best to -- to review what you have here before us quickly. And from what I can see, you're taking a number of fees that are now charged by the Department, but -- but they're charged by agreement, and you're going to move them into statute. So now those fees become a matter of State law that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency by force of statute would then have the right to charge. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

That's probably correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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Assuming that is correct, then, if the companies or -- who -- the categories of -- of entities who are paying the fee now and there's not a problem with that, why are we moving it into statute? Because obviously the reason you've got it just as an agreement is because there's -- there's a measure of flexibility here. Now you're going to move it into statute. What's the point of that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Senator Righter, I presume that the Department wishes to -- to authorize these by law so they won't have to engage in this - - constant negotiations, and it brings a stable scheme on behalf of those who pay. So they know what the fees are and the Department knows what the fees are. I'm speculating, but I think that's -- that's the case.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR HAINE:

There was...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

I apologize, Senator Haine. Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Well, I -- well, I want to emphasize that there wasn't any one of these entities that do pay that did object.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

How often does the -- I mean, obviously, if these fees are

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made a -- a matter of State law, then that clearly removes a -- it's kind of like taking something off the bargaining table by State law; it removes an issue that the Department has to deal with with these individual or categories of entities so they won't have to negotiate with these particular individuals or organizations or entities. Is that what we want to do here or do we want to preserve kind of that negotiating balance between the Department and these entities? I mean, I get it's convenient for the Department, but I think we ought to -- I mean, the agency, but we ought to worry more than just about whether the Environmental Protection Agency is -- is inconvenienced by the Act.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Well, again, I believe these entities expect to pay to defray the costs, and they did not object to this. We didn't -- and they -- there was give-and-take on streamlining some of the other permits in the bill. So, I guess that was part of the -- the -- the give-and-take, but no one -- no one contacted me or anyone else, I presume, saying we don't like this. It does bring -- again, I'm -- it's not my place to speak for the Department, but I presume it brings a stable, statutory scheme to bear. You could say -- you could spin it and say, well, this removes it from the table, but, you know, again, they're -- no one is saying that they don't like that, because the Department apparently - apparently -- we do have our differences at times with them, as I do. But, in this instance, everyone seems to be on the same page.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

To the bill, if I might, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

To the bill.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. And thank you, Senator Haine, for those forthright responses. I mean, it's clear what -- we have a situation here is -- is we are taking fees that are not imposed by statute and making them a matter of State law. But as a practical matter, as Senator Haine pointed out, these companies aren't going to get their permits without paying those fees. And I don't doubt that there aren't people in -- that there are -- that this industry doesn't object to this, because as a practical matter, they have to write the check in order to get the permit. But just so everyone is clear, as you -- if you vote for this bill, you are voting to place these fees in statute where they do not exist now. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

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

SENATOR HAINE:

Yes, Mr. President. And, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I -- I appreciate the colloquy with Senator Righter. But I want to emphasize that in no instance are any fees being raised. And these are fees that these entities have expected to pay. This bill streamlines the permitting process, and so there was a give-and-take in formulating the cleanup bill. The

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provisions relating to JCAR, for -- for example, allows smaller issues to go -- to be solved without going through the rulemaking process, which delays them. So, in that sense, the - the Chamber of Commerce and others like that. But in no case did anyone object to these being placed in statute, which, again, has a stable field. And in one sense, it removes the possibility that the IEPA will, by administrative fiat, raise them, because they'll have to come back here to raise them. And then if people object, they will object to us and we can vote them down. So in that sense, it provides, I think, a proper statutory scheme where they're accountable to us, rather than have this give-and-take in a dark room, hopefully without the smoke we had in the past. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Thank you. The question is, shall Senate Bill 2867 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 40 voting Aye, 15 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 2867, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. We'll proceed toward the bottom of page 17 of your printed Calendar, Senate Bills 3rd Reading. 2869. Senator Noland. He wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2869.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

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Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2869 provides that if a respondent, at the time of the issuance of an order of protection, is committed to the custody of the Illinois Department of Corrections or is on parole or mandatory supervised release, the sheriff or other law enforcement officials charged with maintaining Department of State Police records shall notify the Department of Corrections within forty-eight hours of receipt of -- of a copy of the order of the clerk -- from the issuing judge or the petitioner. Happy to take any questions, if there are any. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2869 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. Voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2869, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2876. Senator Haine. Senator Haine seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2876 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 2876. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

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Senator Haine, on Floor Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This -- this amendment is the result of several meetings between the -- the proponents of this bill, the -- a group of Christian ministers and congregants that have a Medi-Share program, and with the Department of Insurance to clarify some things, to raise the comfort level of the Department where they would be comfortable with not regulating the Medi-Share program.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 2876. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2876.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

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

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Senate. This -- this idea has passed the Senate in prior Sessions and what it does is provide that the insurance laws of this State do not apply to arrangements between a religious organization and that organization's members when that organization meets specific criteria involving its status as a not-for-profit medical sharing arrangement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Haine, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 2876 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2876, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senator Sandoval, for what purpose do you seek recognition, sir?

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Please state your point.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I would like to welcome several individuals, not necessarily from my home district, from -- but from Senator Sullivan's home district, but they have a special affinity to me because they are Latino. And you know how I feel about Latinos. And we also -- we also like to recognize..

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Please tell us how you feel.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

We also like to recognize our constituents when they come to Springfield, because many of them have a long trek to this Capitol to visit their home here in Springfield. Well, my friends have come from across the Atlantic Ocean, from Spain. We have today the Monells family: Marta, Maria, mother and aunt of Laia Monells, who is a foreign exchange student who is studying -- been studying this past year at Quincy Senior High. She's a senior. She's also joined by her mom who's been taking care of her here in Quincy, Debbie. Debbie, who's joining us also. So, given that they've spent hours on the plane from Spain and who just arrived here, I'd like to give them a very special welcome to the Illinois Senate, especially Laia Monells. Let's give them a round of applause.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

...very much. Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Koehler, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR KOEHLER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Please state your point.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

I have some -- some friends and some guests here from the Peoria area that are here on some activities with the Stewardship Alliance. If the Senate would please welcome Clare Howard, Robert and Julie Haugland. They are sitting in the gallery behind the Republican Caucus. Like to have a good welcome from the Senate.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise? Let's give them a warm Senate greeting. Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you seek recognition, sir?

SENATOR McCARTER:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Please state your point.

SENATOR McCARTER:

I've got two young men from my district here today helping me. First of all, I've got, to my right, Samuel Deaton-Reynolds. Sam is a fifteen-year-old sophomore from Decatur, currently attending Lutheran School Association High School. He's an honor student, an athlete, playing basketball and golf, and he wants to become a dentist. So, I'd like you to greet him, as well as Christopher Knight, from O'Fallon. He's thirteen years old, in seventh grade, goes to the First Baptist Academy, plays baseball. I've got lots of help today from my district and I appreciate 'em being here. Give them a warm welcome, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Let's greet our guests of Senator McCarter. Welcome to the Illinois Senate. We will continue on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, bottom of the page, page 17. Senate Bill 2877. Senator Haine. Do you wish to proceed? He indicates that he does. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2877.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Yes, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, this is a -- a continuing dialogue between the Department of Insurance and the insurance industry over the amendments to the Insurance Code involving -- the revised NAIC Insurance Holding Company Systems {sic} (System) Model Law. If you can understand this law and all of these negotiations, you will be accepted into the Philosophic Society in Rome. And I would ask that these amendments be adopted so that the -- the -- this colloquy can continue between the industry and the Department, which will continue in the House and there will be other amendments. Hopefully, it will come to fruition so we can more effectively regulate our holding companies.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Haine is there anything further you wish to add in your close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 2877 pass. All those in favor will -- all those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2877, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2882. Senator Rezin. She wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Bill 2882.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members. This -- Senate Bill 2882 creates the Adopt-A-Park Act, which establishes a program that allows private citizens to support municipal, township, county, and State anti-litter efforts by allowing groups to adopt a park or a section of a park for purposes of collecting litter. There were a couple of concerns by groups that we have worked out. We ran out of time. We'd like to move it over to the House. We'll add the amendment with the agreement -- with everyone involved over in the House, on the amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Johnson, Tom Johnson.

SENATOR T. JOHNSON:

Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

She indicates she'll yield.

SENATOR T. JOHNSON:

I think it's a good bill. But are people going to receive credit, like signage or other things, if they were to volunteer and do this sort of thing?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

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Thank you. Just a letter or certificate. We're not putting up signs acknowledging them.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Johnson.

SENATOR T. JOHNSON:

I forgot I'm in the Senate - you got to wait for that light.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

You're -- you're learning, though. You're learning.

SENATOR T. JOHNSON:

Okay, so it's just a certificate; it's not something that's going to be publicized. Because, as I recall, there were some other states that have experimented with this, and you've gotten some -- there was some very bad publicity over the fact that some groups that you would rather not be involved, like KKK or whatever, all of a sudden are -- are taking care of part of our natural resources, our parks, and to advertise that sort of thing -- because once you put this on the books, I don't think you can discriminate against who can participate in this program.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. The amendment should take care of this that we move over to the House, so that the DNR will have some discretion on what group is allowed to come in and help or volunteer at the park.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any further discussion? Is there any further

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discussion? Senator Rezin, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 2882 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. Voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2882, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. We will proceed to page 18 of your printed Calendar. Moving right along. Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2886. Top of the page. Majority Leader Clayborne. He wishes to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2886.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Majority Leader Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Basically, we passed the income tax and then we created, last year, a historic tax credit for River Edge Development {sic} (Redevelopment) Zones. And what we're doing is we're extending the tax credit to be carried forward ten years and back one year, and we are making it transferable.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Leader Clayborne, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 2886 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay.

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The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2886, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Sharon Stevens, with station KSDK-Television NBC, requests permission to videotape the proceedings. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. We'll now proceed to Senate Bill 2891. President Pro Tem Harmon. Senator Harmon. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2095. Senator Link. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2897. Senator Frerichs. 2897. He wishes to proceed. Senator Frerichs seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2897 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2897. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Frerichs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Frerichs, on Floor Amendment No. 2.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Floor Amendment No. 2 removes some opposition to -- or made a -- slight change to the bill. I'll be happy to discuss it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

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

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approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 2897. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2897.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Frerichs, on Senate Bill 2897.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2897 will provide new opportunities for socially responsible companies in Illinois. This legislation creates a new type of Illinois corporation called a benefit corporation. Under current law, corporations must maximize profits to the shareholders and cannot weigh other concerns. The proposed bill expands corporate purpose for these corporations to allow owners to consider society and environment, in addition to profit. This is a voluntary designation that the company would choose while incorporating in Illinois. In addition, this legislation will require enhanced transparency and accountability standards for benefit corporations. This legislation has passed seven states and is in consideration in five others. It does not confer a tax benefit to these companies. This legislation does not cost the State money. This legislation will attract businesses with an interest in social responsibility and the flexibility offered

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by the benefit corporation model of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you. Would the sponsor yield for a couple questions, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Indicates that he'll yield. Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Does the Illinois Secretary of State's Office, which oversees incorporations in Illinois, have a position on this bill, Senator Frerichs?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

I am unaware of one. I did not see a witness slip from the Secretary of State's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Senator Frerichs, do you know whether the controversial Solyndra corporation, which the Obama administration gave hundreds of millions of dollars to, was one of these types of corporations?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

I am unaware of its corporation status.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you. If the purpose of one of these companies was to expand gun ownership and encourage the purchase of ammunition as a social policy, could they become one of these kind of corporations?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

If a corporation's goal was to consider other benefits, in addition to maximizing profits, then, yes, I assume they could organize that way.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Senator Frerichs, this is a -- a rather new, untested version of incorporation in America. Do you know, have there ever been any shareholder suits brought under this type of business formation?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

It is a relatively new form of corporation. It has been enacted in seven states. It's been introduced in an additional five. I am unaware of any shareholder lawsuits.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Dillard, any further questions? To the bill.

SENATOR DILLARD:

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Thank you. This type of corporate formation is -- is new to -- to our country, and as I look at it, I guess I ask what's the hurry here? We -- you know, this is what I would characterize as our version of -- of charitable care, the controversy that's going on right now for Illinois hospitals. And it really is a -- is a form of social engineering. I'm not sure I'm going to vote No, but I don't know why we -- we need to do this right now. It hasn't been looked at enough and, you know, it clearly is -- is a way to social engineer activities. I do worry, especially putting on my lawyer's hat, of the kind of shareholder suits that will -- will come here. Suppose you're not making enough of these politically correct activities that come from these corporations? And, you know, there's a fine balancing act between your duties as a corporate director, which is to -- is to make profits, under case law, to your shareholders -- or for your shareholders, and giving away the store for the kinds of things that -- I think the sponsor's probably well-intentioned on what he wants to do, but I think this bill's a little premature and, you know, I think we -- we ought to go a little more slowly on this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

To sum up? Okay. Yeah, I -- I understand there is some concern out there. There's concern about shareholder lawsuits. There's concern about shareholder lawsuits right now. If a trustee or director of a corporation decides that they want to do something for their local community, they have the potential of being sued for that if they're not maximizing profits. This

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is not something that any corporation in Illinois will be required to do. It is something voluntary. If they choose to do this, then they can put their minds at rest of various shareholder lawsuits because of things they want to do to invest in their community or for societal impact. I would encourage -- it's -- it's something also that has been enacted in seven different states, and I'm unaware of any such concerns that they've had. I'd request a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2897 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 31 voting Aye, 21 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 2897, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2899. Senator Steans. Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you. Just to break up the monotony for the day, we would request a verification of that roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

A request for a verification is always in order, even when there is no monotony. Mr. Secretary, please poll those in the affirmative.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Clayborne, Annazette Collins, Jacqueline Collins, Crotty, Delgado, Forby, Frerichs, Haine, Harmon, Hunter, Hutchinson, Jacobs, Emil Jones, Koehler, Kotowski, Lightford, Link, Maloney, Martinez, McGuire, Mulroe, Muñoz, Noland, Raoul, Sandoval,

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Schoenberg, Silverstein, Steans, Sullivan, Trotter, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Dillard, are you quarterbacking the verification?

SENATOR DILLARD:

Is Senator Hutchinson on the Floor?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Hutchinson. Senator Hutchinson. Is she in the Chamber? Senator Hutchinson is present. Any further questions?

SENATOR DILLARD:

Is Señor Sandoval on the Floor?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is the conscience of Cicero, Senator Sandoval, present? Senator Sandoval. Please remove him from the roll. Any further questions? Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Is Senator Sullivan on the Floor?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Leader Sullivan. He's at his seat. Any further questions? Please restore Senator Sandoval to the roll. Senator -- Senator Muñoz. Leader Muñoz. Is Leader Muñoz in the Chamber? Please remove him from the roll. Any further questions? Senator Dillard, any further questions?

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you. No -- no, thank you, Mr. President. It's nice to see everybody here on the Floor on this beautiful day.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

On that question, there are 30 voting Aye, 21 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional

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majority, Senate Bill 2897 is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2899. Senator Steans. She wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2899.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This bill relates to the Redeploy Illinois Program. It allows DHS to enter into an agreement with a county over two million. So it includes Cook County in the program as well. At this point, I would urge an Aye vote. This has been a very successful program in reducing cost to the correctional department.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Steans, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 2899 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2899, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2900. Senator Link. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2902. Senator Althoff. Senator Althoff is carrying this bill. There's a letter on file that she's carrying this bill for Senator Millner. Senator Althoff

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wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2902.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2902 limits an inmate's ability to use the Freedom of Information Act to obtain information that is available to them through an administrative request or is in the facility's library. It also limits the ability of an inmate to obtain certain information regarding staffing assignments, staff rosters, and information from staff personnel files. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Althoff, do you wish to close? The question is, shall 2902 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2902, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2929. Senator Noland. He wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill -- Senate Bill 2929.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2929 amends the Public Community College Act to make the Procurement of Domestic Products Act explicitly applicable to the Public Community College Act. The bill is an initiative of Elgin Community College, which seeks to include a preference for American products in the procurement of goods by Illinois community colleges and would benefit, of course, community colleges throughout the State. I know of no opposition and happy to take any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Noland, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 2929 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. Voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2929, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2934. Senator Garrett. Senator Garrett. Senator Garrett seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2934 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 2934. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Garrett.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Garrett, on Floor Amendment No. 2.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 2 had to do with ensuring that there are public meetings that Board members would have to participate in.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 2934. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2934.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Yes, Senate Bill 28 -- I'm sorry, 2934 amends the Illinois Health Facilities and Service {sic} (Planning) Act, and this is an initiative of the Health Facilities and Service {sic}

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(Services) Review Board. What we have done is worked with the permit -- the applicants, as well as the Board and the staff of the Health Facilities Board, and we have asked that you consider that we set forth the requirements for monitoring the progress of an approved permit. There's a lot that goes into the Certificate of Need process, and there's quite a bit of material here, but it basically streamlines how that process would work. Number two, we establish a review of the permits and notification requirements, making sure that all of the applicants are well aware of their status of their permit. Number three, we are asking that -- that -- we provide that a person whose application for a permit has been denied or whose permit has been revoked shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing before an administrative law judge appointed by the Chairman of the Board. We also are requesting that we have comprehensive health reporting. This has to do with the Center for Comprehensive Health Planning, so that we have better information across the State on what kind of health services we need, and that we also have an inventory and bed need projections to be based on five years instead of ten-year projections of populations. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Garrett, do you wish to close?

SENATOR GARRETT:

Yes, only to say that this bill is not controversial. It has no opponents and -- and I hope that you will give it an Aye vote.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2934 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 49 voting Aye, 3 voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2934, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2935. Senator Martinez. Senator Iris Martinez. She wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2935.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2935 amends the Wholesale Drug Distribution Licensing Act, regulating the wholesale of prescription drugs. It extends the sunset clause from the -- on the Act from January 2013 to 2023. It increases the civil penalties for operating or acting as a wholesale drug distributor or pharmacy distributor without a license from five thousand dollars per offense to ten thousand per offense. It permits an investigator from the authorize -- authorized by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulations {sic} (Regulation) the right to access to -- a wholesale drug distributor's business premise. It -- it also permits the Department to impose fines of up to ten thousand per

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violation on individuals who have controlling interest in a wholesale drug distribution company that has committed a violation of this Act. It also expands the types of violations that may result in a fine to include fraud and misrepresentation, falsifying the quality or selling or distributing -- distributing counterfeit drugs, interfering with an investigation, failing to secure or properly store drugs, and failing to keep proper records. It also gives permission to the Department to petition a court to stop violation or enforce compliance with the Act. And it requires that all information collected during an investigation by the Department be kept confidential. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Martinez, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 2935 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. Voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2935, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2941. Senator Dillard. Senator Dillard, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2941.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

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Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Mr. President. A very simple bill coming from the Illinois State Dental Society that says a dentist who utilizes dental assistants shall not supervise more than four dental assistants at one time for a couple of different procedures. It's a safety measure to make sure that dentists are not supervising too many assistants at the same time and everybody's paying attention to what's going on in the dental office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Dillard, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 2941 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2941, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2945. Senator Duffy. He wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2945.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Duffy.

