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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The regular Session of the 98th General Assembly will please come to order. Will Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the gallery please rise? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Shaun Lewis, Capitol Commission, Springfield, Illinois. Pastor.

PASTOR SHAUN LEWIS:

(Prayer by Pastor Shaun Lewis)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Please remain standing for the Pledge Allegiance. Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Jacobs)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, April 10th, 2013.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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 LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Resolution 219, offered by Senator Harmon and all Members.

Senate Resolution 220, offered by Senator McCarter and all Members.

Senate Resolution 221, offered by Senator Althoff and all Members.

Senate Resolution 222, offered by Senator Clayborne and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 225, offered by Senator Clayborne and all Members.

They're all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Resolution Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 218, offered by Senator Manar.

Senate Resolution 223, offered by Senator Brady.

And Senate Resolution 224, offered by Senator Hunter.

They're all substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Committee Reports, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Landek, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government and Veterans Affairs, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1147 and Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1787 Recommend Do Adopt; Senate Joint Resolution 23 and Senate Joint Resolution 24 Be Adopted; and House Bill 1404, 2381 and 2613 Do Pass.

Senator Martinez, Chairperson of the Committee on Licensed Activities and Pensions, reports Senate Bills 1687 and 1853 Do

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Pass, as Amended; Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1792 and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1841 Recommend Do Adopt; and House Bills 1327, 1388 and 2638 Do Pass.

Senator Hunter, Chairperson of the Committee on Human Services, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1567 Recommend Do Adopt; and House Bill -- House Bills -- 104, -- 1005, 1191 and 2245 Do Pass.

Senator Raoul, Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary, reports Senate Bill 1945 Do Pass; Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2235 Recommend Do Adopt; and House Bills 1013, 1458 and 2771 Do Pass.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Bill 1680 Do Pass; Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1342, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1585, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1603, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1955 and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill -- 2071 Recommend Do Adopt; Senate Resolution 157 Be Adopted; and Motion to Concur on House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1515 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Hutchinson, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, reports Senate Bill 2154 Do Pass; Senate Bill 1871 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1214 and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1757 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Jones, Chairperson of the Committee on Local Government, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1950 Recommend Do Adopt; and House Bills 1203, 1522, 2690 and 2737 Do Pass.

Senator Noland, Chairperson of the Committee on Criminal

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Law, reports Senate Bill -- Senate Bills 1756, 1940 and 2380 Do Pass; Senate Bill 1831 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1843 and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2196 Recommend Do Adopt; and House Bills 958, 1311 and 2640 Do Pass.

Senator Forby, Chairperson of the Committee on Labor and Commerce, reports Senate Bill 2393 and House Bill 1370 Do Pass.

Senator Hutchinson, Chairperson of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2326 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Haine, Chairperson of the Committee on Insurance, reports House Bills 982 and 2393 Do Pass.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

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

House Bill 1441.

We have received like Messages on House Bills 1710, 2376, 2401, 2428, 2471, 2488, 2498, 2527, 2540, 2584, 2624, 2641, 2664, 2767, 2786, 2961, 3009, 3029 and 3172. Passed the House, April 10th, 2013. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, Introduction of Senate Bills.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2579, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1070, offered by Senator Koehler.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1225, offered by Senator Silverstein.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1441, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1461, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1529, offered by Senator Brady.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1809, offered by Senator Holmes.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1849, offered by Senator Manar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1918, offered by Senator Connelly.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2376, offered by Senator Barickman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2428, offered by Senator Tom Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2471, offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2498, offered by Senator Delgado.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2540, offered by Senator Van Pelt.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Van Pelt, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR VAN PELT:

Point of -- point of personal privilege, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

I have here today one of my constituents, who has traveled all the way down here to Springfield, from Noble -- Noble Schools. And we have five Noble Schools in my district. And we have Mr. Vernard Rule, who is a great student at Noble, and he's here. And I want -- I want us to welcome them. And then the rest of the family, the Noble family, come on, stand up, so we can welcome all of you here to Springfield. Congratulations.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to Springfield. Mr. Secretary, continue on House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2563, offered by Senator Connelly.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2584, offered by Senator Muñoz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2586, offered by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2642, offered by Senator Althoff.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2664, offered by Senator McGuire.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House Bill 2752, offered by Senator Bush.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2767, offered by Senator Tom Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2786, offered by Senator Althoff.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2918, offered by Senator Manar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2930, offered by Senator Rose.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2934, offered by Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2961, offered by Senator Raoul.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2979, offered by Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3003, offered by Senator Martinez.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3009, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3067, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3172, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3190, offered by Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of these House bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Murphy, for what point -- for what reason do you

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rise?

SENATOR MURPHY:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR MURPHY:

In the gallery, here on the Republican side, today, we have the State runner-up in the 4A Girls Basketball - Rolling Meadows High School Mustangs. And this is a team I've had the pleasure of watching since they were really little kids. And made just a tremendous run to the State title game. They lost on a buzzer beater. And this is a team that has everybody coming back, except for one girl. So, next year, we're going to have the Mustangs down there in the well, and, Mr. President, you're going to have no choice but to let me up there. So, without further ado, I'd like to just introduce, from the Rolling Meadows Girls Basketball Team, Jackie Kempf, Sami Kay, Chloe Prodanovic, Jenny Vliet, Elizabeth Vasilogambros, Megan King, Nora Rasche, Alexis Glasgow, Allie Kempf, Katie Shewmon, Ashley Montanez, Hannah Mickey, and Morgan Kelly {sic} (Keller), and congratulate the coaches, Ryan Kirkorsky and Nick Nichols, on a run that really made us proud in the northwest suburbs this year. Let's give them all a warm welcome and a -- and a -- for next season.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to Springfield and I wish you the best of luck next year. But we will make an exception of who introduces you next year. Leader Radogno, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RADOGNO:

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Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you. I would like to introduce a couple of ladies who are visiting us from the Islamic -- Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago. It's an umbrella organization covering a number of Islamic organizations throughout the Chicago area. We have Humaira Basith, who is the Interim Director, and Suzanne Sahloul, who is the Intern Volunteer Coordinator. So, if we could give them a welcome and then I'd like to mention something else. They are here today in order to do some of the logistical planning for the Muslim ACTION! Day, which will be next Thursday. They're expecting eight hundred to a thousand Muslims to be visiting us here at the Capitol so that we can learn more about their culture and they can impact our process more. So, we look forward to having them here next Thursday. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Thank you, Leader Radogno. Senator Delgado in the Chair to introduce a special guest.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This afternoon I have a privilege, a delight, to share with the General Assembly. Today I have a young lady with me. Here standing with me today, Miss Yasmine Pacheco. And Yasmine Pacheco is a student with the Noble Charter Schools also, right near my district office. And we want to recognize -- from the State of Illinois, a Senate Recognition of Yasmine Pacheco, from

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Rauner College Prep, in recognition of receiving the Outstanding Musicianship Award at the 45th Annual Berklee High School Jazz Festival, a national high school jazz fest held at Berklee College in Boston on March 2nd, 2013. And with that, we're so excited, 'cause it joins in commemoration of the efforts, dedication and hard work that led to the success. Now this young lady couldn't take any kind of singing lessons at the time because her parents couldn't afford to do so. So, to the delight of the Leaders and the Senate here, I want to introduce to you, Miss Yasmine Pacheco, who is going to give us a small verse of - an a cappella - of a song that she's going to tell and say hello to you and give you the title and give us a cappella. Welcome to the Illinois Senate, my constituent, Yasmine Pacheco.

MISS YASMINE PACHECO:

(Remarks and Vocal by Yasmine Pacheco)

SENATOR DELGADO:

Miss - young - Yasmine Pacheco. This young lady is a senior now. A senior. I thought she was a freshman. And this is a wonderful voice. Hopefully, we'll have her at national ballparks singing national anthems real soon. Thank you, Yasmine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

I want to make an announcement. Attention, all Senators. For all Senate Members, for an amendment -- for Senate amendments, the deadline in filing Floor amendments to Senate bills is Monday, April 15th. Let me say that again. The deadline for filing Floor amendments to the Senate bills is Monday, April 15th. So, if you plan to amend a Senate bill with

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a -- Floor amendments, please have them filed by Monday, April 15th. Senator LaHood, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LaHOOD:

A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR LaHOOD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'm happy to be joined today by Elisha French. He is a student at Monmouth College, and he lives in Galesburg and is married with one daughter. He works full-time, attends Monmouth College, and his interests include religion, sports and politics. He hopes to pursue a career in journalism and/or politics. And I'd like everyone to give a warm Springfield welcome to Elisha. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR FRERICHS:

For a point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

I have a constituent visiting me here today that I want to introduce. This is my daughter, Ella, who I'll be taking her around and saying hi to some people. But I'm just asking, please join me in welcoming Ella to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

She looks just like her mother. Thank God. Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR McCARTER:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR McCARTER:

I have with me a young man. He's a junior at St. Anthony's High School in Effingham. And I -- Zach Tegeler. I had the -- the privilege of recommending Zach to the CEO program run by the Chamber there, creating entrepreneurial opportunities. So, you know, as an entrepreneur myself, it was my honor to recommend him. He wants to go to the U of I and study business there. And I know he's going to be a great addition to our community when he graduates in Illinois. So, I welcome Zach.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to Springfield, and good luck at the U of I. To all Senators who can hear me, we will be going to 3rd Readings. Please get to the Floor as soon as you can. All Senators, we will be going to 3rd Reading. Get to the Senate Floor as soon as you can. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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

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

House Bill 1817.

We have received like Messages on House Bills 2210, 2499, 2691, 2787, 2812, 2953, 3010, 3021, 3043, 3267 and 3359. Passed the House, April 11th, 2013. Timothy -- Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk

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of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

We will now go to page 54 on Senate Bills 2nd Reading, and we will start where we left off yesterday, with Senate Bill 2178. Okay, we'll skip 2178. Senate Bill 2182. Senator Harmon. Leader Harmon. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2183. Leader Harmon. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2185. Leader Harmon. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2187. Leader Harmon. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2188. Senator Righter. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2188.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2191. Senator Jacobs. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2191.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2193. Senator Jacobs. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2193.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2195. Senator Muñoz. Leader Muñoz. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2196. Leader Muñoz. Leader Muñoz. Out of the record. We'll skip over 2202. Senate Bill 2218. Senator Frerichs. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2221. Leader Sullivan. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2224. Senator Sandoval. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2226. Senator Koehler. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2232. Leader Sullivan. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2233. Senator Raoul. Senator Raoul. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2240. Leader Sullivan. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2240.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2243. Senator Holmes. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2244. Leader Radogno. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2251. Leader Trotter. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2253. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2255. Leader Clayborne. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2256. Leader

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Harmon. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2257. Leader Harmon. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2258. Leader Harmon. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2266. Senator Haine. Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2266.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Licensed Activities and Pensions adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

There any -- have there been any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2306. Leader Radogno. Out of the record. We'll skip Senate Bill 2312. 2314. Senate Bill 2319. Senator Hunter. Senator Hunter. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2235. Leader Harmon. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2337. Senator McGuire. Out of the record. We'll skip over Senate Bill 2350. 2363. Senator Martinez. Senator Martinez. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2365. Leader Harmon. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2366. Leader Harmon. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2375. Senator Haine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2375.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Criminal Law adopted

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Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2381. Leader Radogno. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2381.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2389. Senator Steans. Senator Steans. Out of the record. To all Members, we are going to 3rd Reading. First bill, on page 60, will be Senate Bill 1787. Senator Jacobs. Mr. Secretary, read the bill. Senator Jacobs seeks the leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1787 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave being granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 1787. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Jacobs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Jacobs, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR JACOBS:

This amendment creates the Development Fund, a fund to be

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used solely for the purpose concerning Illinois Titanium Powdered Means {sic} (Metals) Development Act. The amendment also corrects a drafting error -- properly reference titanium powder industry as an impact -- high impact business.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1788. Senator Jacobs. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1788.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill will be used as a vehicle to -- for Liquor Control Commission fine structure for liquor control violations. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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Thank you, Mr. President. I did get my light on a little bit late, so I appreciate you stopping and recognizing me. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

For what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor yield, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Jacobs, I'm sorry. I -- I literally couldn't hear anything that you said about the bill. Could you repeat a little bit of the summary of the bill? Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Yes, Senator. Thank you. This is the vehicle bill to standardize the Liquor Control Commission fine structure for liquor control violations.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

This bill has no substantive content as it stands before the Senate right now. Is that correct, Senator?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Yes. Correct, sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Jacobs, as you know, we are some time away from the 3rd Reading deadline. Is there a reason that we need to move a shell bill over to the House of Representatives right now rather than maybe spending a little time between now and the 3rd Reading deadline to try to figure out what this bill ought to be and then send it out with substantive content on it?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

I'd be more than willing to do that. However, I just would tell you that I'm trying to just do some housekeeping, move this over to the House. It seems like we'll -- we'll see this bill back one way or another.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

I think that you're probably exactly right, Senator. But I think that we ought to send it over there at least with some idea about what it is we want to do, and the Members here in this Chamber ought to know a little more about the content before we approve it on 3rd Reading. Just my thought. Thank you very much for your courtesy, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any other discussion? Senator Jacobs, to close.

SENATOR JACOBS:

In deference to my colleague across the aisle, I'll -- I'll hold the bill until they can work out something a little -- a

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little more concrete for you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Out of the record. Senate Bill 1791. Senator Martinez. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1792. Senator Martinez. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1795. Senator Martinez. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1801. Senator -- Leader Clayborne. Out of the record. We'll skip over 1812. Senate Bill 1814. Senator Althoff. Senator Althoff. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1814.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. My apologies. Senate Bill 1814 amends the Code of Criminal Procedure. It allows evidence of prior acts of child abduction that involved the luring of a child to be introduced in a trial to -- to prove a propensity of the defendant. This is an initiative of Cook County State's Attorneys in response to a court case, People versus Hardy. It was fully vetted in committee by Judiciary members, and it passed out of that committee unanimously. I would ask for an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The vote -- the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that bill, there are 51

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Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1814, having received the constitutional required {sic} is now declared passed. Senate Bill 1792. With leave of the Body, we will go back to Senate Bill 1792. Senator Martinez. Senator Martinez seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1792 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading, 1792. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Martinez.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Mr. -- thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. The amendment replaces everything and -- and it becomes the bill. I'll be happy to discuss it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1817. Senator Rose. Senator Rose. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1820. Senator LaHood. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1822. Senator Barickman. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1823. Leader Sullivan. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1823.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. 1823 creates a Veterans' Home {sic} (Homes) Fund checkoff on the individual income tax form for each of the taxable years beginning on or after January 1 of 2013. The bill states that the Veterans' Home {sic} Fund checkoff shall be included when calculating the fifteen tax-checkoff fund limitation. Be more than happy to answer any questions. It's a initiative of the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1823 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1823, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1824. Leader Sullivan. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1824.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. 1824 allows counties to appropriate money from year to year as it may deem reasonable and proper to cover any deficiency in the cost of maintenance for any veterans' memorial erected through private subscriptions. Again, this is also an initiative of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1824 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 50 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1824, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1825. On the -- Leader Sullivan. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1825.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

On the Order of Sullivan, Leader Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. 1825 prohibits a towing service from removing a vehicle under that vehicle's own power without the authorization of a law enforcement officer. What -- what was happening is, towing

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companies -- most of the newer semis have a master key. Really, seven master keys will start most of the newer vehicles. And they would go -- if a -- to tow a vehicle, they would simply get in the truck, unlock it and drive it off, without any authorization by law enforcement or, certainly, by the owners of the vehicle. So, this requires them to have authorization from law enforcement. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1825 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1825, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1826. Senator Jones. Senator Jones. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1828. Senator Jones. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1829. Senator Jones. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1830. Senator Jones. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1843. Senator Mulroe seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1843 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1843. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Mulroe.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe, on your amendment.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This

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clarifies some language in relation to the initial bill, adding Juvenile Court Act as part of the bill. I'll explain more tomorrow on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1845. Senator Mulroe. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1845.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe, on Senate Bill 1845.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, again, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Schools -- this is 1845. Schools are currently allowed to provide social work services by qualified specialists who have been endorsed by -- or, for social work by the State Teacher Certification Board. Current law states that the school social work services may include services such as counseling, developing intervention plans, crisis intervention, and developing prevention programs. This bill would add establishing and delivering anti-bullying programs to their

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work.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1845 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1845, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill -- Senate Bill 1846. Senator Mulroe. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1846.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, again, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Currently, under existing law, people who are indigent and seek help for civil services or civil -- under civil cases, they get screened by a legal aid organization. If they meet certain requirements - income, the merits of the case or other cases for veterans - they receive a certificate that show the clerk that they're -- they can get their fees waived when filing a complaint. Currently, there's not enough lawyers that are under that -- that program. So what this bill would do is, would create a court-sponsored pro bono program, which would act similar to clients that come in for legal aid organization. So

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under these court-approved sponsorship programs, they, too, can file a certificate to waive filing fees. Currently, they would have to go to a judge to get that waiver. So this would -- would eliminate and make it more efficient in the court system. And I would like to thank Senator Dillard for his help on -- on this matter as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1846 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1846, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1854. Senator Bivins. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1859. Senator Stadelman. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1862. Senator Rose. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1862.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rose, on 1862.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen. Senate Bill 1862 is an initiative of the Illinois State Police pursuant to their legal opinion that -- that they were not able to disburse certain drug task force funds and MEG unit funds, and are asking instead that the State Illinois Criminal Justice

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Information Authority be given the authority to disburse those funds instead of the Illinois State Police.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1862 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1862, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1869. Senator Tom Cullerton. Mr. Secretary, please read Senator Cullerton's first bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1869.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Tom Cullerton, on your very first bill.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill is just basically a -- allowing local municipalities and local government to take care of green infrastructure throughout its community. As it stands now, there is no ruling as to whether they may or may not. So this is more -- this will not require them. This is more of a "may" issue than a "shall" issue, as far as this goes, so they're able to take care of green infrastructure throughout communities. And there are no opponents with this. And I would like to thank Senator Landek for helping me draft this and get this through.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion on Senator Tom Cullerton's first bill? Senator Noland, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR NOLAND:

A point of inquiry to the sponsor, for lack of more enthusiasm...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The sponsor -- the sponsor...

SENATOR NOLAND:

...from this Body.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The sponsor indicates he will yield.

SENATOR NOLAND:

All right. Senator, if you would, please define what you consider green.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Green would be defined through many different categories. It is not Kermit the Frog green, or anything in that nature. It is more having to do with environment. And I know, out in your district, environment is very important to you. So I am hoping to see a huge amount of support from you to specifically get this environmentally necessary tool out for your local municipality, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you, Senator. That was a very adroit response. But,

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you know, we all have different definitions of what is environmental or what environmentalism is. So, since I know this bill doesn't mention environmental, but you've entered it - the term into debate here, define environmental or environmentalism.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

In the environmental aspect of this bill, it would go towards storm sewers, detention basins, green roofs. Again, to the green comment, rain gardens, porous pavement - what else would we have? - native planting, environmental issues such as that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Okay. Now I come from a very, what I consider, purple district that also enjoys various shades of green. But, you know, are we talking -- when you talk about environmentalism, and I can think of some groups that espouse environmental causes, such as the Sierra Club - right? - or Greenpeace, or Arbor Day Foundation. Can you give us a sense of just how far along the spectrum where -- we're taking this so that I, you know, get a better sense of how my constituents, who you referred to, how they might respond to this?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Well, the good thing about the bill is it's not requiring

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anyone to do anything. It's allowing a municipality to take care of things that are already in place, such as a detention basin that has no ruling due to the fact that there is nothing in the law that talks about green and environmental structures. And as it stands now, they would have to either form some type of governmental agreement or they would do it without real permission. This just gives them permission to do it, if they choose to.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Okay. That's good, because many of my constituents don't want these types of regulations forced upon them. And I'm sensitive to that as well, though I be a Democrat. Now you talk about the shade -- various shades of green. I note that your last name is Cullerton. Correct? And if I understand correctly, you are Irish? And so let me ask you, how much did your own ethnicity influence the drafting of this bill? And why -- why did you choose to use the -- so frequently, the term "green"?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Well, I -- I've been using the term "green" so often because I know that every Senator out here is very envious of this first bill of mine being such a -- a dramatic impact throughout the State. So, due to envy and green being the color of envy, that is why I use green so much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

You may have a point there, Senator. And I will just wrap up by saying, despite how green you may be as a Senator, you've done a marvelous job of presenting your first bill and I wish you all the best. Good luck to you, sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Delgado.

SENATOR DELGADO:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

He indicates he will.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Senator, welcome to the Senate. I have a couple questions. I think it was actually created by some of the good folks in my aisle here. But I want to ask my question first. 'Cause you've mentioned this had to do with -- we're in April, but you kept talking about something you want to do in May and shall do it when. Are we doing this in April, when it could be done in May?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Well, it probably could be done in May. Matter of fact, it could probably be done any month that the municipality would like to do it. I was talking that it's a "may" issue, because it is not requiring any municipality to -- to take this over. It is just allowing and giving them permissive authority.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Delgado.

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SENATOR DELGADO:

Okay. So as others were doing in May, we're doing in April. So I shall move along. And I want to know one other thing here. Are you -- are -- I see up there we have a "Muni-Drainage Maintenance". Are you planning on dyeing all of our drains green? Is that the -- what you're trying to do here? And I understand we have a President of the Senate that'd love all of his rivers green. Are you trying to steal someone's thunder? I would caution you of that, young man.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

I will not be -- be attempting to dye anything green. The Chicago River makes it perfectly fine for St. Patrick's Day, and that would be the only thing that I would recommend and -- and like to see dyed green on an actual day.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Delgado.

SENATOR DELGADO:

All right. Fine. I just saw the President come on board, and I'm going to have a conversation with him. But my last question is, you mentioned a good -- you mentioned porous pavement a little earlier ago. Well, what was your opinion on porous pavement? Can you help me understand? Because he was a good friend of mine and I want to know exactly why you're offending my porous. He was a pretty good guy.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

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I'm actually making it easy for your good friend, porous, to be taken care of by his mayors and his park district commissioners. I -- I know your friend and I felt terrible for him, which is why I included him specifically in this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Delgado.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I want to commend the young man, Senator Cullerton, on, well, turning everything green around us. As long as he leaves my friend porous alone, we'll be doing okay. And I look forward to a long career with this young man. He's going to add a lot to the Senate. Thank you for being such a good sport on the time where we're trying to just relax a little bit, knowing all the work we have ahead of us come in May. It will be in May; it's time for budget. Have a good afternoon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, I have a question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

He indicates he will yield.

SENATOR STEANS:

You know, I just want to read to you from the bill here, Senator Cullerton. You -- you say here, the -- bottom of line - - the -- the bottom of page 2 {sic}, top of page 3 {sic}, "and in this manner we {sic} may provide for draining or otherwise managing the runoff, such as by infiltration, evapotranspiration, or collection". Can you please tell me what

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evapotranspiration is?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Evapotranspiration is the sum of evaporation and plant transpiration from the Earth's land surface to atmosphere.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Steans, are you going to rebuttal?

SENATOR STEANS:

That was very good. No. I also just want to ask, though, what are we infiltrating and what do you plan on infiltrating with? Have you been talking to Senator Biss about his drone bills? I'm just curious as to what your plan is with that one as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Well, I would imagine that a -- if we were talking about infiltrating pipe systems, we could utilize a camera much used by plumbing companies to go down the pipes. But, infiltration, we're talking more about maintaining areas that are infiltrated by water. So we will not be using drone cameras for that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

With that assurance, I feel confident in -- in the caliber of your bill here, Senator Cullerton. And welcome to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Would the sponsor yield for some questions?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

He's doubtful, but he will yield.

SENATOR HAINE:

So, in response to Senator Steans' apt question, I want you to put in common usage, in the English language, what managing runoff by infiltration, evapotranspiration, and collection is. Tell -- describe what that's going to do to my backyard when it rains heavily.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Your backyard is already doing that, because it's water going into the ground.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

I -- I thought it goes up into the atmosphere too, by your remarks earlier. Right? Doesn't it evaporate?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

There is possibility for evaporation. However, that would be after a long-term ability and, say, possibly a rain barrel where that would evaporate. But you would utilize that more so for your garden, if you are a gardener. I do not presume to assume you are a gardener, but I imagine a man such as your

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caliber would find that to be a very relaxing hobby.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

That would not be correct. However, I want you to describe what's going on, in plain English, when -- if this law will authorize cities and villages to manage the runoff by infiltration, evapotranspiration, and -- or collection.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

In simple terms, it will allow a municipality or, more simply, a city to actually mow the lawn of a stormwater area. Now, a stormwater area is a man-made pond that takes extra rain that lands on a parking lot and goes into the, essentially, pond. Now, that can be a lot of other things. And the infiltration, all this will do is allow them to maintain those systems, whereas the law is not permissive for them to maintain it now.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

So this bill -- this "Magna Carta" of environmentalism will authorize a city to just let the water sit there. Right? And drain into the ground. Is that what you're saying? And they're probably going to ask the State for a grant so they can cut their own grass. Is that what you're suggesting? So, we're going to pay a city a hundred thousand bucks to -- to do what? Cut the golf course. Oh, no. It'll be to manage the runoff by

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infiltration, evapotranspiration, and collection. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

I kind of got some of your argument. But I'm not sure I followed it all the way through. But -- so I'll say yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Senator, your inability to fully understand my argument is in no way indicative of the complexity of my argument. But I want to ask you a question about bioswales. What are bioswales?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Bioswales are landscape elements designed to remove silt and pollution from surface runoff water.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

And this bill will authorize the city -- can't they do that now?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

The bioswales are already there. This gives the municipal authorities the opportunity to maintain them. But they don't have to.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

I get it. I'm going to talk to my mayors tomorrow about voting to allow them -- that they have a choice between maintaining their bioswales or not maintaining their bioswales. They've been waiting for this answer for decades. Now, my last question is -- is -- is this: I live in a -- a home built in a -- a hundred and three years ago. It has porous pipe systems. The driveway is a porous pavement. The roof is green with -- with moss. The garden does grow when it rains. And some of the backyard is a detention basin at some times of the year. Can I receive a grant from the corporate authorities for my home in the foreseeable future if this bill becomes law?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

You will not be able to receive a grant, and more than likely, we should call a community development inspector to make sure you're all up to code there, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Haine..

SENATOR HAINE:

To the bill: This bill is filled with a danger to the public purse -- dangers to the public purse. It will open the floodgates to requests for grants to maintain golf courses and call them wetlands. It will discriminate against homeowners who live in old homes. It will cause confusion among my mayors, who are now torn between maintaining or not maintaining bioswales.

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It'll cause public dissension on a wide scale. And on top of it, it's filled with environmental obfuscation. So, I want to eschew obfuscation by voting No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I was sitting here - seeing that Senator Cullerton is a -- some kind of relative of the Senate President - and I was going to ask him to put, like the first book of Matthew, the lineage of the Cullerton family. But Senator Murphy and I were -- were sitting here during the debate and I do have one question for Senator Cullerton, who claims that he's related to the Senate President, if I may.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

He indicates he will yield.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Senator Cullerton, if you're related to the esteemed Senate President, John Cullerton, how come you look more like Dan Kotowski than John Cullerton?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

I guess I'm just unlucky.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will yield.

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SENATOR JACOBS:

You know, Mr. President, American politics is full of political dynasties. Fact is, John F. Kennedy appointed his brother to become United States Attorney General; Vice President Al Gore's father was Senator Al Gore; and not to be outdone, George Bush's father was President of the United States, and his great-grandfather was Senator -- U.S. Senator. And my seatmate here, Emil Jones' father, his photo hangs in the gallery. And my family, as many know here, has served three terms -- or, excuse me, three family members have served in the Senate and one in the Illinois House. We forgive him for that. But I -- but I noticed one thing, Senator, when -- when I did my first bill, Senator Jones did his first bill, we didn't require that our father come to the Floor to protect us. So I would just like to know if you really think it was a wise decision to bring your elderly father, Senator Cullerton, President Cullerton, to the Floor to guard your bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

I dare you to respond to that one. Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Senate President Cullerton is not my father. He actually is more, from his looks, like my younger brother. But I am very pleased he is out here today to obviously recommend to everyone out here how wonderful this bill is.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

President Cullerton, your name was mentioned in debate. Do you care to respond?

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I have done the research.

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I don't think I'm his younger brother. I do believe, though, I'm his third cousin once removed. And I do know that he has been removed more than once.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cullerton, to close on your first bill.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

First of all, I would like to thank all of the Senators here for their overwhelming support of this monumental piece of legislation that I am proud and privileged to undertake as my first bill, and I would please ask for a Yes vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 1869 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1869, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Sullivan, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Mr. President, Ladies of the Senate, we have a -- I have a large group of constituents here from the Macomb area. They are representatives of the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Development Corporation, Western Illinois University, a number of business owners, other school officials from western Illinois, McDonough County and Macomb. They're starting to rise

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in the gallery. If you would all please rise. And I would really appreciate -- the Mayor of Macomb is here with 'em, Mayor Inman, as well as a -- a number of distinguished officials, as you can see. I'd like everybody to join me in welcoming the Macomb folks here on Macomb Day in Springfield to the Illinois State Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to Springfield. Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

I have a point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR HAINE:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I wish to introduce to you, on the Floor of the Senate, the Chancellor -- the distinguished Chancellor of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Dr. Julie Furst-Bowe. And she is here visiting the Senate. And she's a distinguished chancellor in a long line of distinguished chancellors of this flagship university. Dr. Julie Furst-Bowe, Ladies and Gentlemen.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

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I have with me a guest in the Capitol. His name is Nicholas Allen. He is the Executive Director of the Kankakee County United Way, also become a very, very dear friend of mine in my term in the Senate. And I just wanted to have you all welcome him to the Capitol and to our wonderful Senate Floor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. For a point of announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your announcement.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you. Dear COWL members, just a reminder that there is a Capitol Capers creative team meeting at 5 p.m. tonight in M1 Stratton Office Building. That's on the second floor, southeast end. This will be the last creative team meeting before the scheduled rehearsals. So I encourage all our COWL members interested in sharing their talents to participate. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Manar, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MANAR:

For a point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. In the gallery, in the President's Gallery, are three constituents from the 48th

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District. The first is the Regional Superintendent from Region 40, Larry Pfeiffer; the second would be Lane Pfeiffer, who's sitting to his left; and the third would be my cousin, Jeb Rubis, who are visiting us here in Springfield today. I would just like to welcome them to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to Springfield. Senator Manar, for what purpose -- okay. Now we'll go back to 3rd Readings. Senate Bill 1872. Senator Mulroe. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1872.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe, on Senate Bill 1872.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 1872, under -- I want to just explain what current law is and how we're changing it. Currently, if you are convicted of prostitution for the first time, you are sentenced as a misdemeanor. So that's from a zero to a -- three hundred and sixty-four days. That's the maximum you can get, is three hundred and sixty-four days in a county jail. A subsequent offense, if convicted -- so, if you're -- you're convicted and then subsequently charged with prostitution, you can be charged -- or, the State can upgrade the -- the charge to a felony and then you could be sentenced as a felon, if convicted. What this bill will do is eliminate the felony upgrade for prostitution, but preserve Class A misdemeanor penalty. Just some background:

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In 2000, the legislator -- legislature changed it to upgrade to a felony charge after a second conviction and hoped that that would have reduced the crime of prostitution. They predicted that sixteen inmates per -- over ten years would be incarcerated in the Department of Correction {sic} (Corrections). Unfortunately, that did not happen. In 2005 alone, there were five hundred women that were incarcerated in the Department of Correction. We also have found, through -- over the past twelve, thirteen years, that prostitution is a -- an extremely high-risk -- has a high-risk recidivism rate and shows that multiple felony charges are not deterring or helping people exit the trade of prostitution. The felony conviction traps people in -- in prostitution, preventing them from get -- joining -- getting other employment. We had somebody testify, Glenda Sykes, who testified in committee, and testified powerfully how she entered that trade and remained there and was charged multiple times and has since turned her life around, which is probably highly unusual if you're in this downward spiral and -- but now has prevented her from -- getting other employment because she has a -- a felony conviction. There's also one other disproportionate...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Can we keep the noise down a little bit so we can hear the presentation of the bill, please? Thank you. Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Well, I -- I just want to make one other further comment. Solicitation - so the person that is soliciting or to try to buy the act of prostitution - there is no upgrade for that. So a person can be charged many, many, many times without the fear of

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being charged or -- with a -- a higher -- or, charged with a felony. So there's a disproportion for the - mostly - women who are charged with prostitution versus the men that are soliciting for -- for prostitution. In the end, it's very, very costly and ineffective to charge mostly women - ninety-five percent of the people charged with prostitution are women - very ineffective for them to turn their life around. And I believe intervention and prevention would be more effective than punishing them by incarcerating them in the Department of Correction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Mulroe, we had a conversation, lengthy conversation, about Senate Bill 1872 in committee, and I want to cover a little bit of that ground again here today on the Floor for the rest of the Members who weren't there. For starters, the bill before us, were it to become law, would forever prohibit a State's attorney from filing a felony charge against an individual who's charged with prostitution, were this to become law. Is that -- that's correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

That is correct.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Now, Senator, it is my understanding that there are several ways that a misdemeanor prostitution charge could elevate into a felony. Obviously, one of those is -- you described in your opening, and that is if it's a second or subsequent offense. But there are a lot of other reasons as well, and I want to go through those just so that you and I and the Body are all on the same page here. It could be charged as a felony not just if it was a second or subsequent offense, but if it were committed within a thousand feet of a school or if the act of prostitution was committed in conjunction with any of the following offenses: solicitation of a sexual act, promoting prostitution, promoting juvenile prostitution, soliciting for a prostitute, soliciting for juvenile prostitute, pandering, keeping a place of prostitution, keeping a place of juvenile prostitution, patronizing a prostitute, patronizing a juvenile prostitute, pimping, juvenile pimping or aggravated juvenile pimping, and, finally, exploitation of a child - all of those -- all of those offenses I just read. If the prostitution occurs in conjunction with any of those, it will still be a misdemeanor charge, correct? If this bill becomes law.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

For the prostitution charge itself, yes. But there's currently other provisions within the statute where they could

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be charged for what -- what you described, in certain cases, as -- as felons.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen, the debate that was had in the Criminal Law Committee on this proposal was extensive. I think that probably every member of the committee weighed in at least once, if not twice, to ask questions, either of Senator Mulroe or the witnesses who were present. The most compelling witness at that hearing - and in my sixteen years in Springfield, maybe one of the most compelling witnesses that I've ever heard - was from a lady who had suffered multiple - and I don't mean three or four; I mean I think that number was fourteen - felony convictions for prostitution. Her life as a young person had strayed in the wrong direction in just about every single way that a young person's life can stray in the wrong direction. But finally, as what happens in life fortunately, someone or a group of people got ahold of her and straightened her out and put her in the right direction. And so, as she sat there at the witness table, she was receiving training to be a health care worker. But one of the obstacles that she was having, a substantial obstacle that she was having, to going to that better place, becoming a more productive member of society, becoming a health care worker, which everyone in

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this Chamber knows we need more of, was the fact that she had to get cleared for the fourteen felony convictions that she had for prostitution. Now, I am an advocate for personal responsibility. I am a former prosecutor. This bill is the right thing to do. There are very, very few crimes, in my view, that exist in the Criminal Code that you can truly say, in this instance, the perpetrator is likely as much a victim as they are a perpetrator. Now, people who would disagree with that would say, okay, there's a notion of personal responsibility here. They decided to do it. And you know, in the strictest of legal terms, there is no doubt that that's true. But the situations that most of these young ladies find themselves in are unlike any situations that I bet any of us have encountered, and I hope that none of us -- ever have to encounter. Avoiding a felony charge and a felony conviction will make it easier for women, like the woman who appeared in committee and told a remarkably courageous story, to get back on the path of a productive life sooner, and that'll be better for those people like her, everyone in this Chamber, and everyone who lives in this State. With that, Mr. President, I urge a Yes vote on Senate Bill 1872.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

I want to commend Senator Mulroe, 'cause this is a very -- this subject is very dear to my heart. A few years ago, I was

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also -- I legislated on something to do with, you know, the -- the issue of prostitution and human trafficking. And I know that this is something that is going on in our neighborhoods. You know, when you talk about some of the folks - 'cause not only are we talking about women, there are a few men that are also involved in this trade - and when you talk about folks that face chronic homelessness, mental health, substance abuse, engage in prostitution for basic necessity, such as food and shelter. The opportunity that this bill will be able to bring to them is exactly that, the story that the young woman told - you know, the story that our esteemed colleague from the other side just mentioned. Be able to take some of those charges that now exist, once they have turned their life around, has to -- we have to -- we have to deal with it now, because we know that now we have many of these issues still going on. You go out there. People are in desperate need of -- of -- of services. Many suffer from mental health. And I know that, right now, there's children that are also being subject to -- to human trafficking. That's why this is a great bill and I want to commend you. Because I think that anything we can do to straighten out their lives so their past does not interfere with their future, I find it commendable. Thank you, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Haine, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HAINE:

To the bill. I...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR HAINE:

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I want to echo Senator Martinez and Senator Righter especially. The -- the bill does not diminish. Should not be taken as a -- as a diminution of society's efforts against prostitution. It is, in fact, a focus upon the wrongdoer in the situation. The wrongdoers are those -- the evildoers are those who exploit. The world today is awash in the exploitation especially of women, of young women, the brutalization of young women and boys. It's fueled by the explosion in the Internet pornography. It must be stopped with focused law enforcement, enhanced penalties, as Senator Martinez pointed out, which we -- we are -- we have done and we're doing on the sex traffickers. It must be stopped with the -- things such as Attorney General Madigan's emphasis on child pornography, the federal government's emphasis on that for some years, the apprehension and the punishment of true evildoers. This bill removes the misbegotten effort to literally shoot the survivor, to use that phrase, to shoot the victim. This focuses law enforcement on the true evil nature of this enterprise called prostitution and the evildoers who participate in it and who profit from it. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hutchinson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

I, too, want to stand in support of this bill and to commend the sponsor. I've had the pleasure, over the last four

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years, of working on this issue in a number of different ways, from sexual assault and domestic violence to cyberstalking, to funding for those agencies that give relief to people who have suffered some unimaginable trauma. In this instance, I think it's also really important that we look to this as another way of treating this issue more in the realm of public health. That when you see documentaries of young children or young girls who are forced into this situation, the fact that we are now providing a provision that can help them rebuild their lives in a way that we want them to, that -- that they need to, is -- is an incredibly powerful thing, especially considering the nature of the topic. So, I thank you. I thank you on behalf of all the advocates and all the people who work in this area and for the fact that my daughter is fourteen and a half, and but for the grace of God, she didn't come into contact with anybody that could actually lure her down -- down a path that would be devastating for our family. And it happens in suburbs and cities all across this country. So, I thank you for this measure and I'm so very proud to support it. And I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Van Pelt, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR VAN PELT:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

I stand in support of this bill. I want to also commend Senator Mulroe for bringing it forth. I'm a staunch supporter

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of this type of legislation because I believe that it corrects a wrong that we've done. I am also working with Miss Glenda Sykes, who testified so eloquently before the committee, working with her to help -- try to help her get some of her opportunities -- some opportunities to get employment, and I think this is something that should be the next step. We should think about how do we help people who have been caught up in this trade to actually move into full employment. We are removing the penalties now, but I think we should also look toward finding ways to make -- make them whole again. So I'm in -- definitely in support of the bill and I urge all of my colleagues to vote Yes in support of Senate Bill 1872. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR MULROE:

I would just thank everyone for their comments. It is a sensitive issue. Glenda Sykes is the woman who testified in -- in committee. She provided compelling testimony. This bill is not going to affect her or any of the women or men that have been charged with prostitution prior to that. So her testimony, in my opinion, was selfless and very courageous. So I'd ask for an Aye vote on behalf of Glenda Sykes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 1872 pass. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, 1

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Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1872, receiving the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill -- Senator Harris, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARRIS:

Personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Today we have with us from the great City of Blue Island, that's in my Senatorial district, Mrs. Raeann Zylman and the Memorial School. They're here with us today - Veterans Memorial Middle School. I would like to give -- Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, give them a warm welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to Springfield. Senate Bill 1876. Senator Manar. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1876.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1876 amends the Illinois Clinical...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Excuse me one second. Let's keep the noise down, please, so we can hear the presentation of the bill. Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

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Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1876 amends the Illinois Clinical Laboratory and Blood Bank Act by removing the term "therapeutic optometrist" from statute. This term has been removed from the Optometric Practice Act and Senate Bill 1876 updates the language to conform with the change. This is an initiative of the Optometric Association. I know of no opposition to the bill. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1879 {sic} pass. All those in favor will say 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 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1876, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1877. Senator Manar. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1880. Senator Manar. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1882. Senator Manar. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1884. Senator Hutchinson. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1884.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hutchinson, on Senate Bill 1884.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 1884, or Senate Committee Amendment No. 1, no longer

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requires the Comptroller to provide paper earning statements or pay stubs for State employee paychecks or State retiree pension payments, beginning with fiscal year '15 payrolls. The information normally contained on the paper earning statement will be available on a secure website maintained by each agency. All State employees and annuitants will have the option to continue to receive paper earning statements through their employer or retirement system when requested. This is an initiative of the Comptroller and I would ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1884 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1884, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1908. Senator Barickman. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1910. Senator Kotowski. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1911. Senator Kotowski. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1930. Senator Bertino, on your first bill. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1930.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant, on your first bill. Senator.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

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Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. This bill simply removes the repeal date of the Park Commissioners Land Sales {sic} (Sale) Act, which is to expire at the end of this year. It simply allows the land to remain on the market until sold. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion on the Senator's first bill? Is there any discussion on the Senator's first bill? Senator Noland, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR NOLAND:

Reluctantly, Mr. President, I would ask if the sponsor might yield for a question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Reluctantly, she will.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Senator, could you describe for us what type of land sales this bill envisions?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

Absolutely. Thank you. It is excess land for a current golf course that they no longer need.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

So, now -- you know, I, in -- have, you know, golfed a couple of times in my day, but I would suggest that my golf scores are very comparable to my bowling scores. Which those of you who are familiar with both sports, you realize I'm probably

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a better golfer than I am a -- a bowler. But can you tell me -- I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Was there something else going on? Okay. That's all right. That's all right. So, can you tell me, is this going to affect any golf courses in your district?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

Yes, it absolutely will. It will just affect the one golf course in my district, and only my district.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Did they happen to come to you with this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

Yes, I can assure you they did.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Senator, are you not at all concerned about an -- at least the appearance of a conflict of interest here? Which -- which club are you going to draw? Which one are you going to play with now?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

Very good question. If you do not mind, I'm -- I'm going to take some advice that Mrs. Cullerton gave me. If you hold on

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one second. I want to answer it this way. Here we go. Got the Magic 8 Ball. And -- and it's not working. Maybe.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

That's okay. On these and many other bills, we've had a similar result with less success. So, you know, I commend you for the attempt. But, again, you know, this is a bill that you're bringing for just one golf course in the entire State?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

Once again, it is just for -- it was -- originally, five years ago, my good friend, Senator A.J. Wilhelmi, introduced this bill. It was passed 56 to nothing -- to 0. And it was designed just for the Joliet Park District, yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Well, back then, I think we all understood Senator Wilhelmi's abiding interest in the well-being of the Joliet Park District and this golf course, because I think he may have played it once or twice. But, let me ask you, have you golfed on this golf course?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

Yes, I have golfed on this course numerous times, and it's a beautiful course. And hopefully, with the sale -- the land

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sale here, they will be able to make more improvements.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Very good. I'm not going to ask you to share your score with us, but let me ask you this. Just for the benefit of your constituents, 'cause I'm sure some of them may have some favorite holes here, which part of the golf course and which hole is going to be sacrificed in this land sale?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

Once again, I can assure you, it'll maintain all eighteen holes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

That's good, 'cause I'm concerned about maintaining golf course integrity here. But with that, I will just simply say that I, like your colleagues here -- and, I don't want to go back to this whole discussion about greens - okay? - or green, 'cause I know that that would tie in very well. Not to give anybody else here any hint of what they might be able to run with in, you know, inquiring regarding -- inquiry regarding your bill. You've done a fine job. I wish you well, and good luck in your career here in the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

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Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Again, reluctantly, she said yes.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Hello, Senator. Just what do you have against golf courses?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

Absolutely nothing against golf courses. I have been on numerous golf courses myself. I -- I adore the sport. However, once again, this will just simply allow this excess land to be sold in order to make improvements on the golf course, such as irrigation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

We seem to have a problem with new Members coming onto the Floor with legislation and they can't seem to find anybody else who might help them with a bill - like I don't see any co-sponsors or anything on this. And if it was such a good piece of legislation, when you're trying to mandate the sale of golf courses, honey, I'm -- I'm not so sure that -- if there's anybody else in here who wants to be a party to anything like that. Golf courses play a very important role in, you know, political activity throughout this State. Golf courses mean a lot to people. So, to mandate the sale of golf courses, I think is something that's just too -- way beyond the pale, way beyond it. And I see you just picked up a -- your first co-sponsor.

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Yes. Your first co-sponsor. But I don't -- I might join on, too, if you can convince me that this might be something that's, like, legitimate and useful and not an overreach and some -- and legislation just to benefit one person, 'cause, you know, that's -- I just think that's too far.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

As a fellow friend in Will County, I can assure you, by signing onto this bill, you will be helping our local park district better their -- their facility. So, any appreciation would be appreciated -- any help would be appreciated.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

I just have one more question. I noticed that your initials are JBT. And I'm just wondering whether or not you contacted the other JBT to see if she was in support of mandating the closure of golf courses.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

I did try to contact her, but, unfortunately, she wanted nothing to do with me. So..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Well, for our very own JBT, I will meet you at the course. Welcome to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

She indicates, reluctantly again, she will yield.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you. Senator Bertino-Tarrant, I'm trying to -- I need your assistance, okay? I'm trying to coordinate this road trip and I'm trying to -- to -- to make sure that -- I'm trying to visit, like, your district and Senator McConnaughay's district. And I'm trying to use a golf cart to get through those different areas. Okay? And so, I was wondering, is it necessary for me to purchase a golf cart from your golf course land and -- and then drive it on Senator McConnaughay's route or road? I know she had a bill dealing with golf courses yesterday -- golf carts yesterday. And so, how can I do that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

Here's my -- my best effort here with that. I assume you can now take a golf cart to my golf course and you can go right up to the first tee and begin. Yeah.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter.

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SENATOR HUNTER:

Are you all working together on this thing between her golf cart and your golf course? Are you guys coordinating this thing together or something?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

We have not coordinated efforts here, but I -- I look forward to working with Senator McConnaughay in other efforts. But for this one, we were both solo.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

So, before I go on my road trip, is it necessary for me to purchase golf balls to use on your golf course?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

Yes. Golf balls do come in handy on golf courses. Yes. I would recommend purchasing them.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Good question {sic}. Welcome to the Senate, Senator Bertino-Tarrant. Look forward to working with you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

I know reluctantly on this. Senator Haine, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HAINE:

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A few questions of the sponsor. Just a few.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

She will really reluctantly say yes to you, Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

We don't want her to miss her tee time later today. So, Senator, now, this bill passed, you said, under A.J. Wilhelmi's tenure in the Senate?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

Yes, it did.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

So, why are we back here doing this again?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

It had a five-year clause and it's up at the end of this year, so -- and the -- the property has not sold yet.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

So, the property's not sold. You indicated that this was a very valuable piece of property. So, it's not selling. Are you in the real estate business?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

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No. That is not my language. I think it was a voice-over, and this language too. But it is a valuable piece of property in its location.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

In its location. So if it was in a different location, it would not be a valuable piece of property. Have you ever heard the phrase, "if a frog had wings, he wouldn't wear himself out hoppin'?"

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

Was that second part the question? Yeah -- no, I -- respectfully, I have not heard that before.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Okay. Now, when I look at this piece, so you're asking for now eight years more to sell this so-called piece of valuable real estate in Joliet. Is there any -- is there anything in Joliet that is valuable piece of real estate? I mean, other than Larry Walsh's house.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

I would like to say, there's a lot of valuable pieces of property in -- in Joliet. Very proud to call Joliet my home.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

I'm proud, too, that you call Joliet your home. Now, Senator, when I look at this bill, here's what I see: There's something mysterious about this bill. And I have looked at this bill several times in the past few moments. And I see, looking at this bill, a shock of white hair. Who is really behind this bill? Can you tell us? Is there someone with a shock of white hair behind this bill that we're not seeing here, and their -- and somehow the County of Will is going to come out ahead, as it always does, when I see that shock of white hair floating around the statehouse? And that laugh - after the bill's passed, will I hear that laugh ringing throughout the statehouse? Now be truthful, as you are. You're a credible person. We can take it. If we have to go in the tank again for County Executive Walsh, that's what we'll have to do. But just tell us. Fill us in.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant. And you can decline to answer, if you want.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

No. No, I will be happy to answer, 'cause County Executive Walsh, while he is a dear friend of mine, he did not request this. This request came from the -- the Joliet Park District Executive Director and their board.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

And how are they appointed, the Joliet Park Board? Is that

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appointed or elected? Elected? They're elected. Gee. And I wonder who would have a say in that election. Would that be that shock of white hair again? See, it all goes back -- believe me, I -- I just want to speak to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR HAINE:

There's something in here that's going to benefit the County of Will. And the County of Madison is not receiving, once again, anything. This is a bogey. I'm going to vote No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Seeing no further discussion, Senator Bertino-Tarrant, to close.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

Thank you very much for your time. I just encourage and hope for a Yes vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 1930 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, no Nays, and 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 1930, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1931. Senator Bivins. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1937. Leader Radogno. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1937.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Radogno, on Senate Bill 1937.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill amends the Property Tax Code for the purposes of determining eligibility for the senior assessment freeze, and it provides that the income of any disabled individual be excluded from that calculation. So, essentially, it provides for a family that has a disabled adult child living with them, their income would not be counted. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1937 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1937, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1950. Senator Althoff requests that the -- leaves -- Senator -- out of the record. Senate Bill 1951. Senator Althoff. Out of the record. We'll skip over Senate Bill 1953. We'll skip over 1954, (19)55. Senate Bill 2153. Senator Cunningham. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2155. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2155.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cunningham, on Senate Bill 2155.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2155 is an initiative of the Chicago Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. It would allow the District to expand the use of a statutorily created reserve fund to cover certain legal costs and pay for damages to District property if the damages are lower than ten thousand dollars. Right now, they can only use this fund if the damages are more than ten thousand dollars. It's important to point out that this proposal would in no way change the District's taxing authority. Be happy to answer any questions and I ask for the Chamber's support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

There any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2155 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2155, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2157. Senator Cunningham. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 2157.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cunningham, on 2157.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

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Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2157 is an attempt to level the playing field when it comes to the granting of physical education waivers to high school students in Illinois. Currently, many student athletes in Illinois have difficulty getting waivers simply because their schools do not offer sports programs that accommodate students with disabilities. This bill would correct this problem by giving local school boards the ability, if they choose, to grant physical education waivers to disabled students who are engaged in athletic activities outside of their school. Again, would be happy to answer any questions and I ask for the Chamber's support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2157 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2157, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2163. Senator Rose. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2167. Senator Hastings, on his real first bill. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 2167.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senate Bill 2167, Senator Hastings' first bill.

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SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2167 provides all service members and veterans who are currently utilizing their Post-9/11 GI-Bill benefits, that they'll be considered in-state residents for tuition purposes. And I'll leave that open for questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion on Senator Hastings' first bill?
Is there any discussion on Senator Hastings' first bill?
Senator Noland, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR NOLAND:

Again, very reluctantly, Mr. President, rising to my new role as the, at least, assistant grand inquisitor for the first-bill people. A question of the sponsor, if I may.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

He indicates he will yield.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you. Senator, are you suggesting that we offer this as -- and I'm a veteran. So I want you to know first and foremost, and I know you're a veteran and I really respect your sacrifice for our country. But, are we offering in-state tuition rates for out-of-state veterans?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

That's correct, Senator Noland. More specifically, we're offering in-state tuitions to out-of-state veterans that attend in-state universities. That is correct. That are utilizing the 9/11 GI-Bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Very good. So, to point of clarification, we're doing this for veterans that have, perhaps, for the most part, served overseas and during a time of conflict. So, I -- I can appreciate the worthiness of this. But let me ask you, what is your definition of "State"? What is the "State"?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thanks for the question, Senator Noland. The State is defined as the State of Illinois, the place in which you stand today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Okay. I just want to make sure that we're not talking about, perhaps, like a -- a state of mind, or state of being, or something more ethereal and philosophical, but something more practical. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

That is correct, Senator Noland.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

And -- and I'm going to ask you to please -- and everybody

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here to please forgive me; I'm simply trying to buy time until Senator Haine comes out of the room behind me here. But, Senator, again, when you say that it's the State of Illinois, can you tell me something about the traditions of our State that would imply that we would be so generous as to extend in-state tuition rates to out-of-state veterans?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Well, the State of Illinois has had a history of providing great military leaders. The other -- the reason behind this bill, Senator Noland, is that if you look at the leaders that have come from World War I, World War II, the Vietnam, the Korean War, you'll see that those leaders go on to serve their country in other capacities, as in state-elected officials like yourself. And my goal is to provide the educational opportunities to come here to Illinois and get educated, because we know that they're going to go on and provide leadership opportunities and provide their leadership to a lot of other things - not just in Illinois, but nationally. But when they do that, Senator Noland, I want them to say that they're from Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

I'm beginning to get motivated here. That was a great military speech if I ever heard one, Senator. And to me, I can tell that you must certainly have a distinguished military background, no less. And I'm not going to belabor this, as much

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as I wish my colleague -- and who I know to be also a military hero, having served in Vietnam, he's not here to carry on the tradition that we have been maintaining here in the Senate. I'm, nevertheless, going to, at this point, cut my inquiry short and say, you've done a fantastic job, like your other colleagues here, and a hearty "Oorah" on behalf of Marines and "Hooah", to make the distinction, on behalf of the Army, and say thank you very much for having presented this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion on Senator Hastings' first bill? Seeing none, Senator Hastings, to close.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I want to say thank you to the co-sponsor of this bill. We have bipartisan support. This is an opportunity for us to give back to those who have sacrificed for their -- for their country. And again, let me reiterate that point. These people who serve overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan, when they come home and they utilize the 9/11 GI-Bill, they can go to any state they want and utilize this. I think it's important, especially with the way Illinois is, that we have leaders of character, leaders that have been battle-tested, and leaders that'll carry on the traditions of this great country. And I strongly urge every Member of the Senate for an Aye vote. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2167 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55

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Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2167, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2172. Senator Collins. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 2172.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Collins, on Senate Bill 2172.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 2172 amends the Illinois Housing Development Act to remove the power of the Chairman of the Illinois Housing Development Authority to take control over a borrower's board of directors. This is at the behest of the Department, IHDA. It's seeking to modernize its enabling statute to provide loan products aimed at meeting the increasing need for rental housing brought about by the foreclosure and unemployment crisis. I would ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2172 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2172, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the

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Body, we will be going back to Senate Bill 1908, Senator Barickman's first bill. Mr. Secretary, please read Senator Barickman's first bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1908.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman, on your first bill.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Body. Senate Bill 1908 is an amendment to the Illinois Municipal Code. The amendment will permit municipalities to hire entry-level police officers to the municipality who have military experience in lieu of educational requirements. I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion on Senator Barickman's first bill? Senator Syverson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I do have a couple questions of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

He indicates he will yield.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Senator, in this legislation, you've stated that it allows for individuals that have served in the military to waive education experience for going into law enforcement. This would mean that anyone that had served in the military for even a short period of time with no qualifications can become a -- a

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law enforcement official in a community?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

That's a -- that's a good question. But it does not, Senator. This bill allows for -- let me back up. Existing law allows a municipality to require entry-level applicants to either have an associate's degree or a bachelor's degree. This bill would say that if someone has served in the military for at least twenty-four months and they were not dishonorably discharged, then that would qualify in lieu of the associate's degree. Alternatively, in lieu of a bachelor's degree, if someone had served for thirty-six months or three years and was not dishonorably discharged, that person would qualify in that scenario.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Then this would allow those individuals then with -- with -
- without a degree then, they would be allowed to carry a
weapon. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

So these people would be qualified to be law enforcement

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officials, but not allowed to carry a weapon?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

This piece of legislation does not change any of the requirements that the police department would have on those internally who do or do not carry weapons.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Well, that sounds like a non-answer answer. Let's try that again. Will these police officers be allowed to carry weapons? Let's say, those who are actually on patrol or those who are working the streets, will they be allowed to carry weapons?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

This -- again, this legislation doesn't speak to whether they will or they will not. Presumably, other State statutes and the municipality or police department determine who does or does not carry weapons.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Okay. Let's try that again. If -- your legislation says we're going to waive college so they can go into police training, and the community hires them. They're police officers. Now they are going to work for the municipality. The officer is going to be in a vehicle. There's going to be a

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light on top of it. There's going to be signs on the side of it that announce what city it is, that they're law enforcement. That individual is driving around from -- around the community. There may even be a call that he'll go to. Will that officer be carrying a weapon?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

A point of clarification. Some of the vehicles do not have lights on top of the vehicle; they're actually inside it - a. B, whether or not they are carrying a weapon, I don't know. In your hypothetical, I would presume that oftentimes members of law enforcement in their line of duty are carrying a weapon. Again, though, this legislation has nothing to do with whether they are or are not. It only deals with whether or not municipalities use military service as a qualification for determining who an entry-level hire is.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Let's cut to the chase. Isn't this really a backdoor bill for concealed carry in Illinois?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

It is not.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

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Do you support concealed carry in Illinois?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Are you asking generally or in regards to a specific bill, Senator?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

I'll take general.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman, you do not have to answer the question.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

I do generally support concealed carry, but I'd be glad to debate the merits of this piece of legislation, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

...debated those bill -- that -- this -- merits of this legislation properly in committee, we wouldn't have to be vetting it here on the Floor. So, I -- I -- I appreciate that. I'm just concerned that this is clearly - you've already stated that you're a supporter of concealed carry - that this is somehow going to be morphed into a concealed carry bill without it being properly vetted. So, thank you for your time, Senator, and allowing me to ask you those questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Reluctantly, he said yes.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Barickman, how many bills are you the primary sponsor of here in the Senate this year, your first year?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

I believe three.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

So, it's fair to say that you're a little bit short of Senator Rose's number of fifty.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

I think many, if not all of us, in this Chamber are well short of that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Barickman, you amended this bill. What's the difference between the amendment -- as amended, as it stands before us, and your underlying bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

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SENATOR BARICKMAN:

There were many questions in committee about whether we were trying to enact this legislation in regards to police, as well as fire commissions. The amendment makes it very clear that this is only in regards to those who are hiring police.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Why, Senator Barickman, would you exclude such a large and important class of emergency responders like fire fighters from this legislation?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

The request for this legislation came from the police chief of one of the municipalities that I represent. Additionally, I think there are concerns that have been raised by those within fire departments that they impose, in addition to educational requirements on their new hires, additional requirements. Those fire districts were concerned that they did not want us changing any of those requirements with this legislation. So, in essence, the request was we make this change for police. And I think, had we expanded it to fire, there would be a number of other questions that this Body would probably want to discuss before we'd enact any type of legislation like that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. So, Senator Barickman, when you

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tell me that you heard from representatives of the fire department or fire protection district community, who did you talk to? Did you talk to anyone back home, or were you just talking to people here in Springfield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

The objections that were raised from fire came primarily from villages outside of my district - that were raised, quite frankly, by some of the Members here to me.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Let's move on, if we can, to the sixteen lines that is your bill now, Senator. And I see you have a copy of it. That's good that you have a copy of it. Earlier I went to your staff member to get what I hoped was the only copy of it so you wouldn't have one, but I see you've obtained one anyway. The bill says that in lieu of an associate's degree, the applicant could serve twenty-four months of honorable active duty in the United States Armed Forces. Is that any branch of the Armed Forces?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Yes, it is.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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Does that include the Coast Guard, Senator Barickman?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

I believe the definition -- for United States Armed Forces has been established. I believe it does. I'm not sure if that definition does include it, but in -- I believe it does, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Do you know any members of the Coast Guard, Senator Barickman?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Offhand, I do not.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

You know anything about what the Coast Guard does?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

I served in the Army National Guard, Senator. But, no, I am not familiar at that level with the Coast Guard. Generally, I am however.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

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SENATOR RIGHTER:

So, you don't know anyone who serves in the Coast Guard. You don't have really any idea what the Coast Guard does. Yet, you're okay with putting their experience in the bill to substitute for a two-year associate's degree. Am I correct, Senator?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Yes, I support the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Barickman, also in the bill, with regards to the associate's degree requirement, you're willing to waive that, as I said, for the twenty-four months of honorable active duty; for the bachelor's degree requirement, you're willing to waive that in exchange for thirty-six months of honorable active duty. Now, let's -- let's stay on the example of the Coast Guard - where you don't know anyone and you don't know what they do. Let's say that in the Coast Guard, they allow for a leave of absence. So that the individual who you're trying to do this for serves in the Coast Guard for twelve months and then takes a leave of absence for thirty days and then comes back and serves in the Coast Guard for another twelve months. They've got their twenty-four months, but they don't have twenty-four consecutive months, Senator Barickman. Does that person still qualify for the exemption you're trying to make law? You know, you...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator Barickman, please.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

There is nothing in the statute that would require continuous service.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

So, going back to the Coast Guard example, about which you know very little, a person could take several breaks from their Coast Guard service over the course of two or three years and somehow still qualify under the exemption that you've provided under this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

I believe so, yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President, for your indulgence. Senator Barickman, how many institutions of higher learning do you represent in your new Senate district?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Several.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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Can you tell us a little more, Senator Barickman? Let's walk through 'em. Okay? You have -- is Parkland College in your district?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

While many of Parkland College's employees, staff and students reside in my district, the actual college does not.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Illinois Wesleyan?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

If you were to look at the legislative maps adopted most recently, you would see that the boundary between the district that I represent and the district that Senator Brady represents cuts through the outfield of Illinois Wesleyan's baseball field. So, to some degree, I would say that the answer is yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator, I -- this is tragic. You don't know what institutions of higher learning are in your district. You don't know anyone in the Coast Guard. You don't know what the Coast Guard does. You're uninformed about your very first bill here in the Senate, Senator Barickman. I would urge a No vote, and I hope that on your next two tries we do a little better. Thank

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you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Question of the sponsor. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Senator, would you walk me through this a little bit? My understanding is that you want to give a class of people a special benefit that other people may not get, is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

I'd like to give veterans an ability to qualify for jobs that currently may be only eligible to those with associate's or bachelor's degrees.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

So this special package that you're putting -- putting together for this special few, are you, in effect, as an Illinois politician today, picking winners and losers?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Jacobs.

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SENATOR JACOBS:

As a strong believer in the free market, I think that everybody should be on a level playing field, but I am a little concerned that we are giving a special group of special people a special preference. If you'd care to comment on it in your closure toward your avocation for the military. But I mean the point is, is that no other special group is getting this special package, are they?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Those with associate's degrees and bachelor degrees are getting special benefits today. And if you'd like to run a bill that does away with those requirements, I'd be glad to listen to it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

So, if I -- I run into a burning building and save five hundred kids, I don't get that special package. Just your special -- the handpicked people get this package. Is that -- is that my understanding? Is this -- is this something available to all Illinoisans, or just people in that special group?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

This legislation would apply for all Illinoisans, including those who have served in our military, which, of course, we

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think is a very noble thing for them to do.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yeah. Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

He indicates he will yield.

SENATOR STEANS:

You know, I want to follow up on the line of questioning that Senator Jacobs was just having. What -- what percent of the Armed Forces are women versus men?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

I do not have that answer. I'll be glad to find out and get back to you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Do you think it would be fair to say that it's a lower percent than the percent of women are in the general population?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

I'm not sure. I would say, if I had to guess, it's quite possible.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

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Well, I do believe it's probably the case, and I'm very concerned that, in fact, then we are setting something into law here that's really going to discriminate against women, because they will not be able to access this new privileged status that's been clarified by Senator Jacobs in the same way that men can. Are you saying that you are in favor of this discrimination against women?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

This legislation would not discriminate in any way those by race, sex, or otherwise, and is very limited to allowing an opportunity to put to work those who've served in the Armed Forces and who may have, in doing so, skipped the opportunity they may had to have went on to -- to college and served our country instead.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

You know, I just want to say that I sort of share some of the concerns that I've heard across both sides of the aisle here that the sponsor may not be fully informed about what this bill is, in fact, doing and we should all be -- very careful in pressing a Yes button today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

I'd ask for an Aye vote.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 1908 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1908, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're back on page 63, on Senate Bill 2186. Leader Harmon. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2194. Leader Sullivan. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2197. Leader Muñoz. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2199. Senator Frerichs. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 2199.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Frerichs, on Senate Bill 2199.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2199 removes a provision in current law that prohibits a candidate for teacher licensure from beginning an internship or residency for licensure until he or she has passed the applicable content area test. There are some programs where that makes it very difficult for them to do the training. It passed out of committee without any opposition. Would appreciate your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

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shall Senate Bill 2199 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2199, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2217. Senator Morrison. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 2217.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Morrison, on 2217.

SENATOR MORRISON:

...you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2217 makes several updates to the Early Intervention Services System Act so that it will comply with federal and State regulations. It expands criminal background checks for providers to include FBI background checks. It also complies with new federal requirements for parent consent in order to use public and private insurance to pay for services. DHS received 17.3 million dollars in federal Part C funding for FY'13. It is imperative that we pass this bill no later than June 30th, 2013, so that we can remain in compliance.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor yield, please, Mr....?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates she will.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Senator Morrison, in looking at the information I have in front of me, one of the requirements is that families will no longer be required to use their private insurance to pay for early intervention services. So, the question I have is, one, am I reading that correctly? And two, does State law currently require a family to utilize their own insurance if they have access to that insurance for these kinds of services?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

There is nothing in current statute that does say that. This bill would require - and has been in practice since the first of July of last year - to comply with federal regulations, that parents do give consent.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'm not sure I understood, Senator. Right now, is it the practice in Illinois that a family who seeks to have a child receive some kind of early intervention services that they utilize the insurance they have available to them first before turning to the taxpayers to provide those services? Is that the practice in Illinois right now?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Morrison.

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SENATOR MORRISON:

Senator -- Senator, in July, federal regulations changed. Since that date, the Department has been asking parents for consent in order to use either private or public insurance.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter. Senator Morrison, are you -- finished with that statement.

SENATOR MORRISON:

No. May I add that I have been working with some of your colleagues to develop an amendment or a trailer bill to answer some of those questions about insurance.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Okay. So, as -- as I understand it, the current practice in this State is that someone has to utilize their own insurance for these services if these services are covered in their policy, if they have a child whom they desire to have early intervention services. I appreciate the change in federal law; I just want to get clear that, in Illinois right now, we tell the families to use the insurance for which they're paying before we ask the taxpayers to pay for the services. Would you agree with that statement?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

In order to not jeopardize the seventeen million dollars, we have to change our statute to comply with federal. So, the answer is, currently our statute does not comply. In practice,

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the Department has been asking for permission and we have had some parents, yes, in fact, deny that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Morrison, you mentioned a trailer bill and working with some Members of the Senate on insurance questions. Can you elaborate on what those insurance questions are and what the subject of the trailer bill might or might not be?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Morrison, you want to yield to Senator Syverson?

SENATOR MORRISON:

Yes, please. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Senator. As was mentioned, unfortunately, with this change now, Illinois law didn't in the past require that they use insurance first and so they had to make an offer. They'd ask about insurance, and I think there was approximately two hundred and forty-five families that have chosen to not use their own insurance for any number of reasons. But with the trailer bill that we're doing, we're going to be changing the statute to say if insurance is available, insurance has to be primary and paid first. By passing that legislation, that will free up and generate about seven million dollars a year more towards this -- this program. So, I think there's a total of, I think, nine hundred families last year that had insurance

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available and about two hundred and forty-five of those did not use the insurance. This would change that, once we do this further amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I wonder now who you would like me to direct my next inquiry to.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

It's your choice.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

All right. You know what? I'll leave it -- either one of you who wants to answer this. I -- it's my -- no. Senator Syverson, you said two hundred and forty-five families have declined to use their own insurance, even though they have it available to them, to pay for early intervention services, choosing instead to utilize the taxpayer's dime for that. My question for you is, two hundred and forty-five out of how many, and over what period of time is that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

I think that bill -- that was -- question was indicated. Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. I -- and I'm looking for that information, but I -- I think the number is somewhere around a total of, think, maybe twelve hundred. So, of that, two hundred and forty-five didn't. So there were nine hundred and some that -- and I could be off on those numbers. But I think that's a ballpark of what the numbers were.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

...I -- maybe I could add, just to clarify, that when a family does -- Senator Righter, when a family does decline to use their private or their public insurance, that doesn't necessarily mean the State is going to bear the entire cost. A family fee often goes into effect, and it would be the maximum amount in many instances. Sometimes families choose not to use their insurance, or -- this is my understanding, the children between ages of zero and three are the ones who are eligible for these funds and for these services. They decide instead to wait until the child ages out of the early intervention program and then use their insurance for those services. Does that help at all?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter, in this volley.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I think I'll go to Senator Syverson again. Senator Syverson, you said earlier that the trailer bill that you have in mind would make clear in Illinois law that the families have to utilize their private insurance for covered early intervention services. That's what the trailer bill will do. But what I hear Senator Morrison telling me is that federal law will prohibit just that. That -- that the federal regulation that she's seeking to comply with and avoid a seventeen-million-dollar penalty will not allow Illinois to require Illinois families to use their own insurance before going to the taxpayers. So, why would we change Illinois law

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and clarify it to make sure it's clearly in conflict with what the federal rules that Senator Morrison says are coming down into effect? Can -- can you help me with that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Again, I think the answer is that it's the way we had it written currently in our -- in our statute that needed to be changed; that if we make this change, this will allow us under the new federal statute to be able to do that. Under the current law, the way it's drafted in Illinois, that we cannot do that. This language - and I have a -- a copy of the proposed amendment; I'm just looking over this now - would make -- yeah, would make it primary payment. So, I -- I'm -- I'm guessing the answer is that federal law precludes that unless we have clarification and actual specific language that says insurance must be paid and must be primary. If that -- again, if that makes sense. I think the concern in the past has been that people were concerned that if they use their insurance that it would affect their rates, or it could affect their claims, or affect the -- the availability of their policy. And that's not the case, and that's why there's not a downside to people using their insurance.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

I think it's Senator Morrison's turn. Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Want to thank Senator Syverson for clarifying that. He is exactly correct. And I appreciate him coming forward to work with me on a piece of legislation that will impact a lot of

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young children and families in Illinois and that is important for us to pass today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

There any further discussion? Senator Morrison, to close.

SENATOR MORRISON:

I would ask support from my fellow colleagues to please pass this bill for the children and families in the State of Illinois who rely upon these very important early intervention services. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2217 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 43 Ayes, 11 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2217, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2229. Senator Frerichs. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 2229.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Frerichs, on Senate Bill 2229.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2229 provides that beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year, any person who has served over ten years in the Illinois National Guard shall be awarded an additional grant to a State-controlled

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university or community college of his or her choice, consisting of an exemption from tuition and fees for not more than the equivalent of an additional two years of full-time enrollment, including summer terms.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2229 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2229, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2230. Leader Sullivan. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 2230.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. The -- the legislation simply defines compulsory sale to mean the sale of real estate basically under duress. So, all the legislation does is says that compulsory sales are not limited by deed type. It's a initiative of the Illinois Association of Realtors. I'd be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2230 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye.

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Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 -- 54 Ayes, no Nays, and none voting Present. Senate Bill 2230, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2234. Senator Frerichs. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 2234.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Frerichs, on Senate Bill 2234.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2234 amends the Video Gaming Act to add a definition of "electronic voucher". An electronic voucher is a voucher printed by an electronic video game machine that's redeemable in the licensed establishment for which it was issued. It also amends the definition of "video gaming terminal" to include machines that accept electronic vouchers in addition to cash.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2234 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 34 Ayes, 13 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2234, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2235.

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Senator Haine. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2245. Senator Righter. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 2245.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter, on Senate Bill 2245.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I think there is an amendment pending. Could -- inquiry of the Chair, if I might, on whether there's an amendment pending. Floor amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

We will check on that right now.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Mr. President, Floor Amendment 2 is still in Assignments Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Out of the record. Senate Bill 2268. Senator Haine. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2270. Senator Barickman. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2281. Senator McCarter. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2304. Senator Haine. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2318. Senator Hunter. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2320. Senator Hunter. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2321. Senator Bertino-Tarrant. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2326. Senator Hutchinson. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 2326.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hutchinson, on Senate Bill 2326.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2326 is the Department of Revenue cleanup bill that amends the sales tax Acts, the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, and the Environmental Protection Act. The bill also makes changes to rolling stock exemptions and notices of tax liability for returns that are filed late. Technical cleanup. I'd ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Excuse me, Senator. Senator Hutchinson seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2326 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2326. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hutchinson, on your amendment.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Sorry about that. That amendment was never adopted in committee. I'd like to return this to 2nd. It does what it does. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

On your amendment now.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Yes.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Explain your amendment is what we're asking.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

The amendment is a cleanup bill that amends the sales tax Acts, the County {sic} (Counties) Code, the Municipal Code, and the Environmental Protection Act. The bill also makes changes to rolling stock exemptions and notices of tax liability for returns that are filed late.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2332. Senator Hutchinson. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 2332.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hutchinson, on Senate Bill 2332.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2332 is a trailer bill for the Diversity in Engineering scholarship program that passed in 2011. The bill expands the list of targeted group member classes for the program to include national origin, ancestry, age, and disability; modifies the

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definition of target group members so that classes are included as long as the percent employed by IDOT is less than the percent employed statewide; directs IDOT to establish a process for selecting eligible students; and provides that IDOT "may" rather than "shall" adopt rules to implement and administer the scholarship program. And I'd ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2332 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 50 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2332, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We will -- we will skip Senate Bill 2345. Senate Bill 2347. Senator -- Stadelman's first bill. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 2347.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Stadelman, on your first bill.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2347 amends the Wildlife Code by exempting pure water as a form of baiting technique used to take wild turkey or white-tailed deer. Right now, the term "bait" is defined as any material, whether materials {sic} (liquid) or solid, that's used to attract turkey or deer. What this bill is in response to is

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some farmers who may be watering their livestock in a field, under this law, current law, would not be allowed to hunt on their own property. So what this bill does is simply exempt pure water as a form of baiting technique used to take wild turkey or white-tailed deer. I'd appreciate your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Could we have it very quiet please in the Senate? It's Senator Stadelman's first bill. Is there any discussion on the Senator's first bill? Is there any discussion on Senator's first bill? Senator Noland, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR NOLAND:

For what I pray is the very last time today with our freshman Senators. I will, again reluctantly, beg the Senator to yield for a question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

He indicates he will yield, reluctantly, to you.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Senator, given the language of this bill, I had to believe that you are baiting the entire Chamber to make inquiry. Are you not?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Stadelman, I think there was a question there.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

I am baiting you to support this bill, yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Not just to support the bill, but to also make inquiry to make sure that they fully understand and are aware of the

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contents of this bill. Senator, could you define for us -- and I understand there are two aspects to this bill that are important. One has to do with baiting; the other has to do with what is pure. So -- but I'm going to ask you to define "bait" as intended for this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Baiting is simply any materials that are used, whether liquid or solid, including food, salt, minerals, and other products, that will attract animals to make it greater for the hunter to try to attract these animals.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President. Fair enough. But why are we limiting this to just the -- simply the baiting of wild turkey and deer? How come only those two characters?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

These are currently animals that we're able to hunt in this State. Two of the animals.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

We're not able to hunt any other types of animals here in the State of Illinois?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

On farm properties, the legislation just addresses these two specific animals. Not clear why other animals were not included.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

On what kind of properties?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

These are properties on which the farmer is able to hunt on his own property.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

So these farmers are not allowed to bait these particular animals in any way, shape or form that they choose to?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Again, the concern -- the purpose of legislation, it removes pure water as the baiting materials. If a farmer would like to put water out to -- to obviously feed his livestock, under current law, he or she would not be able to hunt. And this would remove that obstacle, if that farmer chooses to do so.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

What -- what if that farmer chose to keep wild turkeys and deer on his property, and as, perhaps, an expression of good will, he might set out some pure water for those animals. Would that be a violation of this bill, or this -- this law proposed?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

My understanding, it would not be a violation of this bill. It's if the farmer would decide to choose to hunt these animals, this bill would allow him to do so.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

So, Bambi, but not Thumper, would be able to enjoy pure water. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Sure.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Good. Great job. Keep it up. Wish you well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. A couple of questions for the Senator.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

He reluctantly says he will do it for his neighbor in Winnebago.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Senator. And thank you for doing such a great job representing my old district. First question will be is, this -- the legislation affects a lot of farm and hunting issues and can you tell -- tell me how many farms and -- or, how many hunting parks or reserves are in -- in your district?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

I am not aware of any farmers in my district. However, I was born and raised on a farm. My -- the property -- the subdivision I live in is next to a State park, so we have wild turkeys that'll inhabit my backyard. Obviously, I'm not able to hunt them. But I just think it's everybody's interest to look out for the great farmers in the State, and especially those who like to hunt on their property.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

So this legislation would just ban the use of pure water, but you can use dirty water, then, in attracting. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

There's no definition of pure water. There may not be such

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a thing. But clearly it bans -- any water that would have any additives or chemicals added to turn in the form of bait that would attract animals would not be allowed. Pure water is simply water that'd be used to -- for example, feeding livestock.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

So, you just stated that the legislation says you can't use pure water, but then you just said, if I can quote you, not sure if there is such a thing as pure water. And so, if we're banning pure water, then -- but there is not such a thing, does that create a conflict?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

No. You're able to use -- farmers are able to use pure water on their property. If there are additives to the water that would be used to bait these animals, then that would not be allowed as under current law. But pure water would be allowed for farmers to use on their property.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Now you mentioned earlier you were concerned about, because of where you live, that there are a lot of wild turkeys around there. Have you had problems with turkeys on your property before?

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Senator -- Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

I've not had problems, but when I had small children, they were very scared of the turkeys. But no immediate problems as far as damage to property or anything like that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

So, because of your children's fear of turkeys, we're doing legislation now that's going to make it easier to wipe out a -- a -- a bird that is the symbol of -- of -- of what Thanksgiving is all about. Does that make sense to do that with your children, as opposed to just maybe working with your children to get over that fear of -- of turkeys?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Senator Syverson, with all due respect to my colleague from the Rockford area, your argument is a bit foul. But that is not my intent in moving ahead with this legislation; it's solely to look out for those farmers who would like to hunt on their property.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

And do you serve turkey at your Thanksgiving meal with your family and with your children as well?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Stadelman.

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SENATOR STADELMAN:

We have on many occasions, yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

If you have this -- if you have this fear or concern or a problem with Thanksgiving and the founding of our country, then you probably have concerns over our -- over our pilgrims as well. And let me ask you, is there -- is this -- does this have anything to do with any concerns regarding Thanksgiving and your support or not support for that holiday?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

No concerns with Thanksgiving. It's a wonderful tradition in this country. This legislation does nothing to impact the holiday.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

If the pilgrims were alive today, what would they be known for?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Helping found our country.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

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Well, I think the answer is, if pilgrims were alive today, they would probably be known for their age. But, despite your misunderstanding of that information, is there -- is there a reason why you chose of -- of your first bill, with everything that's going on in Illinois, your first bill as being about deer and turkey baiting, as opposed to all the things that you campaigned for back in the district about the priorities of education and budgets and pensions? Is this really the priority that you think we should be focusing on and spending this much time on?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Well, look forward to you -- with working on these major issues in the weeks and months ahead. But I guess, to answer your question directly, you start with baby steps and walk and then you start running and hopefully you can accomplish some significant legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Well, Senator, congratulations on your first bill. It is a pleasure having you here, a pleasure having you as a partner in -- in covering -- in covering Rockford. I just want to say for the record - somewhat unrelated to this bill, but it is interesting - it wasn't but a week or two after you were elected that Rockford gets listed as the third most miserable city in the country to live in. It never had that when I represented Rockford. And so it's -- that's a concern. That's something

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you're going to have to overcome. But look forward to working with you to help you make that change.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The Senator that knows a lot about turkeys, Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

He reluctantly says yes.

SENATOR FORBY:

Looks like this bill's about pure water. And so the farmers saying here that if they take pure water out there that they won't be able to hunt. What if the farmers -- I don't know why turkeys want pure water anyway. Most of the turkeys I've seen don't drink pure water. What if they take the water out of the creek someplace or something that's not pure? So, does that make any difference?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

No, that would not be affected by this legislation. This, again, simply allows farmers to water their livestock with no intention of trying to bait any animals. Allows them to put out water for the livestock, which will then allow them to hunt on their own property. So your hypothetical situation would not be affected.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

I was talking to Mr. Stevens the other night and he says

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that you -- you've had quite a few wild turkeys.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Stadelman, I don't know if you want to answer it.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

That still may be determined in the years ahead.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

Thank you. I just wanted to make sure -- we got the water and the wild turkeys. You know, there's -- there's some that, you know, you put in a glass and there's some that you hunt out in the woods. So I want to make sure we got the right wild turkey when you're baiting. I don't know. Do you -- when you're drinking, you might be baiting too. So I just wanted to make sure everybody knows what's going on here today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR STADELMAN:

No. I'd just appreciate your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill -- 2347 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2347, having required -- received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We will skip over 2353. Senate Bill 2359. Senator Steans. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2371. Senator

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Frerichs. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 2371.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2371 amends the Video Gaming Act to clarify that licensed retail establishments include those establishments who hold a retail liquor license, whether they operate on a nonprofit or for-profit basis. Also clarifies that background investigations into corporate officers and/or owners of an applicant for a video gaming license are only required to the extent that the corporate structure of the applicant allows the investigation into such individuals. This arose out of a issue involving a Knights of Columbus in my district. I'm sure that many of you have had similar issues getting a license, a license they depended on and it's risking shutting them down. Would appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, thank you for carrying this bill to help clarify a couple issues. One, this, in fact, is addressing the concerns regarding social clubs. Is that --

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is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

That is correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

And also, what about country clubs? Does this clarify the issue regarding country clubs?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

If they hold a retail liquor license, then, yes, it would.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

I just want to say thank you for carrying this bill. I think most of us have heard from our social clubs, and it's unfortunate that -- that was clearly the intent of the original legislation, and -- and many of them have been hurt because of this. So, appreciate you following up with this solution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Frerichs. Any further discussion? Senator Frerichs, to close. The question is, shall Senate Bill 2371 pass. All those in favor will signify by Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 43 Ayes, 6 Nays, none voting Present.

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Senate Bill 2371, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2378. Senator Bush. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 2378.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bush, on Senate Bill 2378.

SENATOR BUSH:

Yes, Mr. President. This is a bill that -- it's on behalf of the Department of Revenue. It would amend the Illinois Income Tax and Retailers' Occupation Tax Acting {sic} by stating that the time limitation period on the Department of Revenue's right to file a notice of lien shall not run during the term of repayment plan, as long as the taxpayer remains in compliance with the terms of the repayment plan. And I know of no opposition to this, and I would ask for a Yes vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2378 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2378, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We will now go to resolutions. Resolutions. Senate -- Senate Resolution 83. Senator Frerichs. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Resolution 83, offered by Senator Frerichs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Frerichs, on Senate Resolution 83.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. A few days ago, we passed a bill out of this Chamber dealing with emerald ash borer. This is a related resolution that urges every municipality in Illinois to re-evaluate its emerald ash borer management program and weigh the economic cost of dead tree removal in five years against immediate treatment of ash tree population. We believe this is a way that we can save municipalities around the State money, and also tree cover in their communities.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Resolution 83 pass. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senate Resolution 91. Senator Bivins. Out of the record. Senate Resolution 98. Senator Frerichs. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 98, offered by Senator Frerichs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Frerichs, on Senate Resolution 98.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Some of you may have seen some -- the news on Monday; Senator Durbin was calling upon people to contact the USEPA regarding the U.S.S. {sic} (S.S.) Badger, a car ferry that dumps hundreds of tons of coal ash into Lake Michigan every year. And

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this resolution urges the Administrator of the USEPA to deny Lake Michigan Car Ferry's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System individual permit renewal for the S.S. Badger.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Resolution 98 pass. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senate Resolution 135. Leader Radogno. Out of the record. Senate Joint Resolution 25. Senator Delgado. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution 25, offered by Senator Delgado.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Delgado, on the resolution.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Joint Resolution 25 addresses School Code waiver requests for spring of 2013 and denies seven of those requests. The resolution passed the Senate Education Committee 11 to 0, and I encourage an affirmative vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, as this resolution requires expenditure of the State of -- State funds, a roll call vote is required. 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 47 Ayes, 3 Nays, none voting Present. The resolution -- resolution -- Joint Resolution 25, having received the required constitutional

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majority, is declared adopted. With leave of the Body, we'll go back to Senate Resolution 135. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill -- or, the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 135, offered by Senator Radogno.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Radogno, on Senate Resolution 135.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Mr. President. This resolution resolves that the 98th General Assembly supports the goals of the Illinois Reads program and urges the citizens of the State to become involved in the Illinois Reads as Illinois Reads Ambassadors to support the Illinois Reads {sic} (Reading) Council's efforts to promote literacy.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Resolution 135 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. We're going to start at the beginning on 3rd Readings. Senate Bill 39. Senator Syverson -- Senator Silverstein requests that -- requests the leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 39 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 39. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Silverstein.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Silverstein, on the amendment.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

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Thank you, Mr. President. This amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to provide that when a person is arrested for first degree murder or any violent crime, the judge may order compensation -- compensation -- confiscation of the person's passport or impose restrictions, if the judge determines that -- that they might be a flight risk.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 45. Senator Steans. Out of the record. Senate Bill 46. Senator Frerichs. Out of the record. Senate Bill 47. Senator Frerichs. Out of the record. Senate Bill 72. Senator Haine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 72.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Haine, on Senate Bill 72.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is an initiative of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and it's a general cleanup bill, but it adds the -- the elimination of the Industrial Hygiene Regulatory Fund

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to be transferred to another inspection fund. It changes reporting dates. It also eliminates a license for some of these industrial hygienists because they're already nationally certified. There was an opposition to the bill, based upon a group representing industrial hygienists, but after the first meeting, I'm not sure exactly what the opposition's based on, since it does eliminate a bureaucratic function. It doesn't eliminate their jobs or anything of the sort. They're still certified by a national agency and that certification is respected by everyone in Illinois, including the EPA. So I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 72 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 49 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 72, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 202. Senator Haine. Out of the record. Senate Bill 922. Senator Haine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 922.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Haine, on -- Senate Bill 922.

SENATOR HAINE:

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

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Senate. This bill just brings -- just allows merely tow trucks to use white oscillating lights in combination with amber lights. Apparently, the -- the technology of the lighting on these trucks has changed and we're changing the law to comport with that. There is no opposition. State Police are neutral.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 922 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 50 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 922, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1164. Senator Haine. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1207. Senator Haine. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1210. Senator Silverstein. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1214. Senator Silverstein. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1217. Senator Haine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1217.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Haine, on Senate Bill 1217.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is an initiative of the Illinois Dental Society and it merely amends the Dental Practice Act to drop licensure requirements in certain areas. The amendments remove the

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controversial language concerning vaccinations. So it doesn't have any opposition with the underlying bill as is.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1217 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 49 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1217, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1221. Senator Martinez. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1229. Senator Martinez. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1251. Senator Manar. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1256. Senator Haine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1256.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Haine, on Senate Bill 1256.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is an initiative of the Legislative Reference Bureau and it cleans up a misbegotten initiative of Governor Blagojevich. We did not approve of it and this puts into law our disapproval in his transferring of functions to this Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall 1256 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay.

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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 48 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1256, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we will return to Senate Bill 1214. Senator Silverstein seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1214 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading, on Senate Bill 1214, Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Silverstein.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Silverstein, on Amendment {sic} 1214.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 1 states that the Tollway Authority can publish the names of toll violators with fines of over a thousand dollars. I'll take any -- or, unpaid fees in that amount.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? All in favor will vote Aye. And opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1269. Senator Haine. Out of the record. Senator Muñoz in the Chair.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senate Bill 1280. Senator Silverstein. Indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1280.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. This amends the Power of Attorney Act. It adds the public guardian to a list of interested individuals so that the agent of the power of attorney must provide a copy to the public guardian if they are investigating or determining whether they should file a guardianship proceeding.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Senator Silverstein, to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 1280 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1280, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Silverstein. Senate Bill 1287. Indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1287.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is an initiative of the Cook County Public Guardian to protect the disabled in Illinois. It amends the Act -- to the list of felons barred from being appointed as guardian of a -- of a -- of a disabled person by adding a person convicted of a felony involving harm or threat of harm to a minor. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1287 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 49 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1287, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1292. Senator Manar. Senator Manar. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1329. Senator Kotowski. Indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1329.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1329, as

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amended, resolves existing and potential mandate compliance issues with sites owned, managed, and leased by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Legislation has no fiscal impact and simply cleans up provisions in the Department of Natural Resources Conservation Law, State Parks Designation Act, and State Forest Act.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1329 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1329, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1342. Senator Harmon. Senator Harmon. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1399. Senator Link. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1404. Senator Haine. Senator Haine. Senator Haine. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1407. Senator Clayborne. Out of the record. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1409. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1430. Senator Syverson. Indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1430.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This legislation just will allow

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county boards to have the same ability to borrow money in the same format as what municipalities do. Know of no opposition. This is a -- supported by the Metro Counties Association.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? There being none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1430 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 50 voting Yea, 1 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1430, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1431. Senator Syverson. Indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1431.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This just clarifies into law what -- filling a vacancy at a forest preserve, what those guidelines are going to be. It does exclude -- or, includes all counties except for Cook County. Know of no opposition for this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? There being none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1431 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is

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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 Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1431, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1439. Senator Dillard. Indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1439.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members. This bill would establish - and it is an initiative of the Red Cross of Illinois, or the American Red Cross - it would establish our Red Cross license plate. This is being done in many other states. And just for purposes of -- of the record, last year there were nearly fifteen thousand volunteers in the State of Illinois for the American Red Cross. They had a hundred and sixty-three thousand people enrolled in their CPR courses, a hundred and twenty thousand people involved in swimming and lifeguard programs. But most importantly, they assisted over three thousand families with disasters last year, usually natural disasters, and serviced more than sixteen thousand members of our United States military. And this is being done in a lot of states. The American Red Cross is a phenomenal operation and they've requested a license plate, like so many other entities in Illinois. Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? There being none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1439 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 49 voting Yea, 2 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1439, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1471. Senator Holmes. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1474. Senator Link. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1493. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1495. Senator Martinez. Indicates she wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary...

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1495.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. House {sic} Bill -- 1495 is initiative of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. The bill makes various changes to the Electrologist Licensing Act and to extend its Regulatory Sunset Act to repeal the Electrologist Licensing Act to January 1st of 2024. It is the practice of electric epilation to permanently remove hair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? Senator Murphy, for what purpose

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do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MURPHY:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Sponsor indicates she will yield.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Senator, does -- does this legislation increase the fine for practicing without a proper license?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Yes, Senator, it does.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

All right. According to our analysis, it goes from five thousand to ten thousand. Why are we doing that? And how many such fines have been issued since it was put at five thousand?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

The -- the Department didn't tell me exactly how many fines have gone -- have ever been applied, but they're looking to make sure that they can strengthen, you know, the -- the licensing out there for people who are doing this without a license.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Is there any estimate of how many fines have been issued,

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you know, in -- over a period of time? Has anybody gotten this fine?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Not that I am aware of, Senator, but I will -- I can get you that information. I know that this is something that they're -- you know, it makes the Act consistent with all of the other fee structures that they have.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any other discussion? There being none, Senator Martinez, to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 1495 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 46 voting Yea, 3 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1495, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1496. Senator Martinez. Indicates she wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1496.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is also an initiative of the Department of Financial and

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Professional Regulation. It makes various changes to the Registered Surgical Assistant and Registered Surgical Technologist (Title Protection) Act and extends the regulatory sunset to repeal the Registered Surgical Assistant and Registered Surgical Technologist (Title Protection) Act to January 1st of 2024. The -- the surgical assistants and technologists are part of a team that prepares and delivers tools to patients for surgery.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MURPHY:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Sponsor indicates she will yield.

SENATOR MURPHY:

And just similar to the last bill, Senator, this one takes the fee -- the fine from five thousand to ten thousand. Do you have any knowledge of any people who were charged under the five-thousand-dollar structure in the last few years?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Like I said before, I will be happy to answer those questions for you. It was never brought up to me in committee. I think that everyone -- the -- the -- the Department also worked with the people concerned in this, and there was no objections to this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any other discussion? There being none, Senator

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Martinez, to close. The question is, shall Senate Bill 1496 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 47 voting Yea, 3 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1496, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1519. Senator Connelly. Indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1519.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Connelly.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1519 amends the Property Tax Code to create an economic development tool for cities, counties, and townships, and other units of government to abate all or a portion of the property taxes for a qualified tooling and manufacturing company. I know of no known opposition. I'll answer any questions, and I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion on the Senator's first bill? There being no questions, Senator, do you wish to close?

SENATOR CONNELLY:

I respectfully ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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Oh! Oh, we do. Cullerton, for what purpose do you request -- seek permission? To the bill. Okay. Go ahead.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Actually, I -- I just wanted to compliment Senator Connelly on a -- on a actually good bill. I -- I am one of the co-sponsors and this will definitely help my district immensely in the 23rd District area, as well as when the Elgin O'Hare expansion comes through. Revitalizing the tool and dye manufacturing is -- is definitely a priority for my district as well. So, thank you, Senator Connelly.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Van Pelt, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR VAN PELT:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

Maybe it is to the sponsor. Okay?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the sponsor.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

I just want to commend the sponsor for having his first bill presented here to the Senate and escaping all of the struggles and pains and hurts and all of the mental, emotional stress that normally comes with passing your first bill. I'm -- I'm -- we'll watch him closely because evidently he has extra powers, an anointing and authority to escape all this turmoil that the rest of us have suffered. So I stand to commend my colleague, Senator Connelly. Great job on using your Jedi

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powers on this distinguished Body of Senators. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

No further discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1519 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 50 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1519, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1532. Senator Rose. Senator Rose. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1541. Senator Rose. Indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1541.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill creates a special scratch-off ticket similar to the ones we've done for other notable and worthy causes. In this case, it would be aimed at providing help to youth development organizations who have budgets of under five hundred thousand dollars. So this would be aimed at -- at, you know, yours Boys and Girls Clubs and -- and things of that nature to promote youth development. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? There

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being none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1541 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 39 voting Yea, 5 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1541, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1544. Senator Cullerton. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1550. Leader Radogno. Indicates she wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1550.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Leader Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill amends the Children with Disabilities Act {sic} (Article) in the School Code as it relates to transitional services. It will require that every child, starting at age fourteen and a half, has considered, in their IEP, goals for independent living, rather than that be an -- an optional consideration, which implicitly acknowledges the child has no potential for independence. Happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Leader, would you want to close?

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Just ask for support for the bill. Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Question is, shall Senate Bill 1550 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 50 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1550, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1565. Senator Delgado. Indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1565.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Delgado.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 1565, Amendment No. 1 deletes everything after the enacting clause and becomes the bill. It retains the majority of the substantive provisions of the bill as introduced. However, it amends the Probate Act to provide that any time after the appointment by a court of a temporary custodian under certain sections of the Juvenile Court Act, the court "may" vacate any short-term guardianship for the minor - versus "shall", as in the bill as introduced - provided the vacation is consistent with the minor's best interests as determined using the factors listed in the Juvenile Court Act. And this is an initiative of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and Cook County Public Guardian. And I'm available for any questions.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? There being none, Senate Bill 1565 -- all those in favor -- the -- there it is. Yeah, you got it -- favor vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1565, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1587. Senator Biss. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1592. Senator Rose. Senator Rose. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1594. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1603. Senator Hastings. Indicates he wishes to proceed. The Senator seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1603 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 1603. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Hastings.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

I'll -- I'll explain the Floor amendment on the -- the 3rd Reading. Actually, you know what? Floor Amendment No. 1 provides that while university leases are exempt from certain contract requirements, these leases must provide these lease contracts to the Procurement Policy Board and the leases may not be entered into until at least thirty days after the contract notice has appeared in the Procurement Bulletin. And this is as

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a request of Senator Murphy at the Executive Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1608. Senator Sullivan. Indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1608.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. 1608 amends the Horse Racing Act concerning races limited to Illinois conceived and foaled horses. Under current law, racetracks must run a minimum of six races per week that are limited to only Illinois conceived and foaled -- foaled horses. However, if there's an insufficient number, the track may substitute other races. What this law says is that -- clarifies what is considered to be insufficient and says that there can be no fewer than five Illinois horses available. Be more than happy to answer any questions.

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Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? The question is, shall Senate Bill 1608 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 48 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1608, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1622. Senator Noland. Senator Noland. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1633. Senator Jones. Senator Jones. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1637. Senator Kotowski. Indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1637.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1637 amends the Open Space Land {sic} (Lands) Acquisition and Development Act by requiring the Department of Natural Resources to pay a minimum of fifty percent of any grant issued to a unit of local government at the time the Department awards the grant.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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

SENATOR McCARTER:

...of the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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Sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Senator, this is a change in policy. Why -- was there a problem with the existing policy that would cause us to want to pay fifty percent down instead of wait for work to be done and then pay?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Yes, sir. Thank you, Senator McCarter. Currently, park districts that are awarded OSLAD grants receive the funds on a reimbursement basis after the project's completed. You're right to point that out. This gives them an opportunity to get some of the money up front and not have to be put in a position financially where they'd have to borrow, you know, to pay for the work that's been done on the project. It's -- also, the amount of money that's sitting in the OSLAD funds is apparently about forty million dollars. So they're -- they're sitting on the dollars. Gives the impression that there's more money in the funds than -- than is actually available to be used. So these are for dedicated projects. They've been -- they've been approved and it's a good way to get them to move forward on these projects. The last thing we want them to do is to -- you know, is to hesitate in their moving forward on a project that's really viable.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Senator, given the -- the tight budget constraints we're

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under, is -- is this -- with as many people as we have not paid, would this not just affect cash flow even worse?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

I think that's a good point, Senator McCarter, but this is the OSLAD, the open space land and acquisition {sic} development. This is funds that's dedicated for those areas. Like I said, there's about forty million in that fund that goes towards dedicated projects. It's not going to impact cash flow.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

I -- I understand that. So -- so, really, because it's a -- a separate fund, it's -- it's not affecting general -- cash flow in the general fund. I understand that. What about -- are the risks on payout? I mean, because there's a lot of -- I mean, one of the reasons, on a -- on a big project, you pay money out slowly and as -- as parts of it are completed is you're assured that the project's started and you're assured that it's on schedule to be completed. I mean, don't we put ourselves at risk here that money could be paid out and the project not either started or go as -- on -- on -- on schedule?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you. Well -- well, right now, I think the local -- the local park districts are assuming all the risk, and right now, this is -- this is shared. It's a -- it's a partnership.

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It's -- like I said, it's fifty percent. And then the money -- the rest of the money will be reimbursed based on -- based on the performance of it. So I think it's a -- a good way to do it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any other discussion? Any other discussion? You wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 1637 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1637, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1655. Senator Steans. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1686. Senator LaHood. Out of the record. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1708. Senator Silverstein. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1715. Senator Sullivan. Indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1715.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. The -- 1715 amends the Weights and Measures Act. It's an initiative of the Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association, the Grain & Feed Association, and also the Illinois Association of Aggregate Producers. It amends the -- the Weights and Measures Act with

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regard to the -- recognizing the installation or construction waivers granted by the Illinois Department of Ag for truck scales certified as of July 1st of 2012. It also amends the Act to require Certificates of Conformance for truck scales certified after July 1st of 2012. And the third thing it does is allows the Department to issue truck scale identification plates for registration and inspection purposes. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? There being none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1715 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1715, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1718. Senator Silverstein. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1738. Senator Link. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1775. Senator Haine. Out of the record. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution 32, offered by Senator Manar.
It's substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed bills of the following

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titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 84.

We have received like Messages on House Bills 631, 1335, 1871, 2477, 3186, 3272 and 3367. Passed the House, April 11th, 2013. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

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

House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 18.

Offered by Senator LaHood, and adopted by the House, April 11th, 2013. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House. It is substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Mr. Secretary, Appointment Messages.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Appointment Message 170

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Ninety-Eighth General Assembly:

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

To be a Member of the Will County Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority:

Gale Murphy

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Appointment Message 171

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Ninety-Eighth General Assembly:

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

To be Commissioner of the Central Midwest Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission:

Gary McCandless

Appointment Message 172

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Ninety-Eighth General Assembly:

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

To be a Member of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University:

Rocco L. Donahue

Appointment Message 173

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Ninety-Eighth General Assembly:

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

To be the Public Guardian and Public Administrator of Williamson County:

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John Paul Cooksey

Appointment Message 174

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Ninety-Eighth General Assembly:

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

To be a Member of the Illinois Housing Development Authority:

Harlan Karp

Appointment Message 175

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Ninety-Eighth General Assembly:

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

To be a Member of the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission:

Brian Rubin

Appointment Message 176

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Ninety-Eighth General Assembly:

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

To be a Member of the Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission:

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Gordon John Mazzotti

Appointment Message 177

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Ninety-Eighth General Assembly:

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

To be a Member of the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University:

Robert A. Biggins

Appointment Message 178

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Ninety-Eighth General Assembly:

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

To be a Member of the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University:

Barbara Fumo

Appointment Message 179

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Ninety-Eighth General Assembly:

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

To be a Member of the Board of Trustees of Northeastern

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Illinois University:

Marvin Garcia

Appointment Message 180

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Ninety-Eighth General Assembly:

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

To be a Member of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Illinois University:

William E. Dano III

Appointment Message 181

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Ninety-Eighth General Assembly:

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

To be a Member of the State Board of Elections:

Charles Scholz

Annual Compensation: \$37,571

Appointment Message 182

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Ninety-Eighth General Assembly:

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

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To be a Member of the State Board of Elections:

Betty J. Coffrin

Annual Compensation: \$37,571

Appointment Message 183

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Ninety-Eighth General Assembly:

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

To be a Member of the State Board of Elections:

Ernest L. Gowen

Annual Compensation: \$37,571

Appointment Message 184

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Ninety-Eighth General Assembly:

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

To be a Member of the State Board of Elections:

Casandra Watson

Annual Compensation: \$37,571

Appointment Message 185

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Ninety-Eighth General Assembly:

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and

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consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

To be Inspector General of the Illinois Department of
Healthcare and Family Services:

Bradley K. Hart

Annual Compensation: Determined by the Agency

Appointment Message 186

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Ninety-Eighth
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I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the
advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named
individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and
consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

To be a Member of the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission:

Lawrence Schlam

Appointment Message 187

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Ninety-Eighth
General Assembly:

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the
advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named
individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and
consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

To be a Member of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State
University:

Robert Churney

Appointment Message 188

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Ninety-Eighth
General Assembly:

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the
advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named

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individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

To be a Member of the Illinois Workforce Investment Board:

Terry Wilkerson

Appointment Message 189

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Ninety-Eighth General Assembly:

I, Pat Quinn, Governor, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

To be a Member of the Tri-County River Valley Development Authority Board:

Martin J. Helfers

Appointment Message 190

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Ninety-Eighth General Assembly:

I, Judy Baar Topinka, Comptroller, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

To be Executive Inspector General of the Office of the Comptroller:

Michael J. Drake

Annual Compensation: \$101,008

Appointment Message 191

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, Ninety-Eighth General Assembly:

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I, Judy Baar Topinka, Comptroller, am nominating and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointing the following named individual to the office enumerated below. The advice and consent of this Honorable Body is respectfully requested.

To be Director of Human Resources at the Office of the Comptroller:

Matthew Magalis

Annual Compensation: \$87,000

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

On page 65 of the Calendar is the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading. 1003. Senator Stadelman. Indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill... House Bill 1003.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

3rd Reading. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 11 a.m. on the 12th day of April, 2013. The Senate stands adjourned.