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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The regular Session of the 98th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desk? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Michael Ten Eyck, First Christian Church, Pittsfield, Illinois. Pastor.

PASTOR MICHAEL TEN EYCK:

(Prayer by Pastor Michael Ten Eyck)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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

SENATOR JACOBS:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Jacobs)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, May 14th, 2013.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Madam 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 LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Chris Brooks, WICS, requests permission to record audio and video. Leave is granted. Seth Perlman, Associated Press, requests permission to

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take photos. Leave is granted. And James R. Carder from the Blueroomstream.com requests permission to videotape. Leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

#### SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 307, offered by Senator Manar and all Members.

Senate Resolution 308, offered by Senator Forby and all Members.

They are both death resolutions, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

## SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2762, offered by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Will all the Members at the sound of my voice please come to the Senate Floor for Floor action? We will be going to House Bills 3rd Reading. Will all Members please come to the Senate Floor? Senator Hunter, for what purpose do you rise?

### SENATOR HUNTER:

Point of personal privilege, Madam Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your point, Senator.

### SENATOR HUNTER:

Madam President, I'm sorry.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

No problem.

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### SENATOR HUNTER:

We have a guest -- I have a guest here with me today. Nu Omicron Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority recently held its sixteenth Debutante Coalition {sic} at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield. The Debutante Cotillion was achieved -- has achieved recognition as an outstanding civic and cultural affair that allows our membership to provide scholarships to deserving high school graduates and service to the Springfield community. Thus far, we have distributed over a hundred and forty thousand dollars to help Springfield students achieve their optimum educational goals. And this year, Miss Aryana Ja'na McPike won as Miss Fashionetta 2013. Aryana is a junior at Glenwood High School in Chatham, Illinois. Aryana plans to attend Texas State University when she graduates. She is also the daughter of Ava and Arthur McPike and the granddaughter of Pat and Odie Carpenter. Odie is one of our security here. And her mother and grandmother are both members of the AKA Sorority. When asked why Aryana wanted to be a debutante, she said, "I have been an admirer of the Fashionetta and the AKA since I can remember." Their mission to help all mankind is also where her heart lies. And I'd like to welcome Aryana.

## PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Congratulations, Miss -- Aryana, excuse me, and welcome to the Illinois General Assembly. Senator Hutchinson, for what purpose do you rise?

### SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Madam President and Members of this Body. I also want to say congratulations to little Miss Fashionetta over here, who did a very nice regal wave, if you all noticed. I want to do

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a couple of different introductions. One, behind us in the galleries, we have a number of sorors from all across the State visiting here for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Day at the Capitol. And I'd like for them to rise so that we can give them a nice warm welcome to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please rise and be welcomed to the Illinois General Assembly. SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

So you will see a sea of pink and green around the Capitol as they advocate for issues that are important to African-Americans across this State. Please welcome them when they come to your offices. I also have two beautiful Pages with me today. First one: Kelsey Levingston Simon, to my left. Kelsey's currently a student at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She's majoring in Strategic Communications and Spanish. She will complete a bachelor of arts in May 2014, has been accepted into the University's master's program in Spanish. In addition to the abovementioned academics, Kelly's a student athlete. She's a leader and a player on the Miami University women's basketball team. She's a team representative on the Athletic Policy Committee, where she represents the University Senate to advise the President and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics about matters affecting the academic and athletic integrity of student-athlete welfare. is also -- includes visiting students at local elementary schools to encourage good nutrition, personal empowerment and leadership, organizing donations of clothing and household goods at the community resource center, and socializing and entertaining members of the Oxford Senior Center and Knolls of Oxford senior living facility. This is a dynamic young sorority sister. Kelsey,

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please stand, so we can say welcome to Springfield to you. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Welcome, Kelsey, to the Illinois Senate.

#### SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

And then, I have Tatiyana. Stand up. Tatiyana Oates is a sophomore, sixteen years old, at Marian Catholic High School, plays softball, lives in South Holland. Lives -- she participates in service organizations, Top Teens of America, where she is the Area III 1st Vice President. So, please, welcome Tatiyana to the -- to the Capitol.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Althoff, for what purpose do you rise?

## SENATOR ALTHOFF:

And although I don't have two beautiful Pages, I certainly have two handsome Pages with me today. I have Anthony Degrenier, who is here to my left. He goes to Cary Junior High School. He just passed the Constitution test and is here to see the way government really works. Enjoys music, movies, and learning new things. His mother is up in the balcony on the President's side. I also have with me Matthew Ahmann, who is here to my right. He goes to Saint {sic} (Saints) Peter and Paul School. His interests are - I want you to listen to this - this is a young man who is maintaining an e-mail correspondence with Congressman Paul Ryan and his interests include the federal deficit reduction and how government works. He's an incredibly politically invested young man. And if we can -- his mother also is up in the audience, Sharon. And if we can welcome all four of them to Springfield, I'd be appreciative. So, thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Please rise in the gallery. Thank you. Representative -- Senator LaHood, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LaHOOD:

Thank you, Madam President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR LaHOOD:

Thank you, Madam President. I'm joined here today by two of my constituents from Peoria as Pages for the Day. They are brothers, Billy Williams, to my right here, who's twelve years old, and Matthew, who's behind me, who's ten. They both attend St. Vincent de Paul School in Peoria. Their parents are Kevin and Aimee Williams. Billy enjoys basketball and baseball and swimming. And Matthew enjoys basketball, baseball, golf and swimming. They both have an interest in politics and social studies and history. Their father, Kevin Williams is up in the gallery here today. And I would ask everyone to give 'em a warm Springfield welcome. Thank you, Madam Chair {sic}.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

You're welcome. Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, if I could please direct your attention to page 13 of the Calendar, beginning with House Bills 3rd Reading. House Bills 3rd Reading. Senator LaHood, on House Bill 2760. Out of the record. Senator Althoff, on House Bill 2761. She indicate she wish to proceed. Mr. -- Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2761.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Althoff.

### SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you very much, Madam President. House Bill 2761 creates the Interstate Mutual (Emergency) Aid Act. It creates interstate mutual aid to permit local governments to sign mutual aid agreements across State borders for mutual aid emergencies. It also allows the agencies and responders with protections -- or, covers them with protections similar to those provided by -- Emergency Management Assistance Compact. It is a permissive piece of legislation. Be happy to answer any questions.

### PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2761 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 2761, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Haine, on House Bill 2765. He indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

## SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2765.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Haine.

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#### SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Madam President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is an -- an initiative of the Health Care Council of Illinois. There are no opponents. And it merely requires the Department on Aging and the Department of Human Services and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to develop a way in which individuals seeking long-term care are informed of the spousal impoverishment reporting requirements.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2765 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 2765, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Now on the Order of House Bills, 2768. Tom Cullerton. Senator Cullerton. Senator Cullerton. Out of the record. House Bill 2771. Senator Haine. He indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

## SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2771.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Haine.

### SENATOR HAINE:

Pardon me, Madam President. This is a bill which is a trailer bill and it makes clear that the bill we passed last Session on reporting child abuse, mandated reporters, does not apply to

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university personnel who teach and who interact, I believe. This was Representative Kay's bill and it was -- I believe, it was -- it was written so broadly that if someone was representing a client charged with -- with abuse, they would have to be a mandated reporter, and this just clarifies that would not be the case. They would not be violating their attorney-client privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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

SENATOR ROSE:

A question of the sponsor, if I may.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield. Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

What -- you said Iraq? We heard Iraq.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

I -- I don't believe so. Maybe I...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

And so -- so -- in all honesty, Bill, and I'm not -- I'm not trying to give you the business here, I heard that this applies to universities and then something about Iraq, and I'm joined by everybody to your right that heard that exact same thing. So what does the bill do?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Haine.

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### SENATOR HAINE:

I -- I don't know. I was calling it up since I don't have a file. So I don't know where the term "Iraq" -- maybe I'm glad I was in Vietnam and not Iraq. But the -- the bill passed last year, originated in the House, Representative Kay, and it was a -- in response to this situation at Penn State, requiring mandated reporters of -- of -- of -- of all university personnel, a very good idea. However, it was construed by some of the professors at Loyola in the ChildLaw Policy Institute that it might draw in an attorney on the -- on the faculty or working with a clinic, representing someone accused, and they could be presumed to be a mandated reporter, violating their attorney-client -- or putting them in conflict. That's all it does. And I honest to gosh don't know what the term "Iraq" has to do with it, but...

## PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2771 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 2771, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Dillard, for what purpose do you rise?

### SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Madam President. On a point of personal privilege, if I may.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Absolutely, Senator, state your point.

## SENATOR DILLARD:

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Thank you. Today, we're joined in -- on the Democratic side in the gallery, an upper elementary school class from the Seton Montessori School in Clarendon Hills, located in my district. They're here looking and seeing how the Senate operates and how the Legislature works. And I'd appreciate it if the Body would welcome these great students and parents and teachers from the Seton Montessori School in Clarendon Hills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please rise and be welcomed to the Illinois Senate. Senator Sullivan, on House Bill 2773. Out of the record. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, if can please turn your Calendars, on the Order of 3rd Bills House Reading {sic}, page 14, the top of page 14. House Bill 2783. Senator Bivins. Out of the record. Senator Althoff, on House Bill 2786. She indicates she wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

## SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2786.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Althoff.

## SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, again, Madam President. This piece of legislation requires that the appropriate State agencies notify DHS of any change in legal guardianship of a minor child to ensure that the benefits are directed, in fact, to the appropriate legal guardian. We've discovered, unfortunately, in some of these cases that the biological parent was still receiving the benefits, while the child was actually in the care of a legal guardian in another area. So

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we just want to make sure that these benefits follow the children. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2786 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 2786, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Hunter, on House Bill 2802. Senator Hunter. Out of the record. Senator Link, on House Bill 2807. Senator Link. Out of the record. Senator Steans, on House Bill 2812. Senator Steans. Out of the record. Senator Manar, on House Bill 2820. He indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the gentleman's bill.

### SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2820.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Manar.

### SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. House Bill 2820 provides that a Public Building Commission may rent its buildings and facilities to not-for-profit corporations and non-profit organizations or associations, as defined in the terms of the Non For Profit Corporation Act {sic} (General Not For Profit Corporation Act). Excuse me. I know of no opposition to the bill. This is a initiative of the Macon County Board.

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## PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2820 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 2820, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 2822. Senator Sandoval. Senator Sandoval. Out of the record. House Bill 2830. Senator Collins. She indicates she wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the lady's bill.

## SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2830.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Collins.

## SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Madam President and Members of the Senate. The Illinois Housing Development Authority is seeking to modernize this enabling statute to provide loan products aimed at meeting the increasing need for rental housing brought about by the foreclosure and unemployment crises. I know of no opposition. I would -- and it's House Bill 2830. I know of no opposition. I would ask for your favorable vote.

## PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. The question is -- is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2830 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed,

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Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 2830, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Silverstein, on House Bill 2832. Senator Silverstein. Out of the record. Senator Haine, on House Bill 2839. Senator Haine. He indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the gentleman's bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2839.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Haine.

#### SENATOR HAINE:

Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, this merely allows physician's assistants to be and -- to be home health care workers under the Code. They're not currently reimbursable. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2839 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 2839, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator LaHood, on House Bill 2843. He indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the gentleman's bill.

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House Bill 2843.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator LaHood.

### SENATOR LaHOOD:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 2843 is similar to a companion bill we voted on earlier here in the Senate. This bill would amend the Gambling Act and -- the Riverboat Gambling Act and also the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975, and pertains specifically to delinquent child support. It would require casinos and racetracks to intercept winnings for citizens or people that are on a registry of deadbeat parents. I know of no opposition. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

### PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2843 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 2843, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you could please lower your voices. Please lower your voices. We're on 3rd Reading and the noise is traveling. Please lower your voices. Thank you. Senator Noland, on House Bill 2862. He indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the gentleman's bill. SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2862.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Noland.

#### SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you, Madam President. This is a bill that was passed in the House, an exact replica of a bill that we passed out of the Senate here earlier this Session. It lifts a deed restriction on certain lands located in Kane County owned by the City of Elgin. The lands described by this bill are restricted to the use of --for public educational or recreational purposes. This bill would make this restriction inapplicable to a portion of the property. It's a great bill, passed by my colleague State Representative Farnham here in the House, and I just ask you to -- for an Aye vote. Thank you.

### PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2862 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 2862, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Mulroe, on House Bill 2893. Out of the record. Senator Harmon, on House Bill 2905. He indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the gentleman's bill. Out of the record. The top of page 19, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. We will continue with House Bills 3rd Reading. Senator Manar, on House Bill 2918. Senator Manar. Out of