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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Good morning. 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 David Anderson, Modesto Christian Church, Modesto, Illinois. Pastor Anderson.

PASTOR DAVID ANDERSON:

(Prayer by Pastor David Anderson)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Pastor Anderson. Senator Silverstein, would you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance? Senator Silverstein, to lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Silverstein)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, April 25th, 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)

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

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 729, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

Senate Resolution 730, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

Senate Resolution 731, offered by Senator Lightford and all Members.

They're all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution 72, offered by Senator Sandoval. It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Garrett, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment, reports House Bills 4119, 4526 and 5195 Do Pass; House Bill 4986 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Koehler, Chairperson of the Committee on Local Government, reports House Bills 3892, 4500, 4988 and 5730 Do Pass; House Bills 4145 and 4753 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Noland, Chairperson of the Committee on Criminal Law, reports House Bills 4031 and 5250 Do Pass; House Bills 3366, 3804, 4983, 5233, 5278 and 5653 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Jones, Chairperson of the Committee on Commerce, reports House Bill 5025 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Forby, Chairperson of the Committee on Labor, reports House Bill 4177 Do Pass, as Amended.

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Senator Martinez, Chairperson of the Committee on Licensed Activities, reports Senate Resolution 702 Be Adopted.

Senator Hutchinson, Chairperson of the Committee on Revenue, reports House Bills 5362, 5440, 5549, 5616 Do Pass; House Bills {sic} 2557 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Joint Resolution 65 Be Adopted.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Bill 3627 Do Pass; House Bills 4324, 4521, 4592, 4606, 5207 and 5547 Do Pass; House Bill 4596 Do Pass, as Amended; House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 49 Be Adopted; Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 402, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2761, Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2900 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Collins, Chairperson of the Committee on Financial Institutions, reports House Bill 3935 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Jacobs, Chairperson of the Committee on Energy, reports House Bills 4314 and 4573 Do Pass; and House Bill 4761 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, will all Members within the sound of my voice please come to the Senate Floor? Will all Members within the sound of my voice please come to the Senate Floor immediately? Ladies and Gentlemen, once again, will all Members within the sound of my voice please come to the Senate Floor? We will be going to -- be taking some Floor action on substantive bills. All Members please come to the Senate Floor immediately. Ladies and Gentlemen, Supplemental Calendar No. 1 has been distributed. And on Supplemental Calendar No. 1 is the Order of Constitutional Amendments. Mr. Secretary.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 49, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, having not been read previously, we will now proceed to the 1st Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 49. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution in full for the first time.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment.

(Secretary reads HJRCA No. 49)

1st Reading in full of this House joint resolution constitutional amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

2nd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, Senator Harmon will be in the Chair here. He's going to recognize some special guests. Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I -- Senator Lightford and I are very pleased to be joined by some special guests from our districts back at home. We have the Illinois Little League State Champion eleven-year-old baseball team from River Forest. And I want to tell you this, they had an incredibly exciting championship game. I'm afraid it will be too painful for many of us to hear all of the details, but they won the Little League Championship in Watseka, Illinois, last -- Thursday, August the 4th, by beating Jackie Robinson West 14 to 5 in seven innings. Now, this is where it gets painful, gang. The boys were tied at the top of the sixth and held the -- their opponents scoreless



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in the bottom half of the inning and then exploded for nine runs in the top of the seventh. I'm afraid Members of the Senate are all too familiar with their opponents -- getting a whole lot of runs in the top of the seventh today. And they won the championship for boys ten and eleven. I'd like to introduce the members of the team. We have Robert Dombrowski, Nick Humbert, Tommy Klein, Luke Landis, Brian May, Andrew Neilson, Tommy Reardon, Philip Saleh, KJ Slepicka and Zach Zobel, along with Coaches Jeff Kline and Ken Slepicka. So please join me in giving them a rousing welcome to the Senate. Their parents are with us in the gallery. Please join me in welcoming them to the State Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Sullivan back in the Chair. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you will turn to page 52 of the printed Calendar, in the middle of the page is Secretary's Desk, Resolutions. Page 52, middle of the page, Secretary's Desk, Resolutions. With leave of the Body, we will skip down to Senate Resolution 610. Senator Althoff, on Senate Resolution 610. Do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 610, offered by Senator Althoff.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Althoff, to explain the resolution.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senate Resolution 610 urges the Illinois Board of Nursing to work towards becoming a full participant of the Nursys national nurse licensure database. Currently, the State of Illinois is a full-paid

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member of this organization, but we do not use the database thoroughly. We've worked very cooperatively with the Department, as well as the entities that will provide us moneys to clean up our database, and I know of no opposition. This resolution passed the House unanimously and I would ask for the same consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on the resolution? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Next up on the Calendar -- again, Ladies and Gentlemen, we're on page 52 of the printed Calendar, at the bottom of the page now, on Secretary's Desk, Resolutions. Next up is Senate Resolution 630. Senator Delgado. Senator Delgado. Out of the record. Senate Resolution 643. Senator Koehler. Senator Koehler, you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 643, offered by Senator Koehler.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is one that was brought to me by the historical groups that are working in the Peoria area. And it designates November, in this bicentennial year of the War of 1812, as Native American History Month in the State of Illinois and celebrates the history and traditions of Native Americans. I'm going to a celebration of the Historical Society this -- this weekend and I would appreciate an Aye vote to be able to present this to them.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on the resolution? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Resolution 643 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Next up on -- now we're on the bottom of page 52, is Senate Resolution 659. Senator Koehler, on Senate Resolution 659. Do you wish to proceed? Indicates he does. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 659, offered by Senator Koehler.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This resolution states that we urge the Department of Natural Resources to continue to build strong relationships with Feeding Illinois, Illinois American Water, and other corporate and not-for-profit and government entities that continue to employ creative solutions, including the Target Hunger Bowl {sic} (Now!), to battle Asian carp in our waterways by - and I want you to listen to this now - by providing Asian carp as a food source for all of Illinoisans to -- to eat. And this resolution encourages that development. I will tell you this, my -- my eating habits are a little different than most, but I went to -- I went to a special presentation by DNR, -- Illinois American Water and the South Side (Mission) Culinary School. They brought a chef in from New Orleans who fixed Asian carp as the entrée and I tasted a little bit of it. It is delicious. We can take

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a problem and turn it into a resource - yes, Asian carp. Please support this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on the resolution? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Resolution 65 -- 59 -- 659 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. With leave of the Body, we will return to Senate Resolution 630. Senator Delgado. There he is. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Resolution 630, offered by Senator Delgado.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Delgado.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you. Give me one moment. Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Resolution 630 designates November 2012 as Illinois Diabetes Month in order to recognize the dangers posed by diabetes and the steps that should be taken to potentially delay the progression of diabetic peripheral neuropathy. SR 630 is similar to House Bill 5003 - Senator Hunter, 2012 - which amends the State Commemorative Dates (Act) to designate November 14th of each year as Diabetes Awareness Day. And I would ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Delgado. Is there any discussion on the resolution? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Resolution 630 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted.

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Ladies and Gentlemen, if you'll turn the page -- top of page 53 of the printed Calendar. Again, we're still on the Order of Secretary's Desk, Resolutions. We have Senate Resolution 663. Senator Hutchinson. Senator Hutchinson, on 663. Do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Resolution 663, offered by Senator Hutchinson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Body. Senate Resolution 663 proclaims April 15th, 2012, as A. Philip Randolph Day in Illinois. All Illinoisans are invited to celebrate his birth at the A. Philip Randolph (Pullman Porter) Museum in Chicago. He was known for his work with labor groups, as well as his role in the Civil Rights Movement. He was the lead architect of the 1963 March on Washington and was instrumental in the organization of a proposed March on Washington in 1940 to desegregate munitions plants during World War II. And I would ask for all your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on the resolution? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Resolution 663 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Next up on the Calendar is Senate Resolution 665. Senator Harmon. Senator Harmon. Out of the record. Senate Resolution 681 -- oh, excuse me. Mr. Secretary, return back to Senate Resolution 665, to Senator Harmon's resolution. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

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ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Resolution 665, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Resolution 665 simply urges Congress to extend or reauthorize the Farm Bill, and in doing so, to protect and strengthen federal food and nutrition programs. I ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on the resolution? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Resolution 665 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Next up on the Calendar is Senate Resolution 681. Senator Garrett. Senator Garrett, on 681. Out of the record. Senate -- oh, there you are. Excuse me. Somebody was blocking my view. Mr. Secretary, please read Senate Resolution 681.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Resolution 681, offered by Senator Garrett.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Yes, thank you very much, Mr. President. I'm not out of the record yet - to happen shortly, though. Senate Resolution 681 acknowledges that April is annual Fair Housing Month. And this resolution reinforces that safe and affordable housing is an integral part of the American Dream and a goal of many

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residents who reside in the State. Illinois citizens have the right to choose where to live, without discrimination based on race, color, religion, age, gender, family status, national origin, or disability. Both federal and State laws affirm the right of every person to equal housing opportunities, which create stable, integrated, and balanced residential communities.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the resolution? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Resolution 681 pass. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, the Senate will stand at ease for a few minutes to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. Will all members of the Committee on Assignments please come to President's Anteroom immediately? The Senate will stand at ease. (at ease) 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 -- refer to Education Committee - House Joint Resolution 51; refer to Executive Committee - House Bill 1404 and House Bill 1261; refer to Executive Appointments Committee - Appointment Messages 421 through 446; refer to Higher Education Committee - Senate Joint Resolution 69; refer to Public Health Committee - Senate Resolution 714 and Senate Joint Resolution 71; refer to State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee - House Joint Resolution 73; refer to Transportation Committee - House Bill 3340 and Senate Resolution 727; re-refer from Transportation Committee to Executive

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Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to be going to Executive Appointments in just a little bit, so all Members that are not on the Floor, if you'd please come to the Floor as soon as possible. Senator Lauzen, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. For a happy announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

We -- we look forward to that happy announcement. Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Mr. President..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies -- Ladies and Gentlemen, if we could have your attention just a minute, please. Ladies and Gentlemen, have your attention for Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you very much, Ladies and Gentlemen. I would like to share with you an event that's going to be occurring by the end of this month. I would like Nancy Dollison to join me on the Senate Floor. Nancy Dollison is in her twenty-fifth year of service to the Illinois Senate and the citizens of Illinois. Nancy is -- at the end of this month, is retiring. Now I'd like to tell you a little bit about Nancy. She has her Bachelors {sic} of Arts degree in Social Work at Saint Mary's College in



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Notre Dame. That's a very good background to work on the tax committees, isn't it? She has a Master's of {sic} Public Administration from UIS, and has been on the staff since 1988. So that means for the last -- this is her twenty-fifth year. She represents so much in institutional memory and so much deep knowledge of tax structure. To give you an idea of the people who have been Revenue Committee Chairmen, where Nancy has served on those, it goes back to Dawn Clark Netsch, Aldo DeAngelis, Bill Peterson, Don Harmon, Terry Link and Toi Hutchinson. And then, Republican spokesmen on that committee goes back to Harlan Rigney and then also myself. I'd just like to give you seven quick examples of important projects that Nancy has worked on - and this is all one person who's done this over a span of a quarter of a century of service to Illinois citizens. She handled the sales tax reform in 1988 that standardized local tax rates and synchronized the State and local tax base. She was one of the original drafters of the PTEL Law, more commonly known as tax caps, in '89 and '91. She was the lead drafter of the Property Tax Code rewrite, 1992 and 1993, which was a multi-year process that involved a number of working groups of practitioners from across the State - the final product eliminated tens of thousands of unnecessary and obsolete words from the Tax Code and reformatted the remaining language into the current structure that is used today. And, you know, the rest of us had been trying to replace those thousands and tens of thousands of words. She's -- she was the lead drafter of the tax -- of the TIF district reform in '95 through '99 with Senators DeAngelis and Radogno. And she was the lead drafter of the Cook County assessment reform, the electric utility

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assessment reform. And she's worked with the National Conference of State Legislators {sic} (Legislatures) task force on Internet taxation more recently, at the turn of the century. So I would just like to take this moment for all of us to thank Nancy Dollison for her good work. And she can still tell a good joke, and she has many of good friends -- she has many good friends here in the State Senate and around Illinois. So, Nancy, thank you very much for your good work.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Nancy, congratulations on your retirement. Thanks for your service. We appreciate it. Senator Hutchinson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the -- to Nancy.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the recognition of Nancy. Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

This legislative Session was my first Chair of -- my first opportunity to chair a committee and it happened to be Revenue. And I wanted to say that it was such an incredible pleasure working with a woman who was so knowledgeable and so, you know, even -- evenhanded in her approach to how we would deal with sometimes very contentious issues, 'cause Revenue's all about the Tax Code and where money goes and how we proffer those arguments. And I -- I wanted to say, just for me personally, that it was a pleasure working with you, Nancy. I enjoyed every minute of it, even when you didn't like things that I was trying to pass. But I wanted to say that it was really, really an honor to work with you. And I wish you so much, so much in your

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retirement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Hutchinson and Senator Lauzen, for your kind comments. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to - if you will turn to the top of page 4 of your printed Calendar - Senate Bills 3rd Reading - the top of page 4 of the printed Calendar. With leave of the Body, we will go to Senate Bill 275. President Cullerton. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator -- Senator -- President Cullerton seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 275 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 275. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

President Cullerton, on Amendment 2.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This amendment was adopted in the Executive Committee. It was a result of a compromise we worked out with the State Fire Marshal. And I'd like to adopt the amendment, which becomes the bill, and then explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

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Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

President Cullerton, on Amendment 3.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes, Mr. President, that is also an amendment needed to effect a compromise worked out with State agencies. I'd like to adopt the amendment and then explain the bill on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any other discussion -- or any further -- any discussion on Amendment 3? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 275. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 275.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

President Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. This bill is an initiative that came out of a federal report by Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Martin Dempsey. And it -- the report outlines opportunities and

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-- and -- and best practices for states to better support military spouses serving in progressions with state licensure and -- certification requirements. This report showed that as a result of frequent moves associated with the military life, licenses from one state do not always easily transfer over to another; there's over a hundred thousand military spouses and -- that require licenses for their professions; and they are much more likely to move as a result of their -- their partners being transferred. So this is a -- a response to that. The bill would say that -- establish a process for expediting the processes of these occupational and professional licensing here in Illinois; require each director of a State department that issues an occupational or professional license, in addition to the Fire Marshal, to give an expedited temporary license to service members and spouses. And they, however, would only do that if the individual holds a current license from another jurisdiction with licensing requirements substantially similar or exceeding Illinois. And I think it's a very good idea. I think we've worked out the bill so that it has the support of the State agencies. And would ask for an Aye vote.

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 275 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 275, having received the required constitutional majority, is

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declared passed. Seth Perlman, with the Associated Press, requests permission to take photos. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. To fulfill our responsibilities under Article V, Section 9 of the Constitution, we will now proceed to the Order of Advise and Consent. Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of acting on appointments set forth in Appointment Messages 105 through 109, 137, 177, 244, 245, 246, 254, 256, 280, 287, 292, 293, 294, 299, 310, 348, 356 through 359, 361, 363, 364, 366 through 382, 384, 385, 409, 410, 411, 413, 414, 416, 417 and 418.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz moves that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of acting on the Appointment Messages just read. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries. The Senate is resolved into Executive Session. Mr. Secretary, Motions in Writing - Appointment Messages.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I have a motion in writing from Senator Muñoz, Chairman of the Committee on Executive Appointments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, print the motion on the Calendar. Ladies and Gentlemen, on page 54 of the printed Calendar is the Order of Executive Appointments - Appointment Messages. Mr. Secretary, Executive Appointments - Appointment Message -- 105. 105.

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Appointment Message 105

To be a Member of the Human Rights Commission: Patricia Bakalis Yadgir.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

On page 54 of the printed Calendar is the Order of Executive Appointments - Appointment Messages. Mr. Secretary, Executive Appointments - Appointment Message 105.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent to the following salaried appointment:

Appointment Message 105

To be a Member of the Human Rights Commission: Patricia Bakalis Yadgir.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. 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, 1 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does -- does advise and consent to the

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appointment just read. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message 106.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent to the following salaried appointment:

To be a Member of the Human Rights Commission: Marti Baricevic.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR DUFFY:

To the appointment, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the appointment, Senator Duffy.

SENATOR DUFFY:

In an effort to try to help clean up our reputation in the State of Illinois, I like to always continue to give information about these appointments and any political connections they might have. This appointment, Marti's husband is a judge in the 20th Circuit. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. All those in favor will vote



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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 49 voting Aye, 2 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message 107.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent to the following salaried appointment:

To be a Member of the Human Rights Commission: Rozanne Ronen.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR DUFFY:

To the appointment, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the appointment.

SENATOR DUFFY:

I'd like to inform my colleagues that Rozanne is the sister of a former Senator. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. 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, 3 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. -- Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message 108.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends the Senate do advise and consent to the following salaried appointment:

To be Chairperson and Member of the Human Rights Commission: Martin R. Castro.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. 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 49 voting Aye, 2 voting Nay, 0 voting

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Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message 109.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent to the following salaried appointment:

To be a Member of the Human Rights Commission: Nabi R. Fakroddin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. 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, 1 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message 137.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends the Senate do advise and consent in the -- to the following salaried appointment:

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To be Director of the Illinois Department of Central Management Services: Malcolm Weems.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. 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 37 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 -- 1 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're having a little technical difficulties. Please stand at ease for a minute. (at ease) Ladies and Gentlemen, our technical difficulties have been corrected. We will retake the roll on Appointment Message 137. The question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. 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 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. The -- a majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr.

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Secretary, Appointment Message 177.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends the Senate do advise and consent to the following salaried appointment:

To be a Member of the Human Rights Commission: David J. Walsh.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is -- excuse me. Senator Duffy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DUFFY:

To the appointment, Mr. President. Just like to inform my colleagues that Mr. Walsh is the brother of a former State legislator and lobbyist. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. 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? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Aye, 2 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message

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254. 254.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent to the following salaried appointment:

To be a Member of the Civil Service Commission: Garrett FitzGerald.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. 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, 1 voting Nay, 2 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message 256.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends the Senate do advise and consent to the following salaried appointment:

To be a Member of the Civil Service Commission: Susan Moylan Krey.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. 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, 1 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message 280.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent to the following salaried appointment:

To be a Member of the Illinois Pollution Control Board:  
Thomas E. Johnson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Senator Duffy.

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SENATOR DUFFY:

To the appointment. This is not Tom Johnson who sits on my left. But this -- this good gig at a hundred and seventeen thousand dollars a year is for the brother of Congressman Johnson. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. 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 49 voting Aye, 3 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message 287.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends the Senate do advise and consent to the following salaried appointment:

To be a Member of the Illinois Racing Board: Roger F. Whalen.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Senator Bivins, for what purpose



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do you rise?

SENATOR BIVINS:

To the appointment, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the appointment.

SENATOR BIVINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. There were objections to two of the individuals - one is yet to come up - for the Illinois Racing Board. The objection is statutory, which it says "Each member shall have a reasonable knowledge of harness or thoroughbred racing practices and procedure and (of) the principles of harness and {sic} (or) thoroughbred racing and breeding". Under examination of the witnesses -- or, the appointees in committee, they both - this one and one coming up - admitted that they had no background in -- in racing -- or, thoroughbred or harness racing - to -- to advise the Members.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. To the resolution -- or, to the appointment. I'm sorry.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the Appointment Message, Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

I would just like to -- to comment on this person, Roger Whalen. I know his family, his brothers. I've coached the -- his brother's kids. He's a great man, a man of integrity. He has a forty-year career with the police department, from

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sergeant to commander. He has experience in the -- the -- gambling - organized crime. He'd be -- he's a great man. Everybody that I've talked to regarding him, the other police officers, said he's a man of integrity and -- and just will be a really good person to have on the Racing Board, comes with a lot of knowledge. And it's my understanding he does have knowledge of the harness and -- racing. And, once he was appointed, about six months ago, he actually read the entire Racing Act. He does have six months' experience now. And I think he'd be a great addition to the Racing Board. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. 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, 17 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message 292.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent to the following salaried appointment:

To be a Member of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority: David A. Gonzales.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

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SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. 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 44 voting Aye, 7 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message 293.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends the Senate do advise and consent to the following salaried appointment:

To be a Member of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority: James M. Sweeney.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. All those in favor will vote

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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 50 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message 294.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent to the following salaried appointment:

To be a Member of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority: Terrence O. D'Arcy.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

...President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, should -- does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. 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 51 voting Aye, 1 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message 299.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends the Senate do advise and consent to the following salaried appointment:

To be Commissioner of the Executive Ethics Commission: Gil Soffer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. 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, 0 voting Nay, 2 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message 348.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends the Senate do advise and consent to the following salaried appointment:

To be a Member of the Illinois Racing Board: Michael LaPidus.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Senator Bivins.

SENATOR BIVINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the appointment: This is the other gentleman that we -- we questioned in committee. The same objection, it didn't meet the statutory requirement. And -- and I'd also like to point out that I'm sure that they -- these are fine people and we're not questioning their integrity. It's a -- merely a fact of following statutory requirements. And, so, just to make the Members aware.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the -- to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. 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, 1 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message 356.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent to the following salaried appointment:

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To be a Member of the Mid-America Intermodal Authority Port  
District Board: Charles D. Hood, Jr.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to  
the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is,  
does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the  
Appointment Message just read. All those in favor will vote  
Aye. Opposed, Nay. 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, 1 voting Present. A majority of the  
Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does  
advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. Secretary,  
Appointment Message 357.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments  
recommends that the Senate do advise and consent to the  
following salaried appointment:

To be a Member of the Mid-America Intermodal Authority Port  
District Board: Henry O. "H.O." Brownback.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to  
the appointment just read.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. 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, 1 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message 358.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent to the following salaried appointment:

To be a Member of the Mid-America Intermodal Authority Port District Board: Gerald Jenkins.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. 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, 1 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message 359.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends the Senate do advise and consent to the following salaried appointment:

To be Superintendent of Safety Inspection and Education at the Illinois Department of Labor: Lilian Jimenez.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. 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, please take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message 361.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent to the

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following salaried appointment:

To be an Arbitrator at the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission: William R. Gallagher.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall the Senate -- does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. 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, 0 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message 363.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent to the following salaried appointment:

To be Director of the Illinois Department of Insurance: Andrew Boron.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to

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the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. 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, 0 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message 409.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent to the following salaried appointment:

To be Judge of the Court of Claims: Robert J. Steffen.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message read. 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

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voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message 411.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends the Senate do advise and consent to the following salaried appointment:

To be a Member of the Civil Service Commission: Anita M. Cummings.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? The question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. 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, 1 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message 413.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends the Senate do advise and consent to the following

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salaried appointment:

To be a Member of the Chicago Transit Board: Ashish Sen.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. 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 51 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message 414.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent to the following salaried appointment:

To be a Member of the Chicago Transit Board: John Bouman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment from the Appointment Message just read. 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 51 voting Aye, 1 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Mr. Secretary, Motions in Writing - Appointment Messages. Ladies and Gentlemen, Supplemental Calendar No. 2 has been distributed. Motions in Writing - Appointment Messages. Mr. Secretary, Motions in Writing - Appointment Messages. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're just having a little difficulty. We'll be -- should be ready to go here momentarily. All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, we've corrected that technical issue and I think we're ready to proceed. Mr. Secretary, Motions in Writing - Appointment Messages.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 10-1(c), as Chairman of the Executive Appointments Committee, I move to compile the following Appointment Messages to be acted on together by a single vote of the Senate: Appointment Messages 244, 245, 246, 416, 417, 418 - Boards of -- Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University; Appointment Message 310 - Student Assistance Commission; Appointment Message 364 - Illinois Workforce Investment Board; Appointment Messages 366, 367, 368, 369, 370 and 371 - Illinois DREAM (Fund) Commission; Appointment Messages 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377 and 378 - Board of Trustees of the Historic Preservation Agency; Appointment

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Messages 379, 380 and 381 - the Board of the Illinois State Museum; Appointment Message 382 - the Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission; Appointment Message 384 - Employment Security Advisory Board; Appointment Message 385 - Havana Regional Port District Board; and Appointment Message 410 - Carnival-Amusement Safety Board.

Signed, Assistant Majority Leader Antonio Muñoz, Chair, Executive Appointments Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Muñoz moves to compile the Appointment Messages to be acted on together by a single vote of the Senate. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries. Mr. Secretary, read the compiled appointments.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

To be Members of the Board of Trustees of -- Western Illinois University, for a term commencing October 28th, 2011, and ending January 21st, 2013: Donald Griffin; for terms commencing October 28th, 2011, and ending January 16th, 2017: Lyneir R. Cole and William L. Epperly; for terms commencing March 15th, 2012, and ending January 16th, 2017: Philip G. Hare and Catherine E. Early; for a term commencing March 15th, 2012, and ending January 21st, 2013: Carolyn J. Ehlert Fuller.

To be a Member of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, for a term commencing December 16th, 2011, and ending June 30th, 2015: Kevin B. Huber.

To be a Member of the Illinois Workforce Investment Board, for a term commencing December 15th, 2011, and ending July 1st,

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2012: Beverly Diane Williams.

To be Members of the Illinois DREAM Fund Commission, for terms commencing February 4th, 2012: Tanya Cabrera, Ronald Paul Perlman, Clare Munana, Clara Rubinstein, Nam H. Paik, and Moises -- Moises Zavala.

To be Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Historic Preservation Agency, for a term commencing February 14th, 2012, and ending January 20th, 2014: Sonia "Sunny" Fischer.

To be Members of the Board of Trustees of the Historic Preservation Agency, for terms commencing February 14th, 2012, and ending January 20th, 2014: Melinda "Mindy" Spitzer Johnson {sic} (Johnston) and D. Jeanie Cooke and Julia Bachrach; for a term commencing February 14th, 2012, and ending January 21st, 2013: Shirley J. Portwood; for terms commencing January -- for terms commencing February 17th, 2012, and ending January 21st, 2013: Anthony J. Leone, Jr., and Daniel J. Arnold.

To be Members of the Board of the Illinois State Museum, for a term commencing February 14th, 2012, and ending January 15th, 2014: Lorin I. Nevling; for a term commencing February 14th, 2012, and ending January 15th, 2013: David M. Sokol and Mary Jo Potter.

To be Chair of the Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission, for a term commencing February 14th, 2012, and ending December 31st, 2012: Cheryl A. Starks.

To be a Member of the Employment Security Advisory Board, for a term commencing February 14th, 2012, and ending January -- 21st, 2013: Hanah Jubeh.

To be a Member of the Havana Regional Port District Board, for a term commencing February 14th, 2012, and ending July 1st,



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2014: Jerry A. Payne.

To be a Member of the Carnival-Amusement Safety Board, for a term commencing March 12th, 2012, and ending January 17th, 2013: Patricia "Patty" Sullivan.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate do advise and consent to the non-salaried appointments just read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the compiled Appointment Messages just read. 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, 2 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the Appointment Messages just read. Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate arise from Executive Session.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz moves that the Senate arise from Executive Session. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries. The Senate has arisen from Executive Session. Senator Bomke, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR BOMKE:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

SENATOR BOMKE:

I have with me today as an honorary Page, Tim Marquess. He's a fifth-grade student at Chatham Intermediate School. He enjoys football, baseball, basketball, band and choir, and also is a green belt in karate. His father, John, works for the Senate. He's sitting in the back here, up in the -- behind the Democrats. And please welcome Tim to the Illinois State Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Welcome to Springfield. Great to have you here today. Thank you for coming. Senator John O. Jones, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR J. JONES:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

SENATOR J. JONES:

It's my honor today to welcome six students from Farrington Grade School up here in the -- in the gallery, and two of their teachers, Sandra and Robin - are here from northeastern Jefferson County. So, welcome to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Will our guests please rise? Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Be recognized. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're back to the printed Calendar on page 4, Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Towards the bottom of the page, we have Senate Bill 548. Senator

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Koehler, on Senate Bill 548. Do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, Senator Koehler seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 548 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 548. 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, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is a TIF extension for the City of East Peoria. And I will -- happy to be answering any questions on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any questions on the amendment? Senator -- no. 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. 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 548. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 548.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. President. As I just stated, this is an extension for a TIF district for the City of East Peoria. I do have a copy of all the letters of support from all the taxing bodies in my hand.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill: I just wanted to thank Senator Koehler for fulfilling the commitment in committee to get the letters, and they're all on file. So, thanks very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 548 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 548, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, turn to the top of page 5 of your printed Calendar, again, on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We have Senate Bill 553. Senator Frerichs, on 553. Mr. Secretary, Senator Frerichs seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 553 to

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the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 553. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Frerichs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Frerichs, on Amendment 1. Mr. Secretary, let's pull out -- Senate Bill 553 out of the record. Leave of the Body, Ladies and Gentlemen, we'll skip down to the middle of page 5. We're still on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We have Senate Bill -- excuse me, 679. Senator Harmon. Wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill. Nope. Mr. Secretary, Senator Harmon seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 679 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 679. Mr. Secretary, are there any -- excuse me. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Floor Amendment 3 becomes the bill. I'd move for its adoption and look forward to discussing it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor

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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:

Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon, on Amendment 4.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Amendment No. 4 is a technical amendment to -- to address some late concerns raised in committee. I move its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on Amendment 4? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 679. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 679.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

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Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. As you may remember, a couple of years ago, we passed an amendment to the Insurance Code to ensure that children with autism have access to the care that they need and the insurance coverage they need. It's important for a great many families in Illinois. Recently, the American Psychiatric Association has proposed a change in the diagnostic manual that would severely constrict the definition of autism and could expose those families that have had health care coverage to the loss of that coverage. This bill, very simply, ensures that if -- if -- if you have been diagnosed with autism and have enjoyed insurance coverage, you may maintain that even if there's a subsequent change in the diagnostic manual. It is -- protects those who are already covered and does not -- prospective going forward. We would still follow the medically necessary diagnostic tools. I want to thank Chairman Haine for his work in ensuring that we reached an agreement with the industry on this bill. I am not aware of any opposition and I ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Harmon. Is there any discussion?  
Senator John O. Jones, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR J. JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Jones.

SENATOR J. JONES:

I just want to thank Senator Harmon, because he -- he did put an awful lot of time and effort into this. The amendments do address the concerns that was -- that was made in -- in

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committee. And I just want to thank him and I rise in support of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 679 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 679, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, bottom of page 5 of the printed Calendar. I have Senate Bill 968. Senator Sandoval. Out of the record. Let's turn the page. Actually, Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to go to page 23, and we have 2761. Senate Bill 2761. It's on page -- the middle of page 23 of the printed Calendar. There it is. Senator -- Leader Clayborne. Senator Clayborne, on Senate Bill 2761. Do you wish to proceed? He does. Senator Clayborne seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2761 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2761. Mr. Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Clayborne, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you. I would like to explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)



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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. 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 2761. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2761.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Basically, this amends the Property Tax Code and extends and expands the taxation of certain leases of -- of exempt property. Basically, in the 94th General Assembly, a bill allowed for taxation of property that was leased from the government and used for rental housing units at a naval base. And, basically, we're expanding that to cover all the other military housing, not just at the naval base.

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 2761 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

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record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2761, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you will turn to page 26 of your printed Calendar. Towards the top of the page, we have Senate Bill 2885. Senator Raoul. Senator Raoul seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2885 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2885. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Raoul.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul, on Amendment 3.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you. Amendment 3 -- Amendment 3 replaces everything after the enacting clause. 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 2885. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2885.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 2885, as amended, sets forth specific requirements for companies seeking to operate as health care cooperatives. What it -- what it does as amended, to facilitate health care purchasing groups to purchase -- for small businesses and individuals to purchase health insurance. It defines "employer" as "an individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, firm, corporation, association, or any other legal entity that has one or more employees and is legally doing business in this State." It increases the maximum number of employees that any single employer participating in the health care purchasing group may have from five hundred employees to twenty-five hundred employees. And it requires that a health care purchasing group must be a licensed insurance producer to negotiate and solicit, market, and obtain proposals for -- for, and enter into group master health insurance contract. This is aimed at allowing small businesses to pool together and reduce their health insurance costs. I urge 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 2885 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.

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Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2885, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, with leave of the Body, we will return to page 5 of the printed Calendar. Towards the bottom is Senate Bill 968. Senator Sandoval, on 968. Senator Sandoval seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 968 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 968. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Sandoval.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Sandoval.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I'd like to discuss the amendment on 3rd Reading, Mr. President.

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, Mr. Secretary, 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 968. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 968.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Sandoval.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Illinois Senate. Senate Bill 968 is an initiative of the Illinois Department of Transportation. This amendment will bring the Illinois statute into compliance with federal regulations as it relates to definition of commercial motor vehicles. If this bill does not pass, the IDOT stands to lose nearly 6.7 million dollars in federal funds for having less restrictive laws than the federal government. I'd ask a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 968 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 968, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you will turn to page 39 of your printed Calendar, we have Senate Bill 3253. Senator Frerichs, on Senate Bill 3253. Do you wish to proceed? Out of the record. Senate Bill 3277. Senator Hutchinson. Wishes -- indicates she wishes to proceed on 3277. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3277.

(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 Body. Senate Bill 3277 would extend the sunset -- day -- I'm sorry, extend the sunset date on a tax increment financing district, a TIF, in the Village of Glenwood from 2014 to 2026. And as I assured the members of my committee, I would not move this until I had every letter from every taxing body in our possession, and we were able to do that. And I would ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just to the bill. I'd like to thank the sponsor for pulling together the documentation necessary - so, fulfilling her commitment. So that has -- I intend to vote Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3277 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

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Present. Senate Bill 3277, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar is Senate Bill 3280. Senator Frerichs. Mr. Secretary, Senator Frerichs seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3280 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3280. Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment 4, offered by Senator Frerichs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Frerichs, on Amendment 4.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Amendment 4, I'd be happy to discuss when it's added to the bill.

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. 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 3280. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3280.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Thank you very much -- thank you very much, Mr. President. Senate Bill 3280 amends the Illinois Oil and Gas Act to address hydraulic fracturing. Under this bill, the Director shall adopt rules to require owners and operators to perform a suitable mechanical casing integrity test and record -- record pressures during the well stimulation operation. Also requires owners and operators to provide DNR with specific information concerning volume of water used, chemical disclosures, and the handling of well stimulation fluid recovered during operations. In order to address the issue of industry trade secrets, requires that DNR prescribe a process by which an entity may withhold certain information. This is a product of several months of negotiations, working with various industry groups. I think we've finally reached an agreement here that removes all opposition from anyone who had any interest in this bill before. I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator John O. Jones, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR J. JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Jones.

SENATOR J. JONES:

First off, I just want to commend Senator Frerichs. I know this is something we've been working on for a couple of years. I don't think anybody thought we would get to this point in --



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in drafting this legislation and have the support that we have from everybody, really, associated with it. This is -- you know, whenever this issue first came up a couple of years ago, I looked around the General Assembly and all hundred and seventy-seven Members and I don't think very many people knew what fracking was, but I did. This is how I made my living for about forty years in the oil industry. And I've probably fracked over five hundred wells - oil wells - over -- over the last forty-some years. We have never had an accident in the State of Illinois in the fracking process, but this will be a little different in the -- in the shale that we're going to be fracking for -- for gas production in Southern Illinois in -- in -- hopefully, in the very near future. But this is a -- this is a great piece of legislation. Hopefully, it goes over to the House and -- and passes over there without tinkering with it. But we'll -- we'll have to address that in the -- in the future. But I want to commend Senator Frerichs and -- and -- and everybody involved. I -- I -- I would be remiss if -- there is one gentleman that spent an awful lot of time on this issue for the last couple of years. And I know he would be -- he would love to be sitting up in the gallery today watching this - he is watching us on the Internet - but a couple of weeks ago he lost his seventeen-year-old son to a -- to a motorcycle accident. And -- and that's Brad Richards of the Illinois Oil and Gas Association. So, Brad, this one's for you. You know, and I would encourage everybody to vote Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Seeing none, you wish to close, Senator Frerichs? Seeing no further discussion, Ladies

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and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3280 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 3280, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you will turn the page to -- go -- turn to page 41. The middle of page 41 of your printed Calendar, we have Senate Bill 3688. Senate Bill 3688. Senator Frerichs. Mr. Secretary, on Senate Bill 3688, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3688.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. This is another bill, the result of a lot of hard work. We've traveled around the State getting information about enterprise zones. And with my co-chair of the committee, Senator Pamela Althoff, and other members of the committee, we've gotten a lot of good support for a few changes to our State's Enterprise Zone Act. A few of those changes in this bill: would extend the life of enterprise zones from a maximum of thirty years to fifty-five years; would allow ten more enterprise zones over the next ten years, with no more than two zones certified per year. We do some things to modernize the bill and take out some of the tax incentives that

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perhaps weren't as necessary or duplicative: removing the five hundred dollar jobs tax credit for jobs created; removes the income tax deduction for dividends on businesses in an enterprise zone; removes the income tax deduction for interest received by financial institutions on loans given to businesses in the enterprise zones. What else it does: It extends the maximum size of an enterprise zone and increases disclosure requirements. This is something we've been working on in the Senate for the last few years. We've passed a couple of enterprise zone extension bills over to the House, but I think this time we finally have a modernized bill that has a lot of support, and our hope is, this time, we can get this signed into law. I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Frerichs. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3688 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 3688, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator McGuire, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MCGUIRE:

It was my intention to vote Yes on Senator Frerichs' bill, 3688. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The -- the record will so note your intentions. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you'll turn to the middle of page 52 of your

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printed Calendar, to the Order of Constitutional Amendments 3rd Reading, we have Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 66. Senator Jacobs. Indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the amendment.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 66, offered by Senator Jacobs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President. In the last election cycle -- Democrat election cycle, we had some State's Attorneys run for office..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

I'm sorry, Senator Jacobs. Excuse me, just a minute. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution in full for a third time.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment.

(Secretary reads SJRCA No. 66)

3rd Reading in full of this Senate joint resolution constitutional amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Now, Senator Jacobs, on the amendment.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President. As I began to say, in Rock Island County, we had a situation. We live on the Iowa/Illinois border, and we had a gentleman run for State's Attorney who lived in Iowa. And he filed papers in Rock Island and there was nothing that prohibited him from running and holding the

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seat, and he was living in Iowa and serving as -- as the State's Attorney. He was -- he lost the primary, so it became -- moot, but I thought it was important that we close this loophole. I understand if someone lives in a county next door. I mean, I can go along with that. But I think a person ought to at least be a citizen of this State in which they are representing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I've got a couple questions of the sponsor and just to speak to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

Thanks. Senator, I understand your motivation here and I think you -- you clearly spelled it out, but there's a -- there's an underlying problem that we're faced with. Earlier in the year, the Treasurer and the Comptroller asked us to support a constitutional amendment which would consolidate their offices, saving several millions of dollars for the people of Illinois. I think you know, as the Constitution goes, we're only allowed to put three amendments to that on the ballot. That would mean that - the fact that the Speaker of the House has held the bill and not allowed -- the resolution and not allowed it to be called in the House - if your resolution were to pass first and be the third one, we would, in -- in essence, be crowding out the ability to save millions of dollars for the people of Illinois and consolidate and make more efficient the

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offices of Comptroller and Treasurer. You understand that, I presume?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Yeah, clearly I understand your point. I think, though, that -- that the House and the Senate are capable of determining which -- which three should be chosen. It just seems to me that if we're unable to move this this year, we ought to -- we ought to come back and move it. I don't think there's any case in which you want the State's Attorney of your county to be from Indiana. Correct, sir?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

The point being not the merits of your legislation, Senator. I guess my request to you is, if -- first, a question. Do you believe that it would be more important for the people of Illinois to have a right to vote on consolidating the office of Treasurer and Comptroller, saving millions of dollars in these difficult times, than this particular issue? That -- that this couldn't wait till later?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Clearly, the House has the right to do what they're going to do. I just feel -- I don't want to say one's better than the other. I just think we both can agree that if you're going to be an elected official in Illinois, you ought to at least live

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in the State. And so -- you know, some people may think that's unimportant, but, you know, frankly, I find it kind of important. And is it as important as merging the -- the two offices you -- you mentioned? Probably not, but I -- I could -- I could say that, you know, maybe the officers -- one of 'em could quit that's in the position now and they could just merge their offices and we wouldn't have to go through a constitutional amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

Well, Senator, I appreciate your ranking of importance. And for that reason, I simply ask you to delay this. This issue can come up next election. If we don't consolidate the Comptroller and Treasurer, we'll put off for at least four years saving millions of dollars. And I would just ask you, in -- in good faith, to -- to pull this out and -- and let's work to get that on the ballot, because I think it's -- as you've indicated, this isn't as high a priority as what that is to the people of Illinois in a timely fashion. Would you be willing to do that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

I don't think so and I'll tell you why. Back in 1986, I was -- worked for Howie Carroll on Appropriations staff, here in the Senate, and as a young staffer, I was one of the people who wrote and wrote about combining those two offices. And we haven't done anything -- anything about it for twenty years. So I'm not going to pin my hopes on the hope that we pass something

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we've been trying to work on for twenty years, when I think this new measure is so simple and so commonsense. It's just common sense. Now, merging the other offices, there's probably some people that can make some arguments against those. But I really don't even think anyone in the State of Illinois can argue against a citizen -- or, an elected official being a citizen of the State of Illinois. I think it's an oversight. And hopefully it won't happen again. But I would hate to think that someone from Indiana -- or, let's even go a step farther. What if the Governor of Wisconsin, who seems to hate Illinois, runs for State's Attorney in Chicago? Is that a good idea?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

Senator, I'll -- I'll leave that to the good people of Chicago -- or, Cook County, in that case. My point is that we have made progress here. We have passed a resolution and it's sitting over in the House. And if we pass your resolution, we take all the pressure that needs to be applied to the House to do the right thing and call that resolution for a vote and give the people a choice about whether or not they want to consolidate two constitutional offices, saving millions of dollars that can be better served in our -- in our Medicaid system or our human service system or our education system. And so, I -- I think there's a difference between before and now, because we've got a real chance. And if your resolution passes, the Speaker of the House will have an excuse not to call that bill. And this stands in the way of real progress that we've made, Senator.



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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Brady, that question has been asked and answered. Do you have any other questions or do you want to speak to the bill?

SENATOR BRADY:

I'll speak to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Brady, to the bill.

SENATOR BRADY:

I -- I appreciate the Senator's effort. I -- it's a unique circumstance. I just -- as big a priority this is, it's not as big a priority as saving millions of dollars for the people of Illinois. And I think a vote for this, clearly is a vote to prohibit us from doing that. I think that we need to realize that games are being played here, potentially. We've never had three constitutional amendments put on the ballot before, blocking out a fourth. And I'm suspicious that that's the case here. And I'd ask everyone to vote against this, 'cause I truly believe that a vote for this is a vote against consolidating and saving millions of dollars for the people of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR RAOUL:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

To the resolution.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the -- to the amendment, yes. To the amendment, Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

In -- in a rare occurrence, I'm going to share a lot of Senator Brady's concerns, given that I was the sponsor of the -- resolution for the constitutional amendment to combine the offices. But there are some powers that I or no one else in this Chamber have and -- to impact what happens in a -- another Chamber. So, with facing that reality, I think the issue that Senator Jacobs raises with this resolution is a commonsense issue that needs addressing. Senator Haine and I spoke earlier this week and we talked about the fact that State's Attorneys, once elected, are essentially their own boss. And we're going to be contemplating in coming weeks giving State Attorneys some extraordinary powers - some extraordinary powers. And God forbid that we do that and give such extraordinary powers to somebody that may be a resident of Utah or Alabama, to -- to have such extraordinary powers in the State of Illinois. So, this issue is an important, pressing issue, because of the things that we're going to be contemplating in coming days even. So I urge your support for this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Yeah, I -- I don't want to get in the business of ranking and trying to outguess the Speaker. I think one of the things I learned when I came here as a

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staffer in 1986 as a young man is that the Speaker has outfoxed a lot of us, and including my friend across the aisle, as well as myself, from time to time. So let's just send him a good government bill. It's a local problem in my local community. It could happen in your community. And I hope it doesn't, because it's disconcerting to have someone from another state potentially gaining a salary from the people who -- who -- he or she is supposed to represent. I just ask for an affirmative vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 66 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, having failed to receive the required three-fifths constitutional majority, is declared -- Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 66, having failed to receive the required three-fifths constitutional majority, is declared failed. Ladies and Gentlemen, with leave of the Body, we are going to turn to the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading. If you will turn to page 2 of your printed Calendar, in the middle of the page... Ladies and Gentlemen, we are not going to go to that Order. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you'll turn to page 53 of your printed Calendar, at the bottom of the page, we have -- on the Order of Consideration Postponed. This is final action. As the bills on this Order have already been presented and debated on the Floor, debate on each bill will be limited to one proponent and one opponent, each speaking to the bill. We have Senate Bill 3210.

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Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Koehler wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion. Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary. Please read the bill, on Senate Bill 3210.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3210.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. We'll try this again. This is an important bill. This amends the Property Tax Code and would allow property to receive a property tax exemption based on the use of the property, regardless of ownership. This bill comes to us from one of the hospitals in -- in Peoria. And they have a desire to have a new building project. And a typical way of doing that, of course, is having a fund drive and you -- and you raise money and -- and all that. This would allow part of -- you know, them to do two things really. One is to sell an existing property and then to - to a private owner - to lease it back and use the proceeds that they've gotten for that to fund another project. Or, they could take and sell land or -- or acquire land, have a private developer build a building, which the hospital would then occupy on its completion, and as long as it was used for that same tax-

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exempt purpose, then they would still be tax exempt. It's a way of capitalizing projects in our local community. There are a couple of communities in -- in addition to Peoria - Rockford is an example, the Metro East area. Again, this is -- this is a -- a very narrow kind of an area, but it's important, because as we're looking at different creative strategies and try to -- how to capitalize projects in our community, this becomes another tool. And I would certainly urge your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. The person speaking on the other side will be Senator Righter. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen, as Senator -- the Senator outlined, this bill failed last time, and there's a very good reason for that. And the Senator was -- was very articulating -- very articulate in laying out a part of the bill that's good, but he was careful to avoid the part of the bill that's going to make it more expensive for the hospital that he says he's carrying this for and the other areas in the district and any other private non-profit you might have in your district, like a church. It's going to make it more expensive for them to do what they want to do because he has inserted a project labor agreement mandate in the bill. The property tax exemption that Senator Koehler pursues can be done, and he can do it next week, by amending this bill and taking the -- the project labor agreement provision out. So, if you want to vote for this, that's fine, but when you go home and tell your non-profits, your churches and church-related schools, that, "hey, I was in there and I helped you, if you wanted to do this

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leaseback agreement, to get that done and preserve your property tax exemption", make sure and tell them that you also made sure that they would pay a good deal more to build that school or do whatever else because you voted for something that had to have a project labor agreement. No, it doesn't have to have a project labor agreement provision in it. That's what Senator Koehler has chosen. Okay? Let's do this the right way. Let's do it without the project labor agreement in the provision. These are private entities. These are non-profits. These are charities who are wanting to do this. Do you really want to make their job to build a facility to help people in your community, to build a church-related school, do you really want to make that more expensive for them by doing this? This is not the right thing to do. Vote No on Senate Bill 3210 to send a message back that we will -- we want to do this - there's plenty of time left in this Session - we want to do it, but we want to do it without sticking a higher bill to these people. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Koehler, to close.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Mr. President, I would like to yield my closing to Senator Syverson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson, to close. Senator Syverson, to close. Senator Syverson, I'm going to recognize you. For what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

I -- yeah, I don't...

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator -- Senator Righter, I'll recognize you. For what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Inquiry of the Chair, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

State -- state your inquiry.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Mr. President, when you opened this debate, as has been tradition in this Chamber, two speakers. I have spoken. Senator Koehler has spoken. Now you're adding a third without advising any of the Members of this Body that that's what you intend to do. So I would ask the Chair, was it the Chair's intention to really limit this to two speakers when we opened that and said that, or is there something else being done here? Can you explain what your -- that -- that conduct for me, please, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Just one second, Senator Righter. Senator Koehler, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KOEHLER:

I just request we pull this out of the record.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, he's requested the bill be pulled out of the record. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you'll turn to page 2 of the printed Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading, in the middle of the page. With leave of the Body, we will go to the middle of the page, and that is Senate Bill 3259. Senator Lightford. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3259.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Lightford, on Amendment -- Floor Amendment 1.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'm hoping to do Senate Amendment No. 2. Mr. President, I'd like to withdraw Senate Amendment No. 1, please, and move to adopt Senate Amendment No. 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Seeing no objection, Amendment 1 is withdrawn. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Lightford, on Amendment 2.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 3259 creates the Commission for High School Graduation Achievement and Success. This is an initiative of the Governor's Office. During his



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budget address, he suggested that we increase the compulsory age to students of age eighteen. I, along with some others, really felt some concerns with increasing the compulsory age without addressing our high school dropout rate and some of our other challenges - and gainful employment for our young people, skill building, and college readiness. This initiative will allow us to begin to examine and evaluate the actual graduation rate, the mandatory attendance age, and current programs that we do have aimed at reducing the dropout rate. The members will be appointed by the Governor and the Leaders of the General Assembly. The Commission must submit its final report to the General Assembly on or before November 1 of 2012. And this bill does not increase the compulsory age attendance at this time from seventeen to eighteen. I'd be happy to answer questions.

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, 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. Ladies and Gentlemen, go back to -- certainly -- Supplemental Calendar No. 3 has been circulated. We will go to that Calendar now. Senate Bills -- on the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3627. Senator Althoff. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Bill 3627.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, also on Supplemental Calendar No. 3, now on the Order of Secretary's Desk, Resolutions, we have Senate Resolution 702. Senator Raoul. Do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 702, offered by Senator Raoul.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul, on Senate Resolution 702.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Resolution 702 is a recommendation of the University of Chicago Medical Laboratory Professionals. The resolution recognizes the week of April 22nd as "Medical Laboratory Professionals Week". It's an annual celebration to highlight the vital role of more than three hundred thousand medical laboratory professionals and fifteen thousand board certified pathologists - the role that they play in the health care industry.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on the resolution? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Resolution 702 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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

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

House Joint Resolution 82.

Offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 82)

Adopted by the House, April 25th, 2012. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. On the Order of Resolutions is House Joint Resolution 82. Mr. Secretary -- you've already read the resolution. Read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution 82, offered by Senator Trotter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Trotter moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 82. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Trotter moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 82. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions Consent Calendar. We will now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all those resolutions read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any of the

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resolutions on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No objections filed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, if not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the -- and the -- and the Ayes have it, and the motion carries. And the resolutions are adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, if I could have your attention for an announcement. I'd like to remind Members of the Senate that Tuesday, May 1st, is the deadline for filing statements of economic interest with the Secretary of State. If you have not filled {sic} your statement of economic interest and filed it with the -- sent it to the Secretary of State, please do so. The deadline to do that is Tuesday, May 1st. Senator Bomke, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BOMKE:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Bomke.

SENATOR BOMKE:

Behind the -- the Republicans, we have the second and third grade class from Our Savior {sic} (Savior's) Lutheran School here -- from here in Springfield. They're visiting the Capitol today. They have visited the State Museum, the State Treasurer's Office, and have taken a Capitol tour. They're now joining us in the gallery. Son of Don Gray, who works for the

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Treasurer's Office, Noah Gray, is in the second grade at Savior Lutheran, and he's with them. If you would help me welcome them to the Illinois State Senate, I would appreciate it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Will our guests please rise? Please rise and be welcomed to the Illinois State Senate. Welcome today. Great to have you here. Thanks for visiting us. Ladies and Gentlemen, there being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 12 p.m. on the 1st day of May, 2012. The Senate stands adjourned.