SENATOR DUFFY:

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

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Senate. I'd like to thank Senator Delgado and Senator Hunter with {sic} their help on this bill. Senate Bill 2945, as amended, allows cancer treatment centers, whose sole business purpose is to treat patients who have a cancerous condition, the flexibility to consider tobacco use in the hiring process and to lawfully allow such organizations to choose not to hire tobacco users. Currently, twenty-two other states do this. This is supported by organizations like the American Cancer Society, the Illinois Lung Association, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Cancer Treatment Centers of America, and others. I'd appreciate your support and I'll answer any questions you may have.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Duffy, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 2945... I'm sorry, Senator Forby. Senator Duffy, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 2945 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 50 voting Aye, 1 voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2945, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senator Forby, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR FORBY:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Please state your point.

SENATOR FORBY:

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Today I have a Page for the Day. He is Benjamin Decatoire. And I really don't know for sure what's going on. Bill Haine and Bobbie Decatoire, I'm -- I'm not sure which one has the most grandkids. So, but anyway, Benjamin is eight years old. He likes school and sports, wants to work in the Capitol when he -- when he gets older. Benjamin has -- is the son of Darla {sic} (Darren) and Jodi Decatoire, and a brother, Nick. They are visiting us today. They're in the gallery. Will they please stand? Let's help them -- let's give them a great welcome from the Senate today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise? Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Brady, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BRADY:

Ten minutes. No, Senator, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Please state your point.

SENATOR BRADY:

I'd like to introduce a gentleman here who is paging for us today. His name is Jacob Gleason. He is from Morton, Illinois. He's a senior in high school, enjoys track and football, but, most importantly, he wants a career serving our country. He has just been accepted into the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming him.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Congratulations. Please rise so we can recognize you. Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Duffy, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

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SENATOR DUFFY:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Please state your point.

SENATOR DUFFY:

I'd like to introduce my Page for a Day, Andrew Trulock. Andrew is a resident of Algonquin, is a senior at Dundee-Crown High School. After graduating, he'll attend Elgin Community College. Andrew is here today because he's interested in Illinois politics and he aspires to be an Illinois State Senator someday. Please help me welcome Andrew.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Trotter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR TROTTER:

Mr. -- Mr. President, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

State your point, Senator.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Members of the Senate, I've been pleasantly surprised today by the visitation of my nieces and my nephew in the audience, who've come down to see what we do here in Springfield. They're on a tour of the State, on their way to St. Louis, but had to stop here in the Land of Lincoln. So, please welcome Brandi Trotter, Isabella Trotter, Winston Trotter, and also Amy Trotter to the Senate. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. We will continue now with our business on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, working

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toward the bottom of page 18 on your printed Calendar. Senate Bill 2959. Majority Leader Clayborne. Leader Clayborne. Out of the record. 2960. Senator Holmes. Out of the record. 2961. Senator Haine. Senator Haine wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2961.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is a bill which reforms the process for food service sanitation manager certification. This is the training and the retraining, after a certain number of years, assuring restaurants and customers that the people cooking, making, preparing the food are certified and knowledgeable about the proper way to handle food to avoid any disease. It also addresses the need of restaurant owners to have it easy for people from other states to move into Illinois without going through a bureaucratic morass. It -- it allows reciprocity. This is an initiative of IRMA, the Retail Merchants Association, and it's also now -- they work closely in cooperation with all the public health departments in the State. And all of the public health departments, including the City of Chicago and everywhere else, are -- and my own in Madison County, are for this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

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Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Haine, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 2961 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2961, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill -- with leave of the Body, we will skip from Senate Bill 2972 to 2979. The next order of business will be Senate Bills 3rd Reading, top of the page, page 19. Senate Bill 2980. Senator Syverson. Do you wish to proceed? Out of the record. With leave of the Body, we will proceed from -- skip from Senate Bills 2981, toward the bottom of the page, to -- I'm sorry, 2988. Senator Murphy. Out of the record. With leave of the Body, we will return to Senate Bills 2989 through 2998 {sic}. And next proceed to 29 -- Senate Bill 2998. Senator Bivins. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2999. Senator Righter wishes to proceed. Senator Righter seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2999 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading, we have Senate Bill 2999. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Righter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator...(microphone cutoff)...Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

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Chamber. The amendment simply contains language that would rename a wildlife habitat area in my district after Larry Closson, who is a twenty-five-year employee of the Department of Natural Resources and Director of the Conservation Police under two different Governors.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

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

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 2999. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 2999.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I mentioned in my motion, this simply names an area, a wildlife area, in my district after Larry Closson. Larry Closson was the Director of the Conservation Police under both Governors Edgar and Ryan and was also twice awarded the Purple Heart. Be happy to answer any questions.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Righter, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 2999 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The opinion -- all -- all those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2999, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. With leave of the Body, we will skip from Senate Bill 300 {sic} at the bottom of page 19 of your printed Calendar. We will skip all the way and proceed to the middle of page 21 of your printed Calendar. Senate Bill 3047. Senator Righter. Do you wish to proceed? He wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3047.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Chamber. Senate Bill 3047, as it has been amended, simply removes the population restriction from a provision of Illinois law that allows a municipality that's wholly contained within a road district to pass a resolution, remove itself from the road

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district and provide for the maintenance of its roads through its own -- through its own funds. I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Richter, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 3047 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3047, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. With -- with leave of the Body, we will next proceed to page 23, middle of the page. Senate Bill 3101. Senator Althoff. Do you wish to proceed? She wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3101.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senate Bill 3101 amends the Property Tax Code to make two changes to the delivery of property tax bills. It allows the county treasurer to mail a property tax bill to the property owner at a new address if the property owner has submitted a written permanent change of address to the U.S. Postal Service. And it allows the county

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treasurer to send the tax bill via e-mail at the request of the taxpayer. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Althoff, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 3101 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3101, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. With leave of the Body, we'll next proceed to page 24 of your printed Calendar. Senate Bill 3137. Toward the bottom of the page, page 24, of your printed Calendar, Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Senator Dillard. Do you wish to proceed? He wishes to proceed. Senator Dillard seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3137 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading, we now have Senate Bill 3137. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Dillard, on Floor Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you. This is just a technical amendment substituting out the words "State's Attorney" for "prosecuting attorney".

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any

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discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. Opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it. 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 SCHOENBERG)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, we now have Senate Bill 3137. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3137.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Last year, we passed a prohibition on sex offenders being health care providers in Illinois. And as I just explained as we adopted the amendment, we needed a technical change, changing the words "State's Attorney" to "prosecuting attorney", because sometimes the complaints in these situations come from a prosecuting entity other than the official State's Attorney. And this is a very small, limited change that was brought to me on behalf of the Department, who said we needed it, and it's not controversial and I'd appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Dillard, do you wish to close? The question is,

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shall Senate Bill 3137 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3137, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. With leave of the Body, we will move ahead to the top of page 25 of your printed Calendar. Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3146. President Cullerton. President Cullerton. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3167. Senator Link. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3168. Senator Link. He wishes to proceed. With leave of the Body, we will return Senate Bill 3168 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 3168. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Link.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Link, on Floor Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment just removes the -- the Illinois School of {sic} (for the) Deaf and Visually Impaired from the -- the bill. Know of no opposition to it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. Opinion - opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments

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approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, we -- we now have Senate Bill 3168. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3168.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amends the Pension Code and does two separate things. First, it precludes schools from hiring multiple retired teachers that are collecting a pension from TRS to a single position that is normally filled by a full-time teacher. Secondly, the bill will allow a person that is a retired SERS -- to accept temporary employment with the State, provided that the total annual compensation is less than thirty thousand dollars. I know of no opposition. Be more than happy to answer any question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Link, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 3168 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are

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43 voting Aye, 6 voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3168, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 3170. Senator Schmidt. She wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3170.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Schmidt.

SENATOR SCHMIDT:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is a bill that will be allowing township governments to go out for referendum for aggregate energy. Currently, counties and municipalities are the only ones that can do this, and so we're going to look at giving townships that authority where counties will not be going for referendum. If the counties are on the referendum ballot at the same time, they will supersede the -- the townships.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Schmidt, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 3170 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3170, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 3171. Leader Sullivan. Do you wish to proceed? Leader

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Sullivan wishes to return Senate Bill 3171 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 3171. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Sullivan, Floor Amendment No. 2.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. The -- the amendment provides that a trust established under the Illinois Funeral or Burial Funds Act must be maintained in a deposit account maintained by the seller as trustee in a State or federal bank, savings and loan association, or savings bank.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. In the opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it. 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 SCHOENBERG)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 3171. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3171.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. The legislation amends the Illinois Funeral and {sic} (or) Burial Funds Act to restore a previously deleted provision that allows a seller or provider of funeral services or merchandise holding less than five hundred thousand in trust funds to continue to act as a trustee after the funds are deposited. This addresses an issue that a lot of community banks ran into when they were - - previous legislation that did not allow them to hold these funds. This corrects that situation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Sullivan, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 3171 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3171, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 3173. Majority Leader Clayborne. Leader Clayborne. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3177. Senator Jacqueline Collins. She wishes to proceed. Senator Collins seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3177 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 3177. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1 {sic}, offered by Senator Jacqueline Collins.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Jacqueline Collins, on Floor Amendment No. 2.

SENATOR J. COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Amendment No. 2 is a technical amendment that corrects a cross-reference and updates an existing definition of "originator" to reflect changes made by Senate Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

To the bill. I -- I...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

To the bill. I'm sorry, to the amendment. This is to...

SENATOR McCARTER:

To the amendment...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

...Amendment No. 2.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Apologize. I just want to let everyone know that there are -- there's some good parts to this bill and I appreciate the sponsor, and we -- we always work well together, but there are - there are some increases in fees in here that are considerable, going from two thousand forty-three to...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Pardon me, Senator. This is -- could we hold that line

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until we get to the bill? Just adopt this relatively minor amendment? Thank you. Are there any further questions? Any further discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. Opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it. 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 SCHOENBERG)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 3177. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3177.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Jacqueline Collins.

SENATOR J. COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen in the Senate. Senate Bill 3177 amends the Residential Mortgage License Act of 1987 and makes several changes regarding fines and regulatory authority related to mortgage lending practices. The bill makes changes to clarify that IDFPR has regulatory authority over individuals engaged in loan modification activities. Yes, Senator McCarter, there is a fee increase in the bill which increases the mortgage company license fee to two thousand seven hundred from two thousand and forty-three dollars. Part of the reason -- first of all, this is a bill that all the trade organizations and the Professional Mortgage

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Bankers and Professional Mortgage -- Illinois Association of Mortgage Professionals agreed to. And one of the reasons they agreed to it, because they feel that the requirements of the regulatory authority in this bill will protect the industry and provide integrity going forward. Let me explain the fee increase, which I know Senator McCarter has an issue with. There was -- in this administration, the fees have not been swept. But in the previous administration, when the fee was two thousand seven hundred, it was swept, under the previous administration of Governor Blagojevich. Because those funds were swept, the industry - the Mortgage Professionals and the Bankers Association - filed a lawsuit. Because of the lawsuit, it was -- because it was swept and they were brought down to two thousand and forty-three dollars. So what we're doing now is just restoring what the license fee was in statute prior to the lawsuit that the Mortgage Professionals and Bankers Association filed. So it's just a restoration of the fee. But it is an increase, yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Are there any questions? Is there any discussion? Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Like to ask a question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

She indicates that she'll yield. Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Senator Collins, which organization signed in in support of this legislation?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

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Senator Jacqueline Collins.

SENATOR J. COLLINS:

The Illinois Mortgage Bankers Association, the Illinois Association of Mortgage Professionals. We have letters here to verify.

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Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

And -- and that's good and I'm glad to hear that, because in our analysis, it wasn't recorded that they were in support. Okay. To -- I'd like to speak to -- to the -- to the amendment -- or to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

To the bill.

SENATOR McCARTER:

There -- there is an explanation for the increase in the fees and I understand that, Senator. I still think anytime we do increase fees, we do cost -- we increase the cost of doing business on the same people we say we're trying to defend. As well, in this legislation, there are maximum fines per day, per violation, of three times the original - going from twenty-five thousand to seventy-five thousand dollars, going from a thousand to three thousand, and two thousand to six thousand. We -- we do want to protect those -- you know, the -- the folks that are taking out mortgages from -- from bad players, but I think this is just a little extreme and I just want others in -- in the -- in the Senate here tonight -- today to know that there is an increase here. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

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Is there any further discussion? Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Jacqueline Collins, do you wish to close?

SENATOR J. COLLINS:

Let me just speak to those increased penalties. I would think if the industry and the trade organizations see the fines as no issue with them -- because what they're trying to do, and I think it was discussed in committee, that these are egregious violations, and we want to weed out fraud. There's no reason we need to protect people that are abusing the system. And so I think that given that, we want to prevent the environment that created a lot of the mortgage mess that we saw here in the State, as well in the nation -- in the nation. So I think we need to weed out all fraud wherever necessary and I think they indicated that it's only in the egregious situations that those fines are levied. So with that, I would ask you to support this piece of legislation. There's no opposition. It has whistle -- whistleblower protections and it just gives the Department the authority to regulate a lot of these companies that are -- you see sprouting up now, saying that they can help individuals with loan modifications, but they fall within no regulatory authority and, therefore, they abuse those who are facing foreclosure. So I ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 3177 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 34 voting Aye, none -- 15 voting Nay, none

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voting Present. Senate Bill 3177, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 3178. Leader Muñoz. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3180. Senator Mulroe. He wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3180.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is an initiative by the Community Bankers Association. A couple of years ago, there was a bill sponsored by Senator Harmon, passed into law, that required any settlement funds at closing that exceeded fifty thousand dollars had to be wired. But this presented a problem in certain cases and it became an unnecessary burden on certain communities where the banks -- community banks and their customers were -- very smaller communities. Senate Bill 3180 would amend the Title Insurance Act to provide that in instances where the financial institution and the title company are known to each other and agree to use a cashier's check, it would again become legal settlement funds. So this bill does not replace or repeal Senate Bill 3180, it just gives the entities a choice that doesn't result -- result in additional costs, which are incurred when you wire money.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing

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none, Senator Mulroe, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 3180 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Aye, 1 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 3180, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 3181. Leader Muñoz. Leader Muñoz. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3182. Senator Syverson. He wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3182.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This legislation addresses two issues on behalf of Metro Counties. The first is, it clarifies the area when it comes to vacancies in elected offices. Currently, it's -- the law is silent on when the declaration shall be made. This clarifies that to avoid future conflict. The second addresses the issue of -- of county board members being able to serve on education boards. Currently, the law allows that for populations of less than forty. This eliminates that population threshold. Know of no opposition to that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing

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none, Senator Syverson, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 3182 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 45 voting Aye, 4 voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3182, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 3183. Senator Syverson. Senator Syverson seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3183 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 3183. Mr. Secretary, are there -- are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Syverson, on Floor Amendment No. 3.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This Amendment No. 3 just addresses some of the concerns from the Taxpayers' Federation and know of no opposition to that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The opinion of the Chair, 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.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 3183. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3183.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This legislation simply allows counties the ability to have a different -- a couple different options when it comes to borrowing short-term money. This is similar to what the municipalities have. It has all the safeguards in it that the Taxpayers' Federation had concerns with. Know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Syverson, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 3183 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3183, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On the bottom of page 25 of your printed Calendar, Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3184. Senator Althoff. Senator Althoff seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3184 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing

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no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 3184. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Althoff, on behalf of Senator Millner, on Floor Amendment No. 2.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you. The Floor amendment just makes sure that the bonds issued, referenced in the underlying bill, are not subject to any applicable statutory debt limitations.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. In the opinion of the Chair, 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 SCHOENBERG)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate -- we have Senate Bill 3184. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3184.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Althoff.

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SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, again, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. On February 2nd, 2010, voters in the Carol Stream Park District passed a referendum authorizing the District to issue thirty-seven million dollars with a fifty-seven percent approval rate. Unfortunately, declines in property values caused an unforeseeable decline in the District's EAV, which moved the District's current outstanding debt to its 2.875 percent aggregate statutory level. Senate Bill 3184 exempts the Carol Stream Park District from limitation of aggregate principal indebtedness of 2.875 percent, only for bonds issued by the District that were approved by referendum on February 2nd, 2010. It has an immediate effective date.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Althoff, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 3184 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3184, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 3193. Senator Jacobs. Senator Jacobs. 3193. Out of the record. We'll now proceed -- continue with the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, top of the page, page 26. Senate Bill 3201. Senator Dillard. Senator Dillard seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill -- my apologies. Senate Bill 3201. Senator Dillard wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3201.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen. This is a rehash of a bill which passed out of here unanimously a year ago and got caught up in some things unassociated with this over in the House of Representatives. And it sets up a system where, if you have several big plastic containers and you take them to a recycle operation, you're required to show some kind of identification. This is an initiative of the Illinois Beverage Association. And the stealing of these large plastic containers from behind grocery stores has become a cottage industry. In fact, just a couple of days ago in Los Angeles, California, there was a theft of pallets of over three hundred thousand dollars. So, this has become a big money operation. As the economy deteriorates, more and more people are looking for things to -- to recycle which are not theirs. And we've passed this before and I'd appreciate a favorable roll call and would be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Dillard -- I'm sorry, Senator Raoul. My apologies. Senator Dillard, do you wish to close? Do you wish to explain that big, large plastic container in your driveway? The question is, shall Senate Bill 3201 pass. All

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those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3201, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 3202. Senator Maloney. Senator Maloney seeks leave of the Body to return Senate -- Senate Bill 3202 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 3202. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Maloney.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Maloney, on Floor Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. The -- the amendment simply removes the obligation of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to provide a report to the General Assembly detailing the cost of the -- to enforce this Act.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. In the opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it. 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 SCHOENBERG)

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3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, we have --
Senate Bill 3202. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3202.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is an initiative of {sic} the Community Association of -- Manager Licensing and Disciplinary Act regarding the Association of Condominiums, (Townhouse), and Homeowners Association. Under current law, community associations {sic} require all associations to pay a flat fee of fifty dollars plus one dollar per unit. This caps that at -- the association fee at a thousand dollars. There are some associations that have literally thousands of units and so this places a cap at a thousand dollars. I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Maloney, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 3202 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3202, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 3204. Senator Dillard.

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Senator Dillard seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3204 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 3204. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Dillard, on Floor Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you. This is a technical amendment agreed to between the Corporate Fiduciaries Association and the Department on Aging.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

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

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Yes. Floor Amendment 2, offered by Senator Dillard.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Dillard, on Floor Amendment No. 2.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you. Mr. President. This one adds credit unions to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. In the

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opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration, Mr. Secretary?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 3204. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3204.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen. This bill is one that comes from the Corporate Fiduciaries Association. It makes minor changes in the Illinois Power of Attorneys {sic} (Attorney) Act and I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Dillard, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 3204 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3204, having received the required constitutional majority,

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is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 3210. Senator Koehler.
He wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3210.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 3210 amends the Property Tax Code and would allow a property to receive a property tax exemption based on the use of the property, regardless of ownership. For example: A hospital, to be exempt, has to be owned by a charitable organization and used for charitable purposes. This bill would allow the hospital to be exempt as long as it is used for those purposes. Really, what it does is allows them to lease properties and to keep their -- their tax-exempt status, thereby freeing up capital for other projects. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Indicates that he'll yield. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

And, forgive me, Senator Koehler, you may have mentioned it

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and I -- I missed it. Is there language in here with regarding -- regarding project labor agreements?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes, there is.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

And what is that language? What are we requiring?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

"To the extent allowable by law, all construction projects using the provisions of subsections {sic} (subsection) (d) above shall be subject to the provisions of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act for the initial construction and {sic} (of the) improvements and all bidders of {sic} (for) those projects shall comply with the provisions of Section 30-22 of the Illinois Procurement Code." "Project labor agreements for the construction projects referenced in subsection {sic} ((f) above) shall be required."

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Okay. Senator, that's a -- this is kind of a -- a little bit of a new area, I mean, in terms of prevailing wage. There's no public dollars involved in these projects at all, correct? I mean, the tie that you're making to the prevailing wage

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expansion here is that -- the -- the tax -- tax status. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes, that's correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

So, a church that is part of this process that you've outlined in this bill, were it to engage in some kind of construction then, would be required to pay prevailing wage. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Koehler. Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes, I'm sorry for that. It's a little bit trickier. If -- if -- if a church owns a property and uses it for the purposes in which it is a charitable organization, it could use anybody it wanted, is -- is the explanation I've been given. This would apply primarily -- just one second. This would -- this would only apply if you sold the property. In other words, you own the property and you wanted to sell it and then lease it back -- that's where this provision would -- would take place.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Well, you know, I appreciate that, Senator. I just want to make sure I understand. So, the religiously -- the church -- a

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church that sells property, then leases it back because it wants to start a -- a small Lutheran school there and wants to construct the school, even though there are absolutely no public dollars involved whatsoever, you're now going to require them to pay prevailing wage if this becomes law. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes, that's what the bill says.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

What is the nexus? I mean, what's the justification for you, Senator, for tying this kind of arrangement that involves no public dollars, that is not a project being done by a public body, to the Prevailing Wage Act?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Primarily because where this is being generated from, in terms of the interest, is -- is a hospital orientation. What you've talked about in terms of a church is -- you know, it would fit in that case, but most of the cases that would -- that would use this would be larger organizations that need to free up a lot of capital to be able to do other projects. So, this is coming to me because of a local project in my area in which you have a -- you know, a hospital and a developer that want to engage in this transaction. But, yes, it -- you know, that's -- that's the premise.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. To the bill, if I might, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

...bill.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Koehler, I appreciate that you're trying to address an issue in your district, but, obviously, this has statewide and much, much broader ramifications than the situation that you've outlined. This is a enormous expansion of the Prevailing Wage Act. We are beyond whether or not it's a public body that's doing the construction project. We are beyond whether or not any public dollars are being used at all. This -- the nexus here, I'm assuming, is the fact that you have a property tax-exempt status, which is just one step away from if you get a tax credit in Illinois, you're going to pay prevailing wage, or if you get some kind of deduction from your taxes in Illinois, you're going to pay prevailing wage. That's what you're close to now with this. This is nowhere near what the Prevailing Wage Act was intended to apply to. This will hurt a -- potentially, a lot of private entities who are doing what, I think most of us would argue, would be good work in our communities, who probably never in their imagination viewed that they would be tied to prevailing wage. I -- I appreciate, again, what the sponsor's trying to do, but I think there are enormous unintended consequences here and I would urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any further discussion? Any further discussion?

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Senator McCann.

SENATOR McCANN:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

He indicates he'll yield. Senator McCann.

SENATOR McCANN:

Senator Koehler, I apologize if I was not paying close enough attention; I want to be very clear on this particular issue. Is it an expansion of prevailing wage or an expansion of project labor agreements, or both?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes, it -- it -- it talks about both.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator McCann.

SENATOR McCANN:

Thank you, Senator. And so what -- to -- to the bill, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

To the bill.

SENATOR McCANN:

So what we're doing here is we're not only -- we're -- we're crossing a dangerous precipice, one, into allowing -- allowing prevailing wage to take place on a private project, but also requiring -- or at least alluding to the possibility of prevailing wage -- or, excuse me, of project labor agreements. So, I mean, you -- which, essentially - I want to remind everyone here in the Body - that that is forced unionization.

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And I have nothing against unions; I come from a union background, a union family. But when you're forcing people to become signatory to a union and you're not -- and we're -- it's bad enough when you're talking about public dollars, but this is private entity, private dollars. So you could have folks who are regular contributors to this organization, let's say a church, or some other charitable organization, who now would be precluded from even bidding on the project if he did not want to join -- become signatory to a union. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

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

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes, I do. Let me just explain. Right now, the way the law exists now, you know, an organization can build a project. They own the property and they can hire whoever they want to. The only way that the provisions that we've just talked about here kick in is if you choose to use now, if this becomes law, a new provision in which you can sell property that was -- you know, as a charitable organization, you sell property, you lease it back for the same charitable purpose, then those provisions kick in. But if you don't want to do this, if you want to do it the way it's been done, you know, up till now, well then that's fine, then nothing changes. This is -- this is where when this situation happens, when you choose to sell a property and to use it for tax-exempt purposes, then -- then -- then those provisions kick in. Otherwise, you can just go back to the way it is right now. This bill will be worked on in the House. We passed it last year and it did not make it out of the House.

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I've talked with the -- the House sponsor of it. It will be, I'm sure, refined more and be brought back too. But I'd appreciate an Aye vote just to take it to the House so they can continue to work on it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Thank you, Senator Koehler. The question is, shall Senate Bill 3245 pass. All those in favor -- thank you. The Senate -- the question is, shall Senate Bill 3210 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 30 voting Aye -- 30 voting Aye, 21 voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3210, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Senator Righter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to seek a verification of that previous roll call, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Righter's requested a verification. Will all the Members please be in their seats? Mr. Secretary, please read the votes of the affirmative.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Following Members voted in -- in the affirmative: Senators Clayborne, Jacqueline Collins, Crotty, Delgado, Forby, Frerichs, Haine, Harmon, Holmes, Hunter, Hutchinson, Jacobs, Emil Jones, Koehler, Kotowski, Lightford, Link, Maloney, Martinez, McGuire, Mulroe, Muñoz, Noland, Raoul, Sandoval, Schoenberg, Silverstein, Steans, Trotter and Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Sandoval, please, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Sandoval. He's coming. Here he comes, spinning out of the turn. It must have been someone who looked like Senator Sandoval. Senator Sandoval? Please strike Senator Sandoval. Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

State your inquiry.

SENATOR HARMON:

If a -- if a -- if a Member is struck from the -- from the roll call, Mr. President, and he returns to the Chamber, may he be restored to -- to the roll call?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

We'll look at that -- we'll look up that answer, if you'll bear with me for just one moment. I think I know it, but I don't want to be flip about it. I'd rather be certain. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Mr. President, we going to stall a little bit longer?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

No, you... Senator Righter, I tried to pass a bill earlier today that wasn't even amended and I almost pulled it off. So I'd rather be absolutely certain that I know the answer to this. Senator Righter -- pardon me, Senator Harmon, I've been advised

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by counsel that the answer is yes. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I think that's all I have.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

With a puff of smoke, please add Senator Sandoval to the roll. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Lightford, please. Senator Schoenberg, maybe before the sun sets.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Righter, it's only Wednesday. I have until sunset Friday. Senator Lightford. Senator Lightford in the house? Senator Lightford. Please have her stricken from the roll. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

That's all I have. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

On a verified roll call, there are 29 voting Aye, 21 voting Nay, none voting Present. Having failed to receive the required constitutional majority, Senate Bill 3210 is hereby declared failed. Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes, Mr. President, I request it be put on Postponed Consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Koehler requests that Senate Bill 3210 be placed on the Order of Postponed Consideration. Resuming on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, page 26 of your printed Calendar. Senate Bill 3212. Majority Leader Clayborne. He wishes to

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proceed. Senator Clayborne seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3210 -- pardon me, 3212 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 3212. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration? We're experiencing some technical difficulties. If you could bear with us momentarily, we'll pick up the action then. Senate will come to order. On the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 3212. Majority Leader Clayborne seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3212 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 3212. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Clayborne, on Floor Amendment No. 2.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. We're only dealing with -- to adopt Amendment No. 2. We're -- we're -- we're making a motion to table Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

There's a motion on the Floor, by Senator Clayborne, to table Amendment No. 1 -- Committee Amendment No. 1. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. Opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it, and Amendment No. 1 has been tabled. Floor Amendment No. 2. Majority Leader Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 2 creates the

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brownsfield {sic} (brownfield) remediation tax credit.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

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

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 3212. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 33 -- excuse me, 3212.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Majority Leader Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you. Senate Bill 3212 creates the brownsfield {sic} remediation tax credit, which may not exceed one percent -- one hundred percent of the eligible costs of remediating a property enrolled in the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Site Remediation Program. The actual size of the credit will be the lesser of the least amount necessary for the project to occur or the positive net State economic impact. And there has been a cap of fifty million per year. And we have agreed that once it goes over to the House, we will make an additional amendment to sunset this program for -- for five years.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there...

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

I would ask for your...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman {sic}. Questions for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Please forgive me, but during committee I must have had a lapse in memory, because I'm going to ask a couple of questions that, you know, I -- I asked a couple of weeks ago in committee, but I didn't get to in -- today. And I -- I know that I supported it with a Yes vote. I am curious about some things that we ought to have perhaps out here, two especially -- well, three. Number one, and this was asked in committee, the -- the fifty million dollars, where is that going to come from in this budget? Fifty million dollars.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Majority Leader Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Well, it's going to come from the program being administered. I mean, we believe that -- that this will actually produce income that will actually benefit the State of Illinois by creating jobs, creating property taxes for local communities, and basically putting land back to use that

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currently is vacant and abandoned or -- as a result of different -- different brownsfield {sic} problems. But fifty million dollars appears to be a lot, but creating jobs and putting people back to work and putting land back to use is -- is a great benefit.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

That is certainly a laudable goal, because we are all here for more jobs paying higher wages. So -- but here's -- the concept of this bill - and this is a really important difference in a credit that we usually don't have in concepts that are brought forward - this is a hundred percent credit, a hundred percent credit of a redevelopment cost. Think about what a hundred percent means. That means that I could own a piece of property; I could come to the State for fifty million dollars and it -- just improve my property by fifty million dollars. Am I not better off by fifty million dollars that the taxpayers had to pay? Conceptually, a hundred percent credit is really a dangerous kind of thing, as far as I -- I can see right now. Can you address that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

I believe, to answer your question, first, the polluter cannot use this tax credit. It's someone who will subsequently purchase the property and decides to use this tax credit to put properties back on the tax rolls. And, yes, one hundred percent is designed to be a strong encouragement to take land that

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probably hasn't been productive for thirty/forty years and make it productive again. What -- the reason why we've taken this route, because originally the State tried to do grants and the grants weren't sufficient enough of an incentive to actually solve this problem.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Okay. Well -- and that actually brings me to the third concern. You know, one is, I know that we don't have fifty million dollars to spend. Number two, a hundred percent credit will transfer fifty million dollars of wealth from the State taxpayers to someone who has a brownfield property. And then your concern is, well, the polluter doesn't get that. But these credits are transferable, assignable, and salable. So it's almost like a type of currency. It's not a dollar bill, but it is a credit that is equal to fifty million dollars of a dollar bill. Now, I know that we talked about this in -- in committee a couple of weeks ago, but we didn't address it today. I'm sorry I overlooked those, but can you address -- I mean, it's -- it's like creating a new type of currency. That's fifty million dollars that is going to be transferred to someone who has perhaps purchased property. It's -- it's just like creating wealth for someone other than the taxpayers, that the taxpayers have to pay for.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

But what -- what it's -- what it's designed to do, Senator

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Lauzen, is to create opportunities for small businesses. What it's designed to do is to take properties that have been abandoned in our urban areas that have no useful purpose right now and to put 'em back on the tax rolls. And, obviously, we've -- we've gone through various processes in trying to generate an incentive to put these properties back on the -- on the property tax rolls, make 'em productive, create businesses, business opportunities, and create jobs and -- and -- in our communities. All the others haven't worked. So in talking to the businesses and talking to those developers that are interested, they believe that this is the direction that we need to take in order to make these properties productive. You know, it -- it's -- it's like one of -- one of the tax incentives we've passed in the past - new market tax credits. You know, the same thing has happened with them, and -- and obviously they've turned out to be a valuable tool to reinvest in our community, to reinvest in small businesses, which are the backbone of this country and they produce the most jobs. So this is a jobs bill that we're trying to produce jobs, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Last -- last question, because I think the -- the point is out there for us to consider. You know how deeply I appreciate and respect your creativity and the initiative. I have voted for, and -- and we have used in our community, so many of the things that you've created on -- through committee work and Floor work and then over in the House and signed by the -- by the -- by the Governor. But last question would be, how do

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people get in line for this, what will be a gold rush stampede for fifty million dollars? What will be the process of sorting? I mean, this is giving away fifty million dollars, just like it's on the Floor of the Senate, and there will be a stampede to it. What will be the mechanics of applying for this and getting this money?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

First, they have to be on the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's remedial site program and they will go through IEPA to make sure. And IEPA will -- will -- will vet the process -- will vet the -- will vet the project and they will ultimately make the determination who they believe should receive these benefits. I -- I somewhat disagree with you that it's just about giving money away. I think it's about creating opportunities for small businesses. I think it's about creating opportunities for urban areas that the land has not been used for decades and now we're going to incentivize small businesses and developers to invest back into urban areas and create jobs, which, obviously, creates income tax, sales tax, that will benefit the State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Okay, then, to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

To the bill.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

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Because of the -- because of the structure of this bill, Ladies and Gentlemen, I would suggest that when you put fifty million dollars into a redevelopment, of taxpayer money, it's going to increase the wealth of that property or the value of that property by at least that, and so it really is a transfer of that money. Another one of the provisions in here that developers must love and taxpayers, if they realize how we're using their money, must hate is that it's salable or assignable. So, again, it's like a different currency. They can take that - - once they are on this list and they get selected, they can then take that fifty million dollars -- up to fifty million dollars of credit and assign it, or sell it, or transfer it to somebody else. I want to redevelop, all of us want to redevelop brownfields, but I think that this one perhaps is too aggressive. I -- I'd suggest a No vote to protect taxpayers' funds.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Thank you. We have several speakers seeking recognition. Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

He indicates he'll yield. Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. Senator Clayborne, yesterday, in our Energy Committee, we had a company, a solar company, who was testifying and trying to pass legislation that would help them promote or develop a brownfield site with their solar company. Would this legislation -- would this be something that they could then, if

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this legislation's passed, apply for and receive, potentially, a credit for up to fifty million dollars for the construction of their project?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

There -- there is a possibility they can use it, but their deal centers around a power purchase agreement, not just the remediation of the site. The -- the -- the person who polluted the site has already committed twenty-five million dollars on that particular project. So it's -- it's somewhat different as it relates to this one; money's already been committed to -- to clean up that -- that site. That site is dependent upon a power purchase agreement that will actually give them the money to fund the construction of that -- that solar panel farm.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. So, they -- but they potentially could use the tax credit to develop the site, and if I recall, I think they mentioned that the -- the cost of the project would be approximately sixty-five million dollars to develop the project. I had also asked them in committee yesterday if they were going to be guaranteed a -- kind of a guaranteed market, as you talked about, for them to come in and develop on a brownfield site. They also, as part of this agreement to come in and provide alternative energy -- pretty much a guaranteed market to purchase -- I believe it was Ameren, who would be purchasing their product for twenty years. Is that correct? So they have

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the availability of this tax credit to develop the site. They also have a guaranteed market to purchase their power for twenty years, and I believe - and correct me if I'm wrong - I believe that they have access to federal tax credits as well. So I -- I was just curious if this will greatly benefit, I guess, this particular company.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Well, again, you're wrong on that particular site. On that particular site, Alcoa has already been ordered to pay twenty-five million dollars for the cleanup. So, on that particular site, they won't receive this benefit. But if -- if that court order probably wasn't in place, then they would be required -- they would be eligible for it. Again, that property has sat there for probably almost fifty years of -- fifty years of contamination. The property hasn't been used. It's probably, you know, over -- over three hundred acres of contamination. And -- and what we're looking to do, not from this, but from other sites, to give that developer the incentive to clean up that property. And one of the problems that you have is that the cost of the contamination -- the cost of the cleanup is not consistent with the value of the property. So, in order to make these properties available for -- for development, you've got to clean 'em up, and this is -- this is the incentive that developers and small businessmen and women are saying will give them an incentive to invest back in urban areas.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Rezin.

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SENATOR REZIN:

Sorry. I'm sorry. One more question - and, again, I apologize - just to clarify. So, is this legislation -- will the company that came and testified before my committee, tomorrow, will they seek to use this credit to develop their solar field that's in the brownfield site that they were discussing yesterday?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Clayborne, on Senator Rezin's last question.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

And -- and I'm sorry if I wasn't clear. For the third time, Alcoa has been ordered to pay twenty-five million dollars to clean up that site. So, no, that company cannot use this tax credit.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any further discussion? Any further discussion?
Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

Thank you, Mr. President. Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

He indicates he'll yield. Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

Is there another site then that you have in mind for this credit?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

There -- there's not a particular site that I have in mind, but there are developers that have multiple sites throughout

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southern Illinois, some being in my district. But this would benefit your district, my district, throughout the State. In fact, the fifty million dollars is probably not sufficient enough money to address all those -- those issues of those sites. But there are no particular sites or projects that are on my table or have been presented to me that would be affected by this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

And so who initially approached you with this idea?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

There's a developer that cleans up sites and develops sites in Missouri and they thought that this would be a great idea for Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

...the bill.

SENATOR PANKAU:

Reluctantly, I'm going to be voting No on this, not because -- it may have some value. It just seems so coincidental that there's this bill in Revenue Committee and then there's another bill in Energy Committee, and they're both on brownfield sites, and they're both redeveloping, and they both happen to be in

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your district. I don't know, I -- I can't put my finger on an exact reason, but it just seems like there's something that doesn't smell right here. So, I will be voting No and I urge others to vote No also.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

Is there any further discussion? Any further discussion? Leader Clayborne, do you wish to close?

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Yes. Thank you. And I appreciate the comments, but, you know, I -- I -- I do want to say this that, you know, unfortunately or fortunately, however you look at it, and maybe most of you all don't know, the first county in Illinois was St. Clair County, and that's the county that I'm from, and we had a lot of blue collar industries that contaminated in these poor communities and moved on. And, unfortunately, we don't have the ability to expand, to grow further east. We can't go west because of the Mississippi River. And we have these old abandoned sites that these companies have abandoned and -- and -- and polluted and created land that can't be used. So in order for us to develop that site -- and -- and it amazes me that -- that some of my colleagues, who are supposed to be pro-business, don't trust business to do the right thing. And -- and that's -- that's -- that's a little confusing for me. This is all about creating jobs. This is all about taking brownsfield {sic} areas in urban areas and putting them back on the tax rolls, creating jobs, allowing people to work, taking them off the -- the welfare and Medicaid rolls and giving them an opportunity to make a decent living. I would ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SCHOENBERG)

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The question is, shall Senate -- Senate Bill 3212 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 37 voting Aye, 18 voting Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3212, having received the required constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. President Pro Tem Harmon in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

On page 26 of your printed Calendar, at the top of the page, is Senate Bill 3214. Senator Garrett. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3214.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Yes, thank you very much, Mr. President. Senate Bill 3214 amends the RTA Act and the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act. The bill states that the RTA or a Service Board may enter into an option contract, forward contract, futures contract, swap, cap, or collar agreement with price floors or ceilings, or both, for fuel risk management, but only to be -- only to the extent determined by the RTA Board of Directors. And I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is,

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shall Senate Bill 3214 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3214, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3216. Senator Steans. Senator Steans seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3216 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3216. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, this amendment becomes the bill. I'll explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Steans moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3216. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 3216. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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Senate Bill 3216.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

This is a trailer bill. Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is a trailer bill to the Public-Private Partnership bill we passed last Session. It does several things. It adds more transparency to the process by adding public hearing. It gives public agencies - IDOT, Tollway, CTA, RTA - the opportunity to elect to develop and implement a project before a procurement is commenced. It also establishes a new account in which -- called the State Construction Account {sic} (Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Fund) in which any reimbursements to or from, regarding a P3 project, will get both received in this account and also disbursed from this account. One of the goals on creating this new account is to provide a lot more transparency on these funds and try to ensure that they're used only for these projects. It also makes clear that this -- this bill cannot be used for the Illiana project. As amended, this is an agreed-to bill. I don't know of any opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3216 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting

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Aye, none voting No, 1 voting Present. And Senate Bill 3216, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3232. Senator Koehler. Senate Bill 3234. Senator Haine. Senate Bill 3241. Senator Sullivan. Mr. Secretary, please... I apologize, Senator Haine. You had two bills in a row and I jumped over the second one. Senate Bill 3240. Senator Haine, you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3240.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is a bill which amends the State Employee {sic} (Employees) Group Insurance Act to provide the -- the ability of a dentist to get an assignment of benefits from the patient, which is now prohibited. The other medical fields have it; the -- the dentists do not. There will be an amendment in the House. We didn't adopt the amendment because it might be confused with copays, which the vast majority of dentists do not do. So the -- the bill will be amended in the House somewhat to prohibit a dentist from taking anything more than the patient would be responsible for. They don't do it now, so we need the proper language.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none,

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the question is, shall Senate Bill 3240 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3240, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Now, Senator Sullivan, Senate Bill 3241. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3241.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is some legislation that tries to address an issue of high unemployment amongst our veterans, returning veterans. There's been some studies done throughout the State and across the country where the unemployment rate for returning veterans is as high as thirty percent, perhaps more than that, especially for young veterans in that eighteen to twenty-four range. So, this legislation, what it does is it increases the current tax credit for hiring unemployed veterans. An employer would be able to claim a tax credit of twenty percent of the wages paid, up to a maximum credit of five thousand. It sunsets the tax credit in 2016. Veterans who have been -- it -- it makes it -- puts some specific language in there that it pertains to veterans who have to have been unemployed for a minimum of four weeks. It also --

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it's expanded from the original introduction to allow veterans available -- who have served in active duty on or after -- all veterans that have served on active duty -- on -- on or after September 11th of 2001. This is an initiative of the Governor. He spoke about it in his State of the State Address, as well as the Budget Address. And, also, I've been working with the Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs on this legislation. Pleased to have Senator Dillard as a cosponsor on the legislation. I'll be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

There any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3241 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3241, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3243. Senator Kotowski. Senator Kotowski seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3243 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3243. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Yes. Floor Amendment 2, offered by Senator Kotowski.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Kotowski, on your amendment.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

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Thank you so much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Floor Amendment No. 2 becomes the bill. Love to speak about it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Kotowski moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 3243. All in favor, 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.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 3243. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3243.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. This Floor Amendment No. 2 officially establishes a Microloan Program -- Program through Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to make grants to eligible intermediaries to enable them to provide targeted small-scale loans to small businesses in the State of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none,

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the question is, shall Senate Bill 32... Senator McCarter, do you seek recognition on this bill?

SENATOR McCARTER:

I do. I just -- I just wanted to say that this -- this came through our committee and it is -- it's been made very clear that there are no funds appropriated for this and it is subject to appropriation. As good as the bill might be, it's one of the -- one more bill that we'd all like to have, but there's no money for it. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Seeing no further discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3243 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is -- Senator Kotowski, are you seeking...

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

I just think it's important to note, the concept of this is to make sure that small businesses that are having a difficult time getting access to capital so they can create jobs in the State of Illinois have that opportunity in the future. Make sure we have that placeholder in place to ensure that that happens. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

I'll try this for a third time. There being no further discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3243 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 44 voting Aye, 9 voting No, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3243, having received the required constitutional majority,

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is declared passed. Still on page 26 of your printed Calendar, near the bottom of the page, on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, is Senate Bill 3245. Senator Holmes. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3245.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Yes, thank you. This bill was an initiative of the Comptroller and basically what it does is -- it's sort -- sort of a good government, good transparency bill, and it removes costly requirements that are currently in place. It deletes a provision requiring at least two witnesses to certify the destruction of certain documents. It also allows electronic travel vouchers to be sent to the Comptroller, while hard copies remain with the submitting agency. There is an amendment on here that limits the scope of the electronic transfer provisions to any State agency that files more than three hundred documents per fiscal year. They can be filed electronically. And that's about ninety-four percent of the grants and contracts filed with the Comptroller.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3245 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted

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who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3245, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3249. Senator Mulroe. 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 HARMON)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Last year -- or last Session, I sponsored a bill, and with the support of my good friend, Senator Johnson, Tom Johnson, we passed a law, the -- the Collateral Recovery Act. Well, subsequent to -- to it passing, the -- there were some concerns raised by rental car companies and some of our leading equipment manufacturers - John Deere and Caterpillar - that were -- unintentionally could have been considered to be part of that bill. That was never our intent. So this bill actually exempts -- the bill -- companies -- or industries that we never intended to be there in the first place. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3249 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56

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voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3249, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 35 -- 3252. Senator Althoff. Senator Althoff seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3252 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Is there any objection? Seeing none, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3252. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Althoff, on the amendment.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 1 makes the bill prospective only and limits the bill's applicability to unit districts formed via consolidation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Althoff moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. 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 3252. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3252.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 3252 establishes property tax rate limits for certain school districts. It actually is legislation that will make it, hopefully, easier for some school districts to consolidate and not have to deal with a significantly reduced tax rate. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3252 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3252, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. At the bottom of your page 26 of your printed Calendar, Senate Bill 3253. Senator Frerichs. Top of page 27. Senate Bill 3258. Senator Martinez. Senator Kotowski, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Just real briefly, Mr. President. Thank you for acknowledging me. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much. I have several constituents in the

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gallery. It's "Park Ridge Week" this week in Springfield. So I would like to acknowledge all my friends who've come down here to experience the State Capitol and learn a lot about what's going on here. We have Allen Bliss, Kathleen Hagenlocker, and we have their two boys, Charles Bliss and Elliot Bliss. Please stand up, be acknowledged.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise?

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

We also have the Hartigan family. We have Michael, Marge and Clare and Meghan. And Clare goes to school with my son, Nate, at Lincoln School in Park Ridge. So, welcome to "Park Ridge Week" in the Illinois State Senate. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Will our guests from Park Ridge please rise to be welcomed to the Illinois State Senate? Senator Martinez, do you wish to proceed with Senate Bill 3258? Senator Martinez seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3258 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3258. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Haine, you have an amendment on Senator Martinez's bill? Are you ready to present it? Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

...you -- thank you, Mr. President. And, Madam Senator, I'm sorry, I was talking here. The -- the amendment merely adds

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bike trails to the definition of a park. I have an extensive set of bike trails in Madison County and they're beautiful trails and they want to prevent the sort of sordid activity that the Senator's trying to prevent too. That's all we're doing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion of Senator Haine's amendment? Seeing none, Senator Haine moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3258. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Martinez.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Martinez, on your amendment.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you. On that amendment, it just removes a duplicate reference in one of the subsections, and I'll be happy to discuss the bill in totality.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Martinez moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 3258. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate

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Bill 3258. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3258.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President and -- and Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 3258 amends the Criminal Code, making a few changes to the Section regarding child sex offenders residing or being present near a certain place and -- and public parks. It adds to the definition of child sex offenders to provide that the victim is a person under the age of eighteen at the time of the offense. It also changes the definition of "sex offense" to include the following: forcible detention, custodial sexual misconduct, sexual misconduct with a person with a disability, sexual relation with -- within family, promoting prostitution by advancing prostitution, promoting prostitution by profiting from prostitution by compelling a person to be a prostitute, promoting prostitution by profiting from prostitution or {sic} (by) any other means, patronizing a prostitute, grooming, traveling to meet a minor, and permitting sexual abuse of the child. This is just a bill that actually will codify some of these sex offenses under the Sex -- Illinois Sex Offenders {sic} (Offender) Registration Act and -- and codify it into the Criminal Code Act.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator Martinez. Is there any discussion?

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Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3258 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting No, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 3258, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3261. Senator Steans. Senator Steans seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3261 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3261. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

This amendment was a small one to make a correction to -- in the -- that was recommended by the Illinois Nurses Association.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Steans moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill

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3261. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3261.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 3261 is an initiative of the Department of Public Health. It amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act to incorporate the new National EMS Educational {sic} (Education) Standards for personnel and adds new titles for EMS personnel.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3261 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3261, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3279. Senator Martinez. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3279.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Martinez.

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SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This bill is an initiative of the Chicago & Downstate Roofing Contractors Association. The bill amends the Roofing Industry Licensing Act so a building permit applicant may present government-issued photo identification to a unit of government when applying for a permit. Currently, no identification is required. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3279 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3279, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3282. Senator Clayborne. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3282.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you. This is an initiative of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. It's a follow-up of the expedited permit. And basically what it does, it requires IEPA to furnish the applicant who requests an expedited permit an invoice detailing

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the total fee paid and the number of staff hour -- overtime hours used for such review. I would ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3282 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3282, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3283. Senator Clayborne. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3283.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank -- thank you. This requires the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study comparing airborne emissions reductions in {sic} (of) coal-fired electric generation units between 1990 and 2012.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3283 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the

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record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3283, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we'll pass over the next series of bills. We'll return later to Senate Bill 3314. Senate Bill 3318. Senator Hutchinson. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3318.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 3318 -- or, Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3318 reinserts the language requiring contractors who subcontract to design-build entities to follow the selection process required and -- no, actually, that's not right. Hold on one second. That's not right. Thank you. Thank you. We had some changes. I wanted to make sure I was reading from the right analysis. I apologize for that. Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3318 reinserts the language requiring contractors who subcontract to design-build entities to follow the selection process required in the Design-Build Procurement Act. This is an agreement between IDOT, the American Council of Engineering Companies, and the American Institute of Architects. We passed the enabling language for the Illiana highway unanimously and this bill's actually going to help us move a little faster to doing what we need to do to break ground. And I'd ask for your support.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3318 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, No. 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 44 voting Aye, 8 voting No, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3318, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3325. Senator Kotowski. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3325.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 3325 will remove an outdated mandate in the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. The mandate requires the Department of Children and Family Services to provide a report to the General Assembly no later than January 1991 concerning family preservation services. The Department complied with the mandate but the statute was never changed to reflect that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3325 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have

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all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3325, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we'll return to the three bills on the bottom of page 27 and skip over the first bill on the page -- top of page 28. Senate Bill 3337. Senator Kotowski. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3337.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senate Bill 3337 amends the Family Support Demonstration Project Act. It removes an outdated mandate requiring the Department of Children and Family Services to monitor and evaluate the family support (center) demonstration project and to provide a report of its status to the General Assembly in 1994, '95 and '96. Department complied with the mandate but the statute was never changed to reflect this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3337 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55

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voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3337, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3341. Senator Dillard. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3341.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen. This legislation would set up a system similar to what pawnshops have when you bring things to them, where they have a registry. This bill deals with precious metals - silverware and -- and things of that nature. It stems from a burglary in my district where someone's silverware was stolen. It was taken, it was melted down, and there was no record. And the constituent came to me and said, "Hey, pawn shops keep a record if somebody brings in five hundred dollars' worth of merchandise. Why can't we?" Just to show that these -- these -- these records work, I have a copy of the Daily Herald from yesterday with a headline that says "Pawnshop Records Lead to Arrest". And with the proliferation of recycling and melting down of -- of coppers and metals, we should require, for large amounts of money, the -- the people who are in the business of taking precious metals to keep a record, so that if it is stolen or fenced property, the law enforcement officials have a -- a way, for five years, to go back and see where the -- where the materials came from. I'd be

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happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3341 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3341, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3349. Senator Raoul. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3349.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 3349 is an initiative of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. It creates the Offender Initiative Program, which is a diversion program for nonviolent offenders. It's very similar to the 710/1410 drug probation. However, this would be for other nonviolent offenses. The offenders in these programs would have to fulfill the terms and conditions of the program, and if they do so, the court would dismiss the proceedings against the individual. This would have to be done with the consent of the State's Attorney's Office and the court would have to order it.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3349 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Aye, 1 voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3349, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3354. Senator Raoul. Senate Bill 3359. Senator Haine. Senator Haine seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3359 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 3359. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Haine, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is, of course -- the underlying bill implements the Adam Walsh Act for Illinois. Amendment No. 3 deletes lines that were inconsistent with the national SORNA program as it relates to kidnapping. And it would make it difficult for the federal authorities, and the State's Attorneys recommended this language to bring it into compliance.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion of the Senator's amendment? Seeing none, Senator Haine has moved for

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the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 3359. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Haine, on your amendment.

SENATOR HAINE:

Oh, I'm sorry, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This removes a Section of the bill that became a bill that Senator Raoul passed about two hours ago. It seems like days, but it's only two hours.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Point well made, Senator. Is there any discussion of Senator Haine's amendment? Seeing none, Senator Haine moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 3359. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 3359. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3359.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This bill implements the Adam Walsh Act. Adam Walsh was a child in Florida who was kidnapped, sexually assaulted, and murdered by a serial sexual offender. And this is -- this passed the Congress of the United States and it has a scheme of registration and monitoring of sex offenders, ninety percent of which Illinois has at this time. Illinois was one of the first states to do registration of sex offenders in the -- in the nineties. Many states do not have a similar registration-based system. They have what they call "risk-based" in which a group is -- is authorized to do a risk analysis of an offender. Illinois has a system, quite simply, where the law imposes burdens to register, so that the police and the community knows who these people are in their -- their -- their community. It also reminds the sex offender that they are being watched. It changes -- it brings us into compliance with the FBI National Sex Offender database, which is a very good thing, and it -- it allows us to access so-called Byrne Grants, B-y-r-n {sic}. And it takes the Illinois current law, which is a two-tiered registration system, ten years for misdemeanor sex offenses and other lesser felonies to a lifetime registration of crimes, it takes it to a three-tiered system. It moves ten-year offenses to fifteen years. It moves the current -- many -- many of the current ten-year offenses to twenty-five, and it has the lifetime offenses, which are the most heinous.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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Thank you, Senator Haine. Is there any discussion?
Senator Raoul, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR RAOUL:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, sometimes we take one step forward to only take two steps backwards and I think that's what we're doing with this bill in -- in more ways than one. First off, this bill is largely about capturing federal grant money. And oftentimes we do things to try to capture federal grant money, take that one step forward, that ends up in the end costing us more than we got from the feds in the first place - so one step forward to take several steps back. How will this bill do that? Well, I'll refer you to some other states and -- and let's start with the first state that decided to implement this, the State of Ohio. They adopted SORNA in 2007 {sic} (2008). There have been more than seven thousand legal claims and the state has spent ten million dollars defending these claims, all because they wanted to receive two million dollars in the first place. Do the math. You wanted two million dollars in grant money, you got it, but it cost you ten million. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. In Texas, Texas is no "soft on crime" state. Texas did a study in 2010 and found that implementing SORNA would cost them thirty-nine million dollars, but if they implemented it, what they would get is 1.4 million. Do the math. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. We have a ninety-three percent registration rate. That ain't bad. That's

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not bad. I talked about how we're taking one step forward to go two steps back - well, several years ago, in error, we, as a General Assembly, made it mandatory for juveniles to register as adult offenders when they reached the age of majority. This Body, this Chamber, with wide bipartisan support, supported a bill that I sponsored to ratchet that back, to allow juveniles to register to a juvenile sex offender registry. Well, with this, we're -- we're -- we're basically undoing that. If you recall, there was a case that I referred to when we presented that bill a few years ago of a thirteen-year-old boy in Kane County who rang on the doorbell of his neighbor and he reached in and there was a thirteen-year-old girl -- girl there, he grabbed her breasts, giggled and ran. He was charged with home invasion and criminal sexual abuse. That boy would have had to -- under our old law, would have had to register as an adult sex offender at age seventeen. And now we have it such -- the state of law right now is they just register as a juvenile offender. But with this, there's no distinction between that juvenile and that adult. And so, let's say that thirteen-year-old boy when he turns seventeen fails to register. Guess what? He's guilty of a Class 3 felony and has to register lifetime under this. Is that logical? Does that make sense? You know, I know it's often easy for us to just push a green button on these bills and just forget about it, but this doesn't make sense in two ways. It doesn't distinguish between juvenile offenders and adult offenders and it's going to cost us a heck of a lot more money than we're getting. I've got a letter from the Chief of Staff from Governor Rick Perry and he -- he says in his letter, "Although we in Texas certainly appreciate and agree with the

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stated goals of SORNA, the adoption of this 'one-size-fits-all' federal legislation in Texas would in fact undermine the accomplishment of those objectives in Texas, just as it would in most other states." Thirty-five states has opted not to do this. It says, "Texas already has a comprehensive array of statutes to punish," super -- much like Illinois - "punish, supervise, and protect the public from sex offenders, including those that require registration and publication, community supervision, child safety zones," - we just heard several of those bills - "future risk assessments, and civil commitment..." You know, I referred to it a few moments ago, we have a ninety-three percent registration rate. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. I urge you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, not to do the easy thing here and just push -- push green, because it's going to cost us money and we're in this fiscal crisis that we're in right now. If we don't observe that we're in that crisis with this bill, one, we have a lack of political courage, and we're not doing the right thing by the taxpayers' pocketbooks. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Haine, do you wish to close? Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Yeah, thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I -- I did not receive the letter from Governor Perry. And I -- and I don't know why Texas has not adopted this program, except that they embarked on risk assessment many years ago in which they have panels who determine risk. I don't know what their recidivism rate is in Texas for these crimes. Ohio,

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I was aware, in reading about Ohio, that they had a constitutional issue. When they implemented the Act, they had a -- it collided with a constitutional provision in Ohio and that's what caused the -- the problems. We don't have that problem here because this has been in effect, really, since the mid nineties. This is simple. It's three-tiered. It provides for a uniform scheme. Yes, it is harsh. Yes, it is burdensome. It is harsh and burdensome on people who sexually exploit children, who expose themselves to children, who kidnap children, who murder children, who groom children, who detain forcibly children, who commit ritualized abuse of children. Yes, it reminds these people that the law is watching them, and if they try to abscond and secrete themselves to commit other crimes, the law is going to send them to prison. We -- this General Assembly, some years ago, passed - the first case was heard in my -- my county - a civil commitment if they're a serial sexual offender. So Illinois has done this right and this will be another course -- another step on that same course. This involves the safety of the -- the -- the -- the people. *Salus populi lex esto*, which was the motto of Rome - the safety of the people is the first law. And I would ask you to vote for this. And I thank the State Police, the Sheriffs' Association, the Police Chiefs' Association, and the Attorney General of Illinois, Lisa Madigan, all of whom helped craft this bill and who say this is a wise expenditure of money. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 3359 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted

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who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 37 voting Yes, 11 voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3359, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Mulroe, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Could the -- I inadvertently voted No on Senate Bill 3349. I wondered if the record could reflect that I wanted to vote Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The record will reflect your intention to have voted Aye on Senate Bill 3349. Senate Bill 3366. Senator Koehler. Senate Bill 3367. Senator Garrett. Senator Garrett seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3367 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3367. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Garrett.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Yes, thank you very much, Mr. President. We added an amendment to make sure that the Secretary of State and the State Board of Education work in consultation with each other as they develop core standards for driving.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Garrett moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3367. All in favor, say

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Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 3367. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3367.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Garrett, are you ready to proceed?

SENATOR GARRETT:

Yes. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Thank -- thank you very much. Many of you, I think, have heard about this bill, either directly or indirectly. I would like to go through some of the major components of it and let you know exactly what the bill does include. Number one, the bill provides for a cost report. As many of you know, one of the big questions we have learned from hearing how the public schools' driver's ed costs continue to increase is that we don't really know what the cost for driver's ed is. And in this bill, there will be a way for the public schools to put together, on their annual report, the actual numbers and the cost of driver's

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ed. This is -- for the first time, will be happening. It's extremely important, because as we see schools try to increase the cost of driver's ed - the public schools - we want to work with them, but on the other hand, it's hard to say no. But we need to understand what the costs are so we have a better idea of -- of how to proceed. We also have worked - the amendment that I just talked about - with the Secretary of State and the State Board of Education to make sure that we have, in consultation, core standards, so what the public schools are teaching and what the commercial driving schools are teaching, when it comes to curriculum, is compatible. We also talk about waivers. We want to make sure that if, in the public schools, a school is requesting to go above the two-hundred-and-fifty-dollar cost of a driver's education course and they come to the legislators and apply for a waiver, that they also have to put this on their website and let parents know, who are actually paying for this, what the actual cost of their proposal would be for driver's ed. We also -- there was an exposé done in the Chicago Tribune talking about the -- the -- the cars that are used, for the most part, in public schools, that they don't go through any type of vehicle inspection. So, in this particular bill, we say that when a car is five years of age or has seventy-five thousand miles on it, they will have a vehicle inspection through IDOT, and that cost is about thirty-five dollars. I'd be happy to answer any other questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McCARTER:

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A question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Sponsor indicates that she will yield. Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Senator, there was -- this last amendment, which I didn't think made a huge difference, because it was just a -- a small change in the language as -- as far as -- in regards to the collaboration or the association between ISBE and the Secretary of State's Office in regards to helping develop curriculum that was consistent, there was a -- an organization, IEA, who I think you said was in favor of this, but they didn't file a slip in favor of the bill. Can you clarify whether they are in favor of the bill or not, and how many of the driving schools do they represent?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Yes, they are neutral and they sent a e-mail to us - I thought we shared that with you - saying that they are neutral. They're neutral, along with the Secretary of State and the State Board of Education. Chicago Public Schools, the State Police, IEA, and others are all supportive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator McCarter, do you have a follow-up?

SENATOR McCARTER:

No. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR McCARTER:

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Ladies and Gentlemen, I -- I was part of this task force that started back in September. First meeting was the 18th and it -- and we had, I think, over a dozen meetings and there was a lot of input from a lot of people and a lot of hours spent. This bill has some good components to it. In fact, one of 'em is a -- is an -- is something I contributed. But here's the problem. At the same time we're having this task force spending hour upon hour and hour deciding which direction to go, there was a report from the Secretary of State's Office showing that there are twice as many fatal accidents with students that receive driver's ed from public schools versus commercial driver's ed. Now that's from '07 to '10. And that report was available throughout the whole time we had this task force, but nothing was said about it. Nothing was -- the report wasn't given to me or anyone else on -- on the committee, until someone FOIAed for that and laid it on my desk the first committee meeting when we got back here. I don't believe this was negotiated in good faith. It's wrong. I think the direction of the committee would have gone in a -- another way if we had started out with knowing from the Secretary of State's Office that there are two times the fatalities with kids who get their driver's ed from public schools. It would have changed the whole debate. So, you -- you know, I hate to say but -- this, but, you know, we probably ought to start over. And I -- I guess -- I -- I don't appreciate spending all the time going in the wrong direction. I mean, this is -- this is serious. One accident, fatal accident, is serious. And in the last committee meeting, the sponsor said that this information is not relevant. It's very relevant. If you're the mom or dad of one of those

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kids, it's relevant. Now, if we had been given that information to start with, this would've been a different bill. I encourage you to vote No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator -- Senator Garrett, did you wish to respond?

SENATOR GARRETT:

Yes, I -- I do. First of all, we did not have a task force. I convened people to discuss the commercial driving schools and the public schools and what we could do to improve driver's ed. The report that Senator McCarter is talking about, he's right, it was FOIAed. We had requested information ourselves. The reason -- and -- and there -- there's nothing to hide. You -- you can make the point that students who took classes in public schools had more accidents than in commercial schools, but that doesn't change the intent of the bill. This bill is to ensure that if, maybe, the commercial driving schools have a better set of curriculum standards, then the public schools ought to share those. It makes even the case stronger to make sure that we're working in tandem. It ensures that parents have a clear understanding of when the public schools are going to increase the cost of driver's ed. It provides for transparency. But to -- to cite a study as a reason not to make sure that we do everything we can to improve our driver's training for teens doesn't make any sense. But one of the reasons why we didn't even use this -- this study is because that IDOT qualified it and said - I'm sorry, have to get my glasses on - statistics compiled in April 2011, which we requested, by the Secretary of State relied on incomplete information provided by IDOT regarding number of crashes. So,

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it -- it's a red herring to think that because this study came out that we shouldn't pass a bill that really makes driver's ed much more transparent, cost-effective, and that -- we're all working together to make sure that our teens get the best qualified courses they can.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Haine, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HAINE:

Would the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Sponsor indicates that she will yield.

SENATOR HAINE:

Okay. I've been getting phone calls too. So your bill does not affect driver schools except to impose standards?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

The only -- the -- the main provision that would even possibly impact commercial driving schools is that the Secretary of State, who is neutral on this, and the State Board of Education would work together in consultation to ensure that they have a -- core standards -- core curriculum standards. Most every other state has already done this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

So we don't have standards now?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Garrett.

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SENATOR GARRETT:

The Secretary of State has Rules of the Road, and -- and in some cases, some schools may have standards. And in some cases and in some schools, the public, teen driving has their standards. But what we're trying to do is make sure that when teens -- whether you're in a commercial driving school or a public school, you can't -- you learn right away not to text. You learn right away you can't talk on cellphones, or whatever those standards would be, so they are in collaboration with one another.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Oh, I -- I'm reading here from an organization representing some driver training people. They're alleging that any expansion of existing standards will increase cost to public schools.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Again, I think that's misrepresenting the facts. The facts are very clear; there's no additional expense when the Secretary of State or representatives of that agency and the State Board of Education come together to collaborate on standards. There should -- I don't know why there would be additional costs. And no -- nobody has said that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

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So the argument that's being made is that you're making it more difficult for public schools to obtain waivers to either increase fees or to contract with commercial driver schools.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

So, I don't know who wrote that letter. The way the -- the bill is written, if a public school wants to go above the two-hundred-and-fifty-dollar threshold, they have to apply to the Legislature for a waiver. We want, in addition to the public schools putting a notice in the paper that they're asking for this waiver of increasing the cost from two fifty to, in many cases, five hundred dollars, that they put that same notice on their website - free of charge. And we ask that they do it for fourteen days before the board meets and then we ask that they include the real cost of the proposal. There is no additional fees or dollars involved in that and it gives the parents advance notice. So, since they're the ones paying for it, they would have the ability to come to the school board meeting and weigh in on it. When it comes to the waivers, currently in rules through the State Board of Education, if a public school wants to contract with a commercial driving school, they have to -- they can do this through a contractual arrangement. The commercial driving school has to verify that the drivers coming from the commercial driving school to teach the public school kids have the same credentials and certifications as those teachers in a public school. That's already in law. All we're asking is that that is codified and that the names of the teachers are listed so that those credentials can be checked.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Haine? Senator Maloney, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MALONEY:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Sponsor indicates that she will yield.

SENATOR MALONEY:

As -- as I remember, that -- that one of the big differences between taking driver education at a commercial driving school and a high school was the time factor. Now, are these standards going to include the fact -- for example, a -- a -- at a public high school, generally commercial -- or, driver's ed is an entire semester; people attend a classroom portion of it and a behind-the-wheel component of it. But it results in -- in many, many more hours of instruction. Then the advantage of taking driver's education at a commercial driving school is the abbreviated time level. What is -- are these standards -- what are these -- how are these standards going to change in terms of classroom instruction?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

There is -- has nothing to do with how long it takes for the commercial driving schools to teach courses or the public schools. It's just the type of material that's being taught.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Maloney.

SENATOR MALONEY:

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Isn't that type of material already approved by the Secretary of State and their standards?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

It's -- so the Secretary of State has the Rules of the Road, and in some cases, some commercial driving schools have their own standards. In order to open up a commercial driving school, you have to apply to the Secretary of State and you have to go through some -- I guess you have to qualify. But there -- there are no absolute standards other than, honestly, I would say, the Rules of the Road. And I would also say that the public schools don't have anything more than that either. And that's not to say that either are doing injustice to teaching. All we're saying, and it could be -- be a very simple project, is that they work together to make sure that they're teaching the same things. And there's no way that the Secretary of State could be demanding and say, "You have to do it our way or else", and the same applies for the State Board of Education. It would have to be a collaborative process. And both have agreed. I mean, they've said, you know, they're not against that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Senator McCarter, you're seeking recognition for a second time? You understand that we don't typically recognize Senators to speak for a second time on the same measure? But I will recognize you.

SENATOR McCARTER:

I understand. It -- it was -- I -- I thought I heard my name mentioned in debate. So, I want to just be very clear

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about the statistics that were mentioned. That's it. According to the Secretary of State's Office, teen - and I'm reading directly from the document - teen driver accidents involving fatalities from 2007 to 2010 for public -- for -- I'm sorry, for commercial schools - thirty-one accidents. For public -- those from public schools - one hundred and seventy-eight accidents. Now, there's -- more kids take driver's ed through public schools, so you have to look at the ratio. For commercial schools, .0216. For public schools, .0457 - over two times as many accidents with fatalities. That's a hundred and forty-seven more accidents, even that more lives that were lost. Now, that is relevant. And there's a footnote at the bottom, which was mentioned, and that, it says, statistics compiled in April 2011 by the Secretary of State relied on incomplete information provided by IDOT. It's because the numbers don't include 2011. It's 2007 to 2010 and this is relevant.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Garrett, do you wish to close?

SENATOR GARRETT:

Yes. I do wish to close. I appreciate the input that I have received from many parents throughout the State who have asked for some of these reforms. I appreciated working directly with the public schools, who also are interested in making sure that there is more transparency. I am very pleased that the Chicago Public Schools are in support of this bill. They are the ones that have the largest fleet of cars and know how important it is to have a vehicle inspection. But this is not about reports that the previous speaker talked about, that may be relevant in -- I'm not sure how, but what it -- what this is

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really -- why this bill really matters is that we are addressing teen education driving schools, whether they're commercial or public. We're doing what we should be doing to make sure there -- there's continuity, there's consistency, that parents can afford to send their kids to their own public school and they don't have to pay five hundred dollars. Because what is happening, one of the facts that you should know about, is that kids can't afford -- their parents can't afford to send them to the commercial driving schools or the public schools anymore and they're waiting till they're eighteen and they're teaching themselves. So this is a step in the right direction and I -- I hope that you'll be able to support this important measure.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 3367 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 30 voting Aye, 24 voting No, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 3367, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3368. Senator Sandoval. Senate Bill 3373. Senator Link. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3373.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is a consolidation of the -

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- this is an initiative of the State Fire Marshal to consolidate the fire truck revolving loan program and... I'm sorry. This reinstates {sic} (reinserts) the provision of the -- changes, at request of the State Treasurer's Office, to use the word "transfer" -- describes moneys removed from the revolving loan funds to local accounts administered by the State Finance Authority. And the use of the word "transfer" in the law is used to denote money that's being moved from one State fund to another, and it -- by the Office of the State Treasurer and the Office of State Fire Marshal and the State Finance Authority. I know of no opposition to the bill. Be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3373 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3373, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3374. Senator Holmes. Senator Holmes seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3374 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 3374. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Holmes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Holmes, on your amendment.

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SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill is an initiative of the Illinois Association of {sic} (for Health,) Physical Education, Recreation & Dance. Physical education...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator, are -- are you moving to amend -- to add the amendment? Senator Holmes moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 3374. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 3374. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3374.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you for your indulgence, Mr. President. The -- the issue is, is that physical education standards have not been reviewed since 1997. So we knew that curriculum needed to be developed to keep up with the current research that shows how beneficial physical education is for developing brains and for education. So we worked in conjunction with ISBE to develop a task force that's going to promote and make recommendations by

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August 31st of 2013. And then, at that point, they will make those recommendations, which we will hopefully follow through with, and the task force will then be dissolved.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3374 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3374, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3380. Senator Noland. ...Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3380.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 3380 deals with carnivals - so it should be fun. Provides that the Carnival-Amusement Safety Board shall consist of nine - now it is -- the Board consists of eight - members, adding an additional operator of amusement rides. Sets forth requirements concerning qualifications of the appointment of {sic} (appointed) members. Further provides that a majority of the nine members of the Board constitutes a quorum. I know of no opposition. Happy to take any questions.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3380 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 3380, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3396. Senator Noland. Senator Noland seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3396 to the Order of 2nd Reading. There being no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3396. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Noland.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Noland, on the amendment.

SENATOR NOLAND:

The amendment becomes the bill. Happy to read {sic} it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Noland moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 3396. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered Senator Noland.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Noland, on Floor Amendment No. 3.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 3396 amends the Open Meetings Act to add that an elected or appointed member of an Article 3 or Article 4 pension fund may satisfy the training requirements of the Open Meetings Act by participating in a course of training which is sponsored or conducted by the Illinois Public Pension Fund Association. Currently, each elected or appointed member of a public body...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator, are you presenting the amendment or the bill? Senator Noland moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 3396. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 3396. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3396.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Noland, on the bill.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. Forgot we went through a couple

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iterations of this. I'll try this again. So, Senate Bill 3396 amends the Open Meetings Act to add that an elected or appointed member of an Article 3 or Article 4 pension fund may satisfy the training requirements of the Open Meetings Act by participating in a course of training which is sponsored or conducted by the Illinois Public Pension Fund Association. Currently, each elected/appointed member of a public body must complete training which is administered by the Illinois Attorney General Public Access Counselor in order to comply with the Open Meetings Act. Just for the record, I understand that Senator Brady has a couple of concerns regarding applicability and enforcement. We're going to be working on that over in the House. So I just wanted to reaffirm that this is not done yet. But this will come back after -- on a concurrence.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator Noland. Any discussion? Senator Lauzen, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR LAUZEN:

A question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Sponsor indicates that he will yield. Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

I vaguely remember that there was some discussion about -- in this bill that -- of course, we're all for training, but there was a provision that -- that it exempted board members from any consequences for not following the provisions of, maybe, the Open Meeting {sic} (Meetings) Act or... There was some -- can you refresh my memory of what that... And then I thought that there was discussion that we were going to clean that up

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before we went to 3rd Reading. If you could...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Senator, you are correct in part and incorrect in the other part. You are correct in that Senator Brady had questions regarding the enforcement, which you correctly state. We are -- we moved it out of committee on to 3rd with the commitment on my part to work with the House to clean that up. In addition, I would also inform the -- the Chamber that this is also going to apply to both police and/or fire pension funds as well. They will be brought into the statute as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3396 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3396, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3402. Senator Pankau. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3402.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

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Thank you, Mr. President. 3402 provides that a municipality may, by ordinance, establish a technology development district. This is to encourage municipalities, when they talk about infrastructure, to not only look at concrete and lighting and facades and things like that, but technology. If we're going to keep businesses in this State, technology has to be a part of our infrastructure. And when we talk about infrastructure, it has to include technology developments. I ask for your favorable approval.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3402 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3402, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3403. Senator Pankau. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3403.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Pankau.

SENATOR PANKAU:

3403 includes disabled persons within the provisions granting an assessment freeze homestead exemption to senior citizens. I ask for its approval.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3403 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3403, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. At the bottom of page 28 of your Calendar, Senate Bill 3406. Senator Syverson. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3406.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This legislation just clarifies on a -- on building code violations that they have to put the details of the violation on the -- on the notice that they give to the individual. Know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3406 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3406, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared

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passed. Top of page 29 of your Calendar. Senate Bill 3414.
Senator Silverstein. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3414.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

...you, Mr. President. This comes from the Illinois EPA.
What it does, it's regarding rulemaking to allow the Illinois
Pollution Control Board to consider significant economic harm or
hardship as a threat in making rulemaking.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is,
shall Senate Bill 3414 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye.
Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?
Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the
record. On that question, there are 52 voting Aye, none voting
No, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 3414, having received the
required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate
Bill 3415. Senator Garrett. Senator Garrett seeks leave of the
Body to return Senate Bill 3415 to the Order of 2nd Reading.
Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd
Reading is Senate Bill 3415. Mr. Secretary, have there been any
Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Garrett.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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Senator Garrett, on Floor Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Yes, thank you very much, Mr. President. Senate Amendment No. 1 retains the underlying bill and provides an exemption for full {sic} (willful or) wanton misconduct at the request of the Illinois Trial (Lawyers) Association.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Garrett moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3415. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 3415. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3415.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Yes, thank you, again, Mr. President. This bill was brought to me by the Department of State Police and the Illinois Association of the Chiefs of Police. And what it does is make changes to the provisions concerning the reporting of criminal acts and firearms on school property. It adds assault, criminal

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and {sic} sexual assault, aggravated criminal sexual assault, criminal sexual abuse, and aggravated criminal sexual abuse to the list of attacks on school personnel that the superintendent is required to report to local law enforcement authorities. It also requires all school personnel to immediately notify the principal, who must immediately notify the local law enforcement authorities. It requires superintendents of schools to immediately report - currently, it's now twenty-four hours - to local law enforcement authorities when a firearm is found on school grounds. It requires local law enforcement agencies to contact the individual's parent if the individual found to have committed an offense is a minor. And it, finally, requires local law enforcement agencies to report all police reports filed by school personnel to the Department of the State Police and the {sic} (Police's) Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3415 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3415, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3420. Senator Jacobs. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3420.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 3420 clarifies current law and practice under the Illinois Nursing Home Care Act. It's an initiative of the Health Care Council Act -- of Illinois. It allows owners of nursing homes to serve as relative's {sic} (resident's) representative in order to assist residents in making decisions. I know of no opposition. It passed positive through committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3420 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3420, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3429. Senator Koehler. Senate Bill 3430. Senator Jacobs. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3430.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

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Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 3430 creates the Illinois Titanium Powdered Metals Development Act, thus creating an advisory committee within DECO {sic} (DCEO). We're working very hard in the Quad Cities to bring titanium powder and metals to the Quad Cities at the Rock Island Arsenal. And we believe this is a first step. It's not the full step with all the money, but we hope, at some point next year, to come back and find the money as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

...you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill -- I'm sorry. Senator Lauzen, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR LAUZEN:

I'm sorry. That was an awfully hurry there, but thank you for recognizing me, Mr. President. Let's see, a question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Sponsor indicates that he will yield. Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

It was maybe a month ago in Revenue Committee, there was a lot of conversation about -- this -- let's see -- this is the... Let's see. What -- could you -- could you go through that a little bit more loudly so that -- and a little bit more slowly so that we can -- we can hear what you're presenting?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

If you could please give the speakers your attention, so that Senator Lauzen can hear Senator Jacobs. Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Senate Bill 3430 creates the Illinois Titanium Powder {sic}

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(Powdered) Metals Development Act, thus creating an advisory committee within DOC {sic} (DCEO) - Department of Community and Economic Affairs {sic} (Commerce and Economic Opportunity).

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Okay. And what are the benefits to the company? I know that your intention is to help create jobs, but what are the benefits to the company -- the companies that participate in that development area? What are the benefits to the company?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Any business which invests three million dollars in titanium powdered metal manufacturing within a minimum of -- and creates a minimum of fifteen jobs in titanium powdered metals manufacturing are added to the "High Impact Business" list. And that -- really, at this point, that doesn't mean a heck of a lot. We were -- we were hoping to put several million dollars into this fund, but this year's not the year to do it. But we are moving forward and hoping that it'll help Illinois focus on this important business of titanium.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Isn't this the bill that provides certain benefits, tax benefits, to a company that locates in one of these areas? Isn't this that bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

No. I see nothing in the bill that provides a benefit, other than the future -- you know, we'd like to provide a benefit. I think, you know, Illinois wants to be a leader in something. And in the Rock Island Arsenal, where we have our military base, which has grown from two thousand employees to nine thousand employees, we're hoping to continue that growth. The military is very interested in titanium. And as we're getting ready to go through another BRAC Commission, which is where the federal government comes in and closes down, you know, military bases, we're hoping to keep this military base open and to make sure titanium is part of the solution that makes us quicker and lighter and more productive in our military equipment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

...you -- thank you. I -- I have to ask the question again. If there's no benefit to a company of doing this, then what's the purpose of this legislation? And so I -- I ask the question for a third time, what are the benefits to any company that, as you say, puts in three million dollars? I would ask you to please, honestly, answer this question, as it was discussed in Revenue about a month ago. We had the discussion. There were benefits to the companies that participate in one of these development areas. What are the benefits to the company?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Jacobs.

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SENATOR JACOBS:

Hold on, Senator. Let me read the whole bill here and I'll see if I can find what you're referring to. The business intends to make a minimum investment of three million dollars in titanium powdered metals manufacturing, will be placed in service at {sic} (in) qualified property, intends to create or retain a minimum of fifteen (full-time) equivalent jobs in titanium manufacturing at the location in Illinois. That's what the bill does. I mean, that's -- you know, I don't know what else you want me to read, but that's what the bill says.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

And -- and what is the benefit of being part of this? I mean, there's either sales tax exemptions or there's -- there's different things. It's like an enterprise zone, but it's something else. We have to have answers to questions or -- or we really can't debate something, you know, like rationally.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

I would just turn your attention to the bill, Senator, page 11. There's a whole of seven or eight, nine lines there. It really doesn't do any things that you're suggesting it does. Alls the bill does is set up a committee in DECO {sic} and encourages DECO {sic} to get interested in titanium, because titanium is a -- is a product that we can use in America and it helps our military and it helps my community grow. So, one day, hopefully, down the road, if we find some money and the State of

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Illinois gets on its feet, we could encourage that industry to grow faster and quicker in -- in Illinois, 'cause we -- we need more manufacturing, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

No, I'm sorry. This is an obfuscation. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is wrong, what's happening right here. I guess I have to ask the questions in yes or no answers. Isn't it true that what you're proposing in this legislation allows manufacturers that qualify to get the benefits of an enterprise zone? So, that's tax benefits in Illinois for enterprise zone.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Senator, I just don't see what you're trying to get to. I mean, I can -- I can read it to you. Says a business must certify in writing that an investment will not be placed in service in qualified property and the job creation or job retention would not occur without tax credits -- the exemptions set forth in subsection of this Section. The term "placed in service" and "qualified property" have the same meaning as described in the Illinois Income Tax Act. So, really, the State is providing no benefit at this time. Now maybe in the future, if this DECO {sic} organization -- and we can find the money, like we did for the soldiers a couple minute {sic} ago, as we -- where we actually found the twenty-five million dollars for our returning veterans. If we can find some of those dollars, maybe -- maybe we could do something for 'em, but there's no intention

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for DECO {sic} to do anything for titanium this year.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

The area -- the area in the statutes that this legislation fits into is the enterprise zone area. And so whatever benefits, tax benefits, go along with enterprise is what is in -- this becomes another example of -- it's -- it's section {sic} (F) of that enterprise zone network of benefits. Let me ask you then, who is the -- which -- what company has brought this to you and which company did you advance this for during the debate in Revenue Committee about a month ago?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

The company that we're advancing this for is the Quad City Manufacturing Lab. The Quad City Manufacturing Lab, they develop and implement technology innovations on the Arsenal Island. They work in concert with Western Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Black Hawk College, Eastern Iowa Community College, as well as engineers from Deere and technicians from Deere, and as well as the Rock Island Arsenal itself. There is a company in Ottawa who is looking to move some titanium - that produces over four million tons of titanium a year - looking to move and take advantage of this titanium growth in my community.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

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Okay, I'll try to wrap -- wrap it up. I -- I -- we shouldn't have to extract -- first of all, there are tax benefits here. That's the purpose of this bill. Number two, the company that was brought to the witness table is International Titanium Powder - so, ITP. When a Google search was done of what the ownership of this company is, it's a wholly owned subsidiary of Cristal (Global) corporation. And that is owned by TASNEE, which is sixty-six percent owned out of Saudi Arabia. So, all of this -- the talk about having tax benefits that go to a company where it's all the wealth of Saudi Arabia. If you say no to any tax benefit -- this would be an example where folks don't need State of Illinois taxpayers' money to develop something where the market is -- this commodity is growing at a -- a -- a huge rate, as far as the price for this commodity. The last thing we need to do is use enterprise zone tax benefits to benefit a company that is at least sixty-six percent owned by Saudi Arabia.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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

SENATOR JACOBS:

I just know of no one in Saudi Arabia that has approached me or spoken with me. Some folks in Rock Island have. And if you're interested, I would love to have you come over and look at what we're doing, and maybe it might explain why my community has the lowest unemployment in the State of Illinois. Because it seems to me that maybe some other areas in the -- in the -- in the State, rather than questioning someone's lineage or history - which seems really wrong to me, considering that I

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live in a community with John Deere -- Deere -- Deere & Company, which is a multi-national company. And I would hate to think that people in other countries are going to say, you know, John Deere shouldn't prosper because they're not from here. We live in a world economy, Senator, and I think you ought to have an idea about that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 3430 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 37 voting Aye, 13 voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3430, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3436. Senator Frerichs. Senate Bill 3441. Senator Koehler. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3441.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Koehler, are you ready to proceed? Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 3441 amends the medical assistance program/vendor participation Section of the Public Aid Code by creating guidelines on how a practitioner-owned group practice can qualify as an alternate payee under the medical assistance

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program. Specifically, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services may not require a set number of practitioner-owners of an alternate payee practitioner-owned group to also be individually enrolled as providers in the medical assistance program. Currently, the administrative rule only allows group practices to qualify as alternative payees if they are solely owned by three or more full-time licensed individual practitioners who are eligible to participate in the medical assistance program. Let me just add as well, the Department would really prefer to correct this issue through rules and it hopes to do that, and they have been working with us to draft this bill. But we're advancing this bill just as a way to make sure that this gets done. This was brought to me by a local company that provides optical services for the Peoria area. And it's just a nightmare of how they have to deal with payee issues. This would streamline it and make them eligible to -- to do what larger companies do.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3441 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3441, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3442. Senator Link. Senator Link seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3442 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 3442. Mr. Secretary, have

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there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Link.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Link, on the amendment.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is just recommendations of the Solid Waste and the Illinois Manufacturers. I'll be more than happy to explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Link moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3442. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration, Mr. Secretary?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 3442. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3442.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Link, on the bill.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is a -- an eighteen-month task force studying on Plastic Bag Recycling Act that is -- I

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want to commend all those that were involved - the Lake County Solid Waste Agency, the Illinois Manufacturers, the Retail Merchants Association, the Illinois EPA Association {sic} (Agency), all those involved in sitting down and working on this - the -- the Chemical Industry Council - all of those who sat down to make sure that we could get this type of legislation together and make sure it would work. And now we have what we call a -- a -- a -- I think an agreed-upon -- well, it is an agreed-upon bill that will work to get -- statewide to help us get these plastic bags recycled and film recycling throughout the entire State. I will be more than happy to answer any questions, but I think it's a huge step forward for the State of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Sponsor indicates that he will yield. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Link, it's my understanding - and I appreciate that the -- that the business groups have come together on this - that there is a new five-hundred-dollar registration fee for manufacturers of plastic bags and then that money is going to be conveyed to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. And then can you fill in the rest of that process? What's going to happen with that money?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

It's going to be helped to use {sic} to administer the program as we go on -- on with this program.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Now, it's my understanding, Senator Link, that everybody in this State is subject to this except for the City of Chicago. And I want to know if that's correct, and if it is, what's the rationale for doing it in that manner?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Yeah. Excuse me. They are exempt, but they have their own program already in place and that -- that's why they are exempt on it already.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Righter, do you have a follow-up? Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. -- Mr. President. Senator Link, are there no other municipalities in the State that had any other recycling program or about to -- I mean, I know the City -- my understanding, the City of Champaign, if it hadn't started one, was considering one. Were there any others?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Yes, there are. Matter of fact, there's a number of 'em.

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There's Highland Park in Lake County; there's others - that have more restrictive programs that are in place. But what we have is -- this is a -- this is a program that will -- has been agreed upon. And, matter of fact, we sat down -- Champaign's program is not in place as we speak right now, Senator Righter. These are -- this is why we sat down. And if you have a program in place, it still will be in place. And what we are doing is just stopping programs from going in place in the future. And that's what -- this is why it's a statewide program right now.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Righter. I'm sorry.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. So, Senator Link, you're telling me there's specific grandfather language in the bill, that if a -- if a community already has a program that's up and running, this statute will not apply to them. I want to make sure that we're clear that that is in the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

No. And -- and -- there's no grandfathering in the bill, but it -- it will be -- these programs are in effect right now. But this is what -- you'll be hearing for legislative intent in a little while on this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Righter, do you have a follow-up?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

I wonder, if I might, Mr. President, maybe I can wait on the legislative intent and maybe that will open my eyes wider

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than they are now, and I -- you -- and you could recognize me again if, in fact, that doesn't happen?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator, I will recognize you for a second time if the legislative intent debate doesn't clear things up for you. Senator Frerichs, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR FRERICHS:

A question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Senator Link, what -- what is the effective date of this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

7/1/2013.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Okay, so if -- if a city, such as Champaign, does not have a recycling or -- a recycling program or a fee in place currently, but they were to pass something before 7/1/2013, would they be grandfathered in?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Is there some point before which they could still be grandfathered in?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

So as soon as this -- as soon as this bill is signed, at that point forward, any city under two million, we've taken away their ability to start their own program, even if they're a home rule city. Correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

I know that at least one municipality in my district is considering instituting a fee per -- fee per bag. They have -- they are home rule. Would you be interested in working on an amendment in the House to address their interests?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

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I'm sorry. Could you repeat the question? I was -- somebody was...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Sure. I was just asking if Senator Link would be willing to work with the House sponsor to amend this to allow municipalities that have plans in the works, in order to have them grandfathered in.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Well, I think if we did that, then we would open a lot of problems with other municipalities that are already in existence. And I think, after we discuss this legislative intent, we will -- that will preclude that -- what we were trying to talk about.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Questions for legislative intent then. Under Section -- Senator Link, under Section 65, is it your intent to prevent local units of government with a population of less than two million people from imposing their own bans on plastic carryout bags and film?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Yes. This -- this intent of this legislation is to preempt

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local units of government with less than two million people from implementing local ban on plastic carryout bags and film.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Senator, under Section 65, is it your intent to prevent local units of government with a population of less than two million people from imposing a specific tax or fee on plastic bags and film?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Yes. The intent of this legislation is to preempt local units of government with less than two million people from implementing a specific tax or fee on plastic bags or film.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Senator, is it your -- is it your general intent to create a statewide plastic bag and film program outside of Chicago, while preempting local communities from adopting specific regulations with regards to bans, taxes, and distribution of plastic bags and film?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Yes. The intent is to prevent local governments from creating different regulations on plastic bags, taxes, and distribution. This creates a statewide program with the

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exclusive powers afforded to it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Frerichs. Senator Righter, have all of your concerns been illuminated? Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

They have not, Mr. President, but uncle.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Link, there's no one seeking further questioning, would you like to close?

SENATOR LINK:

Just a little. I think this has been a bill that we've worked out for eighteen months. I think it's a positive bill to get this recycling of plastic bags. It's an environmentally positive bill for the State of Illinois. And I ask for an affirmative vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

As this bill denies or limits -- or, as this bill denies the power of a home rule unit to tax, pursuant to Section 6(g) of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution, the passage of this measure will require a three-fifths majority. The question is, shall Senate Bill 3442 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 36 voting Aye, 15 voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3442, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3456. Senator Frerichs. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Bill 3456.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Our original bill -- well, let's see -- Senate Bill 3456 creates a new liquor use license. The permit would allow Illinois winemakers to sell -- to sell wine at an off-premise site approved by a local liquor authority. The permit would be granted on an annual basis. There's an annual one-hundred-dollar fee for this permit. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Inquiry -- inquiry of the Chair, if I might, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Yes.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Is there an amendment to be adopted or was Amendment 2 already put on the bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Let us find that out...

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

...Senator Righter. Senator Righter, I've been told

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Amendment 2 was adopted yesterday. Does that... Senator -- Senator, there's a third amendment that Senator Frerichs elected to leave in the Executive Committee. Does that answer your parliamentary inquiry? Thank you. Is there any discussion of the bill? Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. If the sponsor would yield, please, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Sponsor indicates that he will yield.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Senator Frerichs, I want to start first with a little bit of the -- the big picture issue that I think this bill raises, which is now these special use permits are driven at the local level. Now what -- you're kind of flipping the process now to where first they're going to go to the State and get one and then -- then go to the locals. And, I guess, my -- I mean, wonder -- I wonder if you've thought of that and whether or not you think that's a better system to have in place, or -- and -- and -- or -- or -- or maybe it's not an issue for you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

It's something I have considered. It's the reason behind the bill. I think the State Board is complicated. It's slow and it still allows for local control. So they can come to the -- to the State, they can receive this permit, but they still have to go back to the locals, and if the locals deny it of them, there's no need for this. What it does is it slows down -

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- it will limit the number of people coming in front of the State -- the State Liquor Commission. Right now, they have to go to the locals and then come to the State. And rather than coming three, four, ten times throughout the course of the year, they can come once and then they'll just deal with their locals.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3456 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3456, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3461. Senator Koehler. Senate Bill 3478. Senator Clayborne. Senate Bill 3479. Senator Clayborne. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3479.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This amends the Retail {sic} (Retailers') Occupation Tax Act and other related Acts that -- will make blood testing materials purchased by a person receiving aid from Medicaid that lives in a long-term care facility exempt from sales taxes. Currently, medicines, drugs, medical appliances, insulin, urine testing

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materials are tax-free for those same individuals. And we're just bringing blood material testings -- testing in line.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3479 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3479, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Sullivan in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senate Bill 3484. Senator Delgado. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3484.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Delgado.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 3484 increases the State Board of Health from nineteen to twenty by adding an optometrist to the Board. And for the indulgence {sic} of all the Members, the current President of the American Public Health Association is a doctor of optometry, leading the profession and involving us in public health as a primary eye care provider. And I would ask for your Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3484 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3484, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up is Senate Bill 3497. Senator Schoenberg. Senator Schoenberg. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3498. Senator Schoenberg. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3499. Senator Schoenberg. Out of the record. Ladies and Gentlemen, turn to the top of page 30 of your printed Calendar. We have Senate Bill 3504. Senator Duffy. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3504.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Duffy.

SENATOR DUFFY:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 3504 adds one second of yellow time to troubled intersections. I look for your support and be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3504 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all

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voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 43 voting Aye, 5 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 3504, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar is Senate Bill 3505. Senator John O. Jones. Mr. Secretary -- Senator Jones seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3505 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of Senate Bill -- on 3rd -- now on the Order of Senate Bill -- now on the Order of 2nd Readings is Senate Bill 3505. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Jones, on Amendment 2.

SENATOR J. JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. And -- and please save your voice, 'cause in about an hour and fifteen minutes, we're going to have you auction off stuff at the Sportsmen's Caucus. Okay? Senate -- Senate Amendment No. 1 {sic} (2) - I'm carrying it on behalf of President Cullerton - allows for heavier weights by 3-axle trucks registered as Special Hauling Vehicles and used exclusively for the transportation of non-hazardous solid waste.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Senator Hutchinson, did you want to speak on this bill? Your light was on. Very well. Seeing no discussion, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any

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further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 3505. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3505.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Jones.

SENATOR J. JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 3505, with the amendment on it, delineates weight of the 3-axle rear trucks registered as Special Hauling Vehicles and used exclusively for mixing and transportation of concrete in the plastic state and non-hazardous waste.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3505 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3505, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Hutchinson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

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Thank you, Mr. President. I would just like to note for the record that on Senate Bill 3504, my intention was to vote Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The record will so indicate your intentions. Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, next up on the Calendar is Senate Bill 3507. Senator Jacobs. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3507.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill clears up some double taxation that was occurring along the Illinois-Iowa border. It has the support of the Department of Revenue and the Illinois Federation of Tax -- Tax -- Taxpayers' Federation of Illinois. It'll be revenue-neutral when it's done. I ask for your favorable support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you very much. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3507 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3507, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up

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on the Calendar is Senate Bill 3513. Senator Martinez. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3513.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. You keep us awake here. Thank you. Members of the Senate, this amendment -- I mean, this amendment is an agreement that was reached by the Retail Merchants Association, the State Medical Society, the (American) Academy of Pediatrics. The amendment lowers the age of -- of a patient at which a pharmacist may administer an immunization from fourteen years to ten years of age. The immunization which a pharmacist may administer on a ten-year-old are limited to Influenza and the Tdap. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill -- excuse me, 3513 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3513, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3514. Senator Martinez. Mr.

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Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3514.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. 3514 amends the Regulatory Sunset Act by extending the repeal date for the Medical Practice Act of 1987 by one year, from December 31st, 2012 to December 31st, 2013.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3514 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting's 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 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3514, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up is Senate Bill 3517. Senator Mulroe. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3517.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

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Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Currently, the -- the Child Care Act prohibits -- or provides that no applicant may receive a license from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and no person may be employed by the Department of -- of Children and Family Services if they have commit -- or, committed or are convicted of certain specified offenses that are enumerated in the Act. What this bill does is add financial felony crimes to that list, but it only applies to applicants who are applying for positions that require access to confidential financial information or submission of documentation to support billing. There are also exceptions provided in the bill, you know, if the -- the crime might have been committed when they were very young or -- there's a detailed step to go through. So I'd ask you for your affirmative vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3517 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3517, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar is Senate Bill 3518. Senator Mulroe. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Mulroe seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3518 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3518. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments

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approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Mulroe.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Mulroe, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR MULROE:

I would just ask that the amendment -- the amendment be adopted. I'll explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Any discussion? All those -- 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?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 3518. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3518.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is Senate Bill 3518 - it could be otherwise described as "pass the boot" bill. It's an initiative brought to me by the Associated

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Fire Fighters of Illinois and Chicago Firefighters Local 2. This bill provides that no county or municipality may prohibit charitable organizations from soliciting passing motorists for charitable purposes on a public highway, so long as the soliciting are from police, sheriff, firefighters, or other public safety personnel within their service area, and then there's additional requirements. The organization has to file an application at least ten days prior to the -- the event. They have to define the date, the location. They also have to get one million dollars in liability coverage. And once that is filed, the -- the municipality actually has discretion -- or they maintain control of -- of the application, provided -- provided -- or -- it's for safety reasons. They can move you from an intersection depending on where it is.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Althoff, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you very much. Senator, can you explain to me then, that it is only public safety employees that can actually stand on these intersections? So all of those Kiwanis members and all those other individuals who -- who currently can do that with permission from the local municipality, they will no longer be able to do that themselves? They're going to have to have an agreement with the public safety employees.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

No. That's not the intent of the bill. The -- they can still do that with permission of the municipality or the county. This bill would just prohibit the municipality or the county from preventing a -- a charitable organization to solicit, provided they have these public safety employees involved. So if they want to permit it to anybody, they can. But if the charitable organization applies for a permit and says we have public safety personnel, we've, you know, got a million-dollar policy, the application provides for the intersection, then they can't do it, but they could impose reasonable restrictions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

I -- again, then I guess my question is, how does it change from what local units of government can currently do now for their charitable organization? What's the big significant difference?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

There are certain municipalities that prohibit the solicitation at this time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

And can you tell me, in the entire State of Illinois, how

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many of those municipalities we're talking about?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

I'm not aware of the exact numbers. I know it's -- it's more than -- that it's been described as "some".

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Senator. I really appreciate the honesty in the answer to that question. It's more like less than twenty. And there's numerous municipalities within the State of Illinois. And I understand where the frustration can come from our public safety employees when they are denied that access, but we are talking about changing and taking away control from local governments for less than twenty entities. I think we would be better served to work with the twenty entities and figure out why it is they're denying access to our fine public safety employees as opposed to changing State law. And that was actually to the bill and I apologize for drifting off and -- and not asking a question. I would urge this Body to stay out of local government and vote No. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Lauzen, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Lauzen.

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SENATOR LAUZEN:

Is there a very clear stipulation in your legislation that says that this -- you know, any of that solicitation would have to take place on their own time rather than on any public time? You know, when they're on the payroll?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

I do not believe that's -- restriction, one way or the other, is in the legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Lauzen. Yes? No. Any further discussion? Seeing none -- Senator Haine, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HAINE:

Would the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

I -- I'm -- I would love to support this bill and I'm -- I want to support this bill, but, again, the question raised by Senator Althoff. And I'm looking at the analysis here. So, if this thing is enacted into law, Senator Mulroe, it doesn't prohibit or condition the KCs or the Optimists or the others from going out on the street corner as the others -- as the firefighters do or the police officers, right?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Correct. If they -- if they're -- their permission -- or

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the local municipality or county, if they permit it now, they can continue to do that. This would just prohibit charitable organizations provided they use public safety officials. So this is just prohibiting the municipality from preventing that to happen. But -- so if they permit it with any groups that exist right now, they can continue to do that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? So -- I'm sorry. Senator Haine. I'm sorry. Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

So, they -- but they don't have to have -- they don't have to go to the police chief and say, "hey, I need a police officer to be out there with my KC guys"? Right?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Mulroe, do you wish to close? Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Just briefly in response. The municipalities or counties do maintain control. They are allowed to provide reasonable restrictions, as long as it's related to public safety, if a charitable organization asks to do solicitation on an intersection, but there's certain requirements that have to be met for the county to -- to permit it. One other thing, the -- you know, the -- the fire department, through the -- you know, on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, has raised

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seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars with this program and it benefits some really legitimate, needy people with debilitating diseases. So we -- I don't think we want to shift the burden to the State. And it's a worthy cause, so I would ask that you all vote Yes on this matter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, as the bill provides for the concurrent exercise of a home rule unit's power to tax by the State, pursuant to Section 6(i) of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution, the passage of this measure will require a simple majority. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3518 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting's 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 41 voting Aye, 9 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 3518, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. 3521. Senator Jacobs. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3521.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is an initiative of Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White. It's a system of administration fines in lieu of issuing criminal citations to

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those entities -- entities regulated by the Secretary of State. Currently, the Secretary of State is only permitted to issue criminal citations to entities it regulates for violations of the Illinois Criminal Code. According to the Secretary of State, many violation {sic} of these entities are recordkeeping requirements and failure to transfer title within a twenty-day statutory period. That twenty-day violation of the -- criminal offense and sometimes they are not pursued by the State's Attorney. In effect, the Secretary of State believes this bill will allow defendants to avoid going to criminal court by either paying fines or contesting citations at the Secretary of State Administrative Hearings. I know of no..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MURPHY:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

The -- this bill, just for purpose of information, does include new fees and greatly increases several existing fines. It is accurate, however, that the -- the Auto Dealers are not in opposition to it. But for the -- for the information of the Body, it does include new fees and increased fines.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Jacobs, it's my understanding that the deposit money collected for the delinquent vehicle dealer transfer fees goes into the Motor Vehicle License Plate Fund, as opposed to -- under this bill, as opposed to currently it goes into the General Revenue Fund. Why the change?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Frankly, that's the first I've heard of that, but -- but I would assume that the Secretary of State's Office is one of the few agencies in Illinois that actually generates revenue to the State, and I would think that as we're cutting back on everybody's agencies, they're probably wanting to protect themselves. And I'd point out that if -- if you pay your -- if you pay your fee on time, you don't have to pay any extra, but if you allow it to go sixty days, ninety days, a hundred days, then -- then you got to pay a little more.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Well, I appreciate that, Senator, but this isn't really about whether you pay it on -- on time or not; it's about where we choose to -- where you choose - 'cause you're the sponsor of the bill, not the Secretary of State - where you choose to send

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the money. And, so, given the issues in the General Revenue Fund, you're shifting money out of GRF into this fund. And I'm -- I'm -- I guess I'm -- I'm asking again about the -- what you think the wisdom of that policy choice is? Now, I do want to point out that previous to 2005 what this State did was deposit it in the Road Fund, which, actually, I think is probably the best move of the three choices that are offered before us. But maybe you can give me an idea, again, why we're moving these funds out of GRF and into this other fund?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

This would be a new fee. They're currently not collecting this fee. So it's hard to say that, you know -- and then -- then the question becomes, is do you really want to trust this Body with your money? I think maybe the Secretary of State might be a more prudent handler of -- of dollars than -- than what we've proven to be, especially on the Teachers' Retirement System.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

I -- that -- that response is so filled with irony, I can barely get my head above it, Senator. So -- actually, it's not new; you're increasing it. So -- now maybe I'm misreading the bill - maybe just the increase is going into this new fund and the current amount is staying into the General Revenue Fund. But this fee's already -- this -- this -- this is already in place. You're increasing it. So I'll ask again, why -- why the

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shift?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

The increase are {sic} not in place. The only thing that's currently in place is the twenty dollars. If you don't pay within twenty days of your -- you -- you have to -- you can pay twenty dollars, but if you drag it out, you have to pay more. And I would think the wisdom of putting that money directly into a fund controlled by the Secretary of State's Office - and I'm speaking here for myself and not the Secretary - would be that they generate most of the State -- most of the dollars in this State. And, you know, the Legislature, we tend to spend it. So I -- I -- I can understand why they'd want to protect their money, especially the way we swept funds and some of the other things that we all complain about.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

It's my understanding, Senator - and -- and please tell me if I'm correct here - that under current law, it's twenty dollars. Under your bill, it's twenty dollars if you're within thirty days; it's thirty-five dollars if you're outside of sixty days; it's sixty-five dollars if you're outside of ninety days; and it's a hundred dollars if you're outside of a hundred and twenty days. Now -- you're indicating that that is an appropriate recitation of what's in the bill. With the extra money in the License Plate Fund then - which obviously there will be extra money because you're raising the fees - then what

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will happen with that money? What will the Secretary of State's Office do with that money?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Hopefully, they'll use it to reduce the cost of driver's license facilities. You know, I mean -- I don't know what the Secretary's going to do with those funds. I just think that it's a small amount of money. And I think that this is much better than taking people to court and tying up our courts and spending more money. Then we can just charge someone a administrative fee. And a lot of attorney -- State's attorneys don't want to move forward with this because there's a lot of cost to counties.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

To the bill, if I might, Mr. President. Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Jacobs. As Senator Murphy already -- pointed out, I mean, this is a bill that ultimately reaches deeper into people's pockets. In a time when we hear people complaining about a sixty-seven percent tax increase on the individual rate and forty-six percent on the corporate side, another seven billion dollars coming out of the private sector, this bill, and the Secretary of State's Office thinks it's appropriate to dig deeper into people's pockets, and take that money and not put it into the General Revenue Fund, which we all ought to be very concerned about. I would urge a No vote.

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Thank you. Further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Jacobs, do you wish to close? Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

I would just ask for your affirmative vote. I don't think the Secretary is trying to do anything nefarious. I believe that he's trying to run his office in the best manner that he can. And it seems to me that the -- the Secretary of State is one of the few agencies in Illinois that actually produces revenue. And maybe we ought to -- maybe we ought to go to him and ask him how to run the State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3521 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 29 voting Aye, 22 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3521, having not received the required constitutional majority, is declared failed. Next up on the Calendar is Senate Bill 3522. Senator -- one second. We're -- shall recognize Senator Jacobs. For what purpose do you rise? Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to put the bill on Postponed Consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Jacob -- Jacobs requests that Senate Bill 3522 be postponed. The bill will -- Senator Jacobs requests that Senate Bill 3522 be postponed. The bill will be placed on the -- excuse me. Let me start over, Ladies and Gentlemen, till we get

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this -- till I get it right. Senator Jacobs requests that Senate Bill 3521 be postponed. The bill will be placed on the Order of Postponed Consideration. Thank you for my indulgence - your indulgence. Next up is Senate Bill 3522. Senator Jacqueline Collins. Mr. Secretary, Senator Collins seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3522 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3522. Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Jacqueline Collins.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Collins, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR J. COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Amendment No. 1 mostly makes technical corrections. There is one substantive change, however. There's a trigger for when a loan is considered a high risk loan, which is dependent on the interest rate. Current law ties the interest rate trigger to a Treasury bill that matures around the same time as the mortgage, meaning thirty years. This is considered an unusual benchmark. The amendment would tie the interest rate trigger to the average prime rate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3522 pass. All those in... Excuse me. That's correct. It is an amendment. So, the question is -- all those in favor will say

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Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 3522. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3522.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR J. COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. And, again, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, this is an initiative of the Attorney General. And what the high risk loan -- High Risk Home Loan Act seeks to do is to harmonize the Act with changes made to federal law by Dodd-Frank. A loan can be considered a high risk loan because of the interest rate or because of the points and fees associated with the loan. Also, the bill includes the maximum amount of prepayment penalties that can be collected as points and fees. Furthermore, for a refinance loan, prepayment penalties and fees that are paid by the consumer are included as points and fees if the bank that holds the original loan is doing the refinancing. I know of no opposition to this legislation. I would like your support.

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Thank you, Senator Collins. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3522 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3522, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up is Senate Bill 3523. Senator Collins. Mr. Secretary -- Senator Collins seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3523 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3523. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Jacqueline Collins.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Collins, on Amendment 3.

SENATOR J. COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 3 deletes all and replaces it with substantially similar language. The only changes in Floor Amendment No. 3 from the original bill are, one, to specify that banks and credit unions are not subject to this Act, which was never the intent of the original legislation; two, to change the definition of "refund anticipation loan", stating that RALs cannot be paid indirectly, but only directly from the proceeds of the consumer's refund - and that was at the request of the CILA industry; and, finally,

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that the disclosure requirements are only applicable to facilitators who offer RALs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 3523. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3523.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Jacqueline Collins.

SENATOR J. COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Basically, again, this is an initiative of the Attorney General. It increases disclosure requirements for facilitators of tax refund anticipation loans and limits the APR they can charge to thirty -- thirty-six percent. It also sets forth disclosure requirements -- that require displaying APR rates to include all fees, displaying fee schedules for various sizes of loans. It also requires advertising to display that the consumer may receive their refund in eight to fifteen days without paying any fees or taking out a loan. I don't know if

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you've seen the news recently, but the AG brought a suit against an industry -- or agency called Mo' Money. They were taking advantage of those low-income workers who looked for -- or used the refund anticipation loans, but they were charging additional, up to five hundred percent, fees on those particular loans. And this is a way to ensure that the EIT {sic} (EITC) increase that we recently gave, the low-income worker can sustain that and be a resource to their income.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3523 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3523, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3526. Senator Hutchinson. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3526.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 3526 amends the Illinois Income Tax Act and defines what a "transportation company" is for purposes of the special apportionment method in current law. Currently, the special

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apportionment method applies to income derived from furnishing transportation services. The bill would allow transportation companies to use a special method and defines them as a company primarily engaged in either the movement of freight or passengers by air, land, or water, or the movement of liquid or gaseous substances by pipeline. So I would appreciate your support. This is actually a definition in the Code for an area that did not previously have one. So this is clarification and intent and I would appreciate your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3526 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3526, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up is Senate Bill 3529. Senator Hutchinson. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3530. Senator Jacobs. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3530.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. This is an initiative of the Veterans of Foreign War {sic} (Wars), the National Rifle

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Association, and with -- with concert with IDOT and Secretary of State. It simply allows an owner of a former military vehicle to register their vehicle with the Secretary of State. And it agrees on registration fees for the -- for -- for the vehicles.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3530 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3530, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up is Senate Bill 3538. Senator Millner. Out of the... Oh! I'm thinking there could be a motion filed to turn that over to Senator Althoff. There is a motion on file to turn that over to Senator Althoff, who is a cosponsor. So, Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3538.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Senate Bill 3538 just amends the Illinois Optometric Practice Act. What it does is it states that a secure off-site storage facility can be used to store exam records and also states that all fines collected for disciplinary action shall be deposited in the Optometric License {sic} (Licensing) and

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Disciplinary Board Fund.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3538 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3538, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up is Senate Bill 3544. Senator Jacobs. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3544.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill allows the Department of Children and Family Services to maintain all prior unfounded child abuse or neglect reports beyond the twelve months if there's a pending investigation currently going on. The way it is currently, they have to destroy those. But sometimes these go back to back and so that allows 'em to keep them for twelve more months, and if they found that they're unfounded, they get rid of 'em.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Kotowski, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

To the bill, sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Yeah. I would just like to compliment the sponsor on his hard work on his legislation. Sounds like it's very reasonable. Appreciate your thoroughness and your commitment to public service. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3544 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3544, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up is Senate Bill 3549. Senator Dillard. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3549.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This bill deals with deadbeat dads who are self-employed and gives the court a couple more tools to verify the

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income of these individuals. They can ask for monthly financial statements. They can ask for a diary of the business or they can send 'em to the -- to the Department of Employment Security to tell them to start looking for employment. And it's tools that the court needs as we become more and more individuals who are self-employed in society, but it's tools to go after self-employed deadbeat dads. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3549 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3549, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. The bottom of page 30, we have Senate Bill 3555. Senator Trotter. Out of the record. Turn to the top of page 31. We have Senate Bill 3557. Senator Muñoz. Senator Muñoz. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3564. Senator Forby. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3572. Senator Haine. Senator Haine seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3572 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3572. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine, on Amendment 2.

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SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is a trailer bill to a bill passed some -- a -- a couple years ago. And it just merely changes the definition of what a -- a voting member is in these common interest community associations. I have one in my district. That's all it does. No opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 3572. Please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3572.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

I repeat and reallege, and ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3572 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open.

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Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3572, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up is Senate Bill 3573. Senator Haine. Mr. Secretary, read the bill. Senator Haine seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3573 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3573. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is a -- a bill which provides clarity to the valuation of a private water utility in purchasing a public water system. And the amendment goes to -- as a result of negotiations with the Attorney General's Office and some other -- other groups who objected, it lowers -- decreases the number of utilities that would be -- would be under this bill to seventy-five hundred users. It has a five-year sunset date to see how this thing actually works in practice. So the Legislature can come back and review it. It eliminates any transaction costs and a few other things to be tagged onto the price; the utility has to eat those.

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Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill... Oh! Was that an amendment? It was. All those in favor, say Aye. The opposed, Nay. The -- the Ayes have it. 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 SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 3573. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3573.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you very -- thank you very much, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. As indicated, this is -- this proposed legislation clarifies -- makes more transparent the entire acquisition process of a private water company in purchasing a public water system. A municipality may or may not engage a private water company. This allows them to do it. It removes the disincentive to a private water company in purchasing a public water system in the sense that most of these, if not all of these water systems, are fully depreciated. Many of them are -- have declined and their value is nil and, therefore, the utility cannot recover any cost in the -- in the

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purchase price, because the purchase price is the -- is the purchase price minus depreciation and there -- there isn't any. There's a few other things in it. It encourages by removing these disincentives. And it will encourage private capital to come in and repair our water and wastewater infrastructure in Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Syverson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Just -- Senator, we had talked previously about this legislation and I guess I want to -- I just want to -- I just want to check a couple things to make sure if I'm clear on this. Under this legislation, what will happen is, the private company will come in and purchase the water system from a municipality, and under this legislation, there's going to be an enhanced purchase price because you're changing the way valuation is done under that -- under this legislation. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Senator, for that question. No, technically, the -- these appraisers, they have to be - and that's part of the -- the amendment that we just passed, added to -- to the bill - the appraisers must be independent. They must follow accepted standards to avoid any idea of an inflated price. And, of course, all these matters would be reviewed in the ICC, I would assume.

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Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Doesn't the formula change on this now of what they -- of how they base that evaluation {sic} on? It used to be what the original price was depreciated, and now it's a new valuation under this legislation. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Yes, sir, that is correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

So the end result of that is, then, the water company then is going to purchase that facility at a higher price than what they can currently purchase that from a municipality.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Senator, I'm not sure I agree. I -- again, they have to follow the -- the appraisal standards to come up with the purchase price. And they have to engage a disinterested engineer. They have to do a -- a number of other things to satisfy the ICC. They just can't come up with a -- a value. It's got to be based on these -- these..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Well, I guess my -- my question is, is how the appraiser --

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I -- I agree it's using a proper appraisal, but it's the -- what the appraiser works from. Under current law, they have to take the -- to do the valuation, you have to take the original -- I think it was the original price of the facility then depreciate it down. And so the value to -- to purchase that right now, before this legislation, is a -- is a smaller number than what - - after this legislation is done. So the municipality is going to receive a larger price for the purchase of this if this legislation passes, than if it didn't pass.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Senator, I think that may be correct, but it's also -- it - - it's correct in the sense that in these cases, the -- the -- the local government won't receive anything, because there's a disincentive to purchase the system. And, therefore, we're talking about no money, no price, because it isn't worth it to the private enterprise to buy it. That's the -- that's what -- what the bill does is remove the disincentive to buy it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Let's move on to my next question. Under this legislation, then, what's going to happen is, the private company -- and I'm not -- I'm not opposed to the idea of a private entity coming in and operating it, 'cause they may have more efficiencies and be able to operate it cheaper. That part, I'm not -- I -- I don't necessarily disagree with. But under this, the way it's written, the company will come in and buy the water system from

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municipality A. In return, what's going to happen is, every other municipality that's part of that system is automatically going to get a rate increase to pay for the purchasing of municipality A's system. So every other municipality that had nothing to do with that, their rates, according to this, automatically go up two and a half percent. Everyone else's water's going to go up to pay for the purchase of that one municipality. And, in fact, that municipality, their rates only go up one and a half percent. So, in this case, what's going to happen is, municipality A - they may have financial problems; they maybe never invested in their system - they get off with only having a one and a half percent increase, but every one of us get -- that are in that system, we get a two and a half percent increase to pay for that. Does that -- am I reading that right?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Senator Syverson, yes, you're reading it partly right. The -- there is no automatic rate increase. This -- all of it has to go through the ICC. But when -- when the -- when the system is purchased, then the tariff pool becomes larger. If there is a rate increase because of the amount of money that has to be spent on the purchase and the improvements, yes, those caps do apply. And they're different - probably to encourage the local unit to sell or to discourage the -- the mayor and the city council from getting beat up for -- for selling. Some people would rather have a declining system, thinking they'll avoid the collapse, rather than have a private entity -- private

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enterprise buy it in a -- and improve the thing. But in -- after that purchase is made and the tariff pool is larger, then your community will benefit, because the improvements that will come to other areas will be based on a larger ratepaying pool, which may avoid any increases over the years because it'll be a larger pool. And the efficiencies of the private enterprise and that pool will be brought to bear. So it'll be -- over time, the rates might not increase at all or may decrease. In fact, in Indiana, there were a number of -- this -- this law was passed in Indiana a few year -- years ago, and there were -- eight or so local areas had reductions because of just that fact - reductions in rates.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Fortunately, that -- that -- that theory may sound good, but I think the legislation talks about the fact that it's going to be a -- a increase of -- of two and a half percent. So the - - the community that had their problems, either because they refused to address it or they never wanted to raise their rates, that community now is going to get a big check that they can spend any way they want and they're going to be capped at how much their rates are going to go up, but everybody else here has to pay more for that than even the community that is selling it. That doesn't make sense to me. At minimum, the community that is being -- that's getting the money, who are benefiting from that, should be paying the same as what we should have to pay. Again, am I missing -- that -- am I reading that right?

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Senator -- Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

That's true within current tariffs. Some -- and -- and that's why the ICC's moving to common rate structure. Because, even currently, some people who live on -- on higher ground have to pay more because of the cost of pumping the water to the higher ground. That -- those differentials occur now irrespective of the -- of any purchase. And what -- what all these water companies want to do with the ICC is have a common rate structure within a tariff. But what this bill does -- again, it doesn't mandate any rate increase. It has a cap, if there is one. And then, with the appraisal process and the disinterested engineering, the review by the ICC, and the -- the rest of it, it strains -- this bill has in it all the tools to mitigate a rate increase and to remove a disincentive to a private enterprise from buying a collapsed or collapsing public water district. That's what it does. And I appreciate your -- your questions and your -- and your concern, and that -- that's why we put the five-year sunset in, quite honestly, is to see how it works.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you for that detailed response. Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

I know. That is a great State's attorney response. The problem with the five -- five-year sunset is, once a purchase is made, it's not going back -- you're not -- you're not going back on that. And as you just said, we're talking about purchasing a system that may be collapsing or is in -- in danger of collapsing, that -- in the legislation, the -- the community

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that's having the problem is getting the money. They are -- by the legislation, their rates are going to go up less than everybody else here who's going to have to pay to purchase that system -- pay that community. So the community that didn't do their job is going to get a big check. They're going to get less of a rate increase than those people who have nothing to do with that community. They had -- weren't part of that. They're going to get a higher rate. And -- and I think that the idea of purchasing it makes sense; I just don't understand why we have a system in place that we're going to ask so many others to pay for another community's problem. And that's -- we're going to get the phone calls, because when our water rates go up, because we're going to be paying for another community, I don't think people are going to be happy about that. So, I guess, that's -- there is a differential between what that community is going to pay as a way of rate increase and what other communities are going to have to pay. And I don't know why. Again, can you explain why other communities should have to pay more of a differential than the community that's affected?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

I can't. I can -- if that's the only problem with it, I can ask 'em to look at it when this bill is in the House. I'm speculating this is an incentive to this local community to sell. And if this system is in as bad a shape as you say, they're not going to get much. Because of the appraisal process and the engineering, they're not going to get a lot of money for this. So maybe that's one way to -- as I said before, to -- to

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make it politically feasible for the mayor to sell. And..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson, to the bill?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

To -- to -- yes. Let me just -- let me just wrap it up. I -- I appreciate your willingness to discuss this. And -- and if it passes, maybe they can make some improvements. But, Ladies and Gentlemen, I think you need to understand, under this legislation, one community is going to get compensated for selling their system and your community rates go up to pay for that. And so, you're having to pay for another community that is going to be getting compensated plus guaranteed less of an increase than your communities have to pay for that system. I think that's going to be something difficult to try to explain back home to your homeowners and those who are already paying high utility rates. Thank you for your time. And, Senator, thank you for answering the questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Jacqueline Collins, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR J. COLLINS:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Collins.

SENATOR J. COLLINS:

Senator Haine, on my analysis, it indicates that the Attorney General is in opposition, AARP, the Citizens Utility Board, Sierra Club, Citizen Action Illinois, and AFSCME. Is

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that still the case?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Yes, ma'am. Yes, it is. And -- although I will add that the -- much of the amendment came from the Attorney General, but the Attorney General -- General's Office is still opposed. Although, as you note, the supporters include a wide variety of labor and business groups - the Chamber of Commerce, the Manufacturers, AFL-CIO, Chicagoland Chamber, and the Illinois Manufacturers' Association.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine, there's no further discussion, do you wish to close? Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank -- thank you so much. We have billions available in private capital for one of the most important resources for mankind, and that's water. And this bill provides a mechanism to make use of private capital - not taxpayer money, private capital. There's no guarantee -- no mandate, I mean, for any rate increase. There's many checks and balances in here. I will take the good Senator's comments over to the other Chamber about this differential. But I would encourage an Aye vote for the improvement of our key, basic resource.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3573 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the

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record. On that question, there are 35 voting Aye, 18 voting No, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3573, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Clayborne in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Point of an announcement - upcoming deadlines and important dates. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, as we are approaching our Senate Bill 3rd Reading deadline, we have a couple important dates that I'd like to remind everybody. First, it's the Chair's intention, today, March 28th, will be the last scheduled opportunity for Senate bills to be moved on 2nd Reading. And this Friday, March 30th, is Senate Bills 3rd Reading deadline. Thank you. Starting at top of the Order on page 2, Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Senator Koehler. Senate Bill 2214. Out of the record. Senate Bill 29 -- 2491. Senator Hunter. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2491.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Hunter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Hunter, to explain. Senator Hunter, you want to wait to 3rd Reading? Okay. Is there any discussion? 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?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Delgado, on Senate Bill 2509. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2509.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Sandoval, on Senate Bill 2527. Out of the record. Senator Murphy, on Senate Bill 2530. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2530.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator LaHood, on Senate Bill 2822. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2822.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Have there been any -- have -- there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Hutchinson, on Senate Bill 2846. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2846.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Raoul, on Senate Bill 2885. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2885.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Steans, on Senate Bill 2887. Senator Steans. Out of the record. Senator Crotty, on Senate Bill 2888. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2888.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Criminal Law adopted Amendments 1 and 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Martinez, on Senate Bill 2936. Out of the record. Senator Kotowski, on Senate Bill... Senator Crotty, on Senate Bill 2915. Out of the -- out of the record. Senator Martinez, on Senate Bill 2936. Out of the record. Senator Kotowski, on Senate Bill 2958. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Bill 2958.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Kotowski.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Kotowski, to explain. Senator Kotowski says he'll wait -- he'll explain it on 3rd Reading. Any further discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator McCarter, on Senate Bill 2978. Out of the record. Senator Althoff, on Senate Bill 2993. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2993.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Althoff.

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Senator Althoff, to explain.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Actually, Mr. President, with your permission, I'll explain it on 3rd. It becomes the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all -- 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?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator McCarter, on Senate Bill 3022. Senator McCarter. Senator McCarter. Out of the record. Senator Althoff, on Senate Bill 3066. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3066.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Tim {sic} Johnson, on Senate Bill 3149. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3149.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Okay. Tom Johnson. The -- 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3154. Senator Luechtefeld. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3154.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Turn to top of page 3. Senator Martinez, on Senate Bill 3197. Out of the record. Senator Frerichs, on Senate Bill 3244. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3244.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Frerichs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Frerichs, to explain.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Senate Amendment No. -- No. 2 deletes all and becomes the

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bill. The amendment requires the State Board of Education to coordinate the acquisition, adaptation, and development of middle and high school mathematics curriculum models to aid school districts and teachers in implementing a required fourth year of mathematics.

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Lightford, on Senate Bill 3259. Senator Lightford. Senator Lightford. Out of the record. Senator Hutchinson, on Senate Bill 3277. Senator Hutchinson. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3277.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Frerichs, on Senate Bill 3280. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3280.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we'll return to Senate Bill 3284. Senate Bill 3296. Senator Garrett. Senator Garrett? No, with -- I -- Senator Garrett. 3296. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3296.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Procurement adopted Amendments 1 and 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Garrett, on Senate Bill 3297. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3297.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Procurement adopted Amendments 1 and 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Harmon, on Senate Bill 3338. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3338.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Delgado, on Senate Bill 3339. Mr. Secretary, read the bill. I'm sorry, Radogno. I'm -- it's -- it's -- it's been marked over. I'm sorry. Senator Radogno. Senator Righter. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3339.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Hutchinson, on Senate Bill 3348. Senator Hutchinson? Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3348.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3362. Senator Lightford. Senator Lightford. Senator Lightford. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3382. Senator Noland. Senator Noland? Out of the record. Senate Bill 3384. Senator Noland. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3384.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Noland.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Noland, to explain. Senator...(microphone cut-off)...requests to explain on 3rd Reading. 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?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Sandoval, on Senate Bill 3387. Out of the record. Senator Noland, on Senate Bill 3389. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3389.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Noland.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Noland, to explain. He waives right to explain. He believes that he would like to do it on 3rd Reading. Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Martinez, on Senate Bill 3394. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3394.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Martinez.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Martinez, to explain. She decides to waive her right to explain and -- and explain it on 3rd Reading. Is there any further 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?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Muñoz, on Senate Bill 3399. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3399.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Are there any Floor amendments?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Muñoz.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Muñoz, to explain. Senator Muñoz decides to -- to explain it on 3rd Reading. Is there any further 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?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Steans, on Senate Bill 3404. Mr. --
Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3404.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Link, on Senate Bill 3450. Mr.
Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3450.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Have there been any Floor -- are there any Floor amendments
approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Mulroe, on Senate Bill 3500. Out of
the record. Senator Althoff, on Senate Bill 3511. Mr.
Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3511.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Althoff, on Senate Bill 3512. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3512.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Sullivan, on Senate Bill 3574. Out of the record. Senator Kotowski, on Senate Bill 3601. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3601.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Sullivan, on Senate Bill 3616. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3616.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Raoul, on Senate Bill 3630. Out of the record. Senator Althoff, on Senate Bill 3634. Out of the record. Senator Rezin, on Senate Bill 3664. Out of the record. Senate -- Senator Link, on Senate Bill 3667. Out of the record. Senate Bill -- Link, on Senate Bill 3669. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3669.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Delgado, on Senate Bill 3677. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3677.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Althoff, on Senate Bill 3680. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3680.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Dillard, on Senate Bill 3681. Senator Dillard. Senate Bill 3681? Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3681.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

There been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Sullivan, on Senate Bill 3689. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3689.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Turn to top of page 5. Senator Kotowski, on Senate Bill 3690. ...Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3690.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Harmon, on Senate Bill 3722. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3722.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Have there been -- are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Harmon, on Senate Bill 3724. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3724.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

There any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Koehler, on Senate Bill 3743. Mr. -- Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3743.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Emil Jones, on Senate Bill 3751. Senator Jones. Senator Jones. Senator Jones. Out of the record. Senator Jones, on Senate Bill 3752. Senator Jones. Senator Jones. Senator Jones. Out of the record. Senator Forby, on Senate Bill 3769. Senator Forby. Senator Forby. Out of the record. Senator Haine, on Senate Bill 3777. Mr. Secretary, read the bill. ...sorry. Senate Bill 3778.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3778.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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Amendments 1 and 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Have there -- are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Lauzen, on Senate Bill 3788. Senator Lauzen. Senator Lauzen. Senator Lauzen. Out of the record. Senator Lightford, on Senate Bill 3803. Senator Lightford. Senator Lightford. Out of the record. Senator Kotowski, on Senate Bill 3804. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3804.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Harmon, on Senate Bill 3812. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3812.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Raoul, on Senate Bill 3826.
...Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3826.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

3rd Reading. Senator Crotty in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CROTTY)

On page 3, Senate Bill 3284. Senator Clayborne. Senator
Clayborne wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3284.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CROTTY)

There been any Floor -- amendments approved for
consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CROTTY)

3rd Reading. Now we'll go to Supplemental Calendar No. 1.

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On House Bills 2nd Reading, Senate {sic} Bill 2009. Senator Harmon. Senator Harmon wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2009.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CROTTY)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CROTTY)

3rd Reading. The Senate will stand at ease for a few minutes to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. The members of the Committee on Assignments will come to the President's Anteroom immediately. The Senate will stand at ease. (at ease) The Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 409, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2780, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2847, Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 3173, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3280, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3497, Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 3280, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3802, and Committee Amendment 1 to House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment

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29; Be Approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 758, Floor Amendment 5 to Senate Bill 2526, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3339, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3339 and Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3724.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CROTTY)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the following committees will be meeting to take up committee or Floor amendments: Executive will meet tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. - March 29th - in Room 212. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 10 a.m. on the 29th day of March, 2012. The Senate stands adjourned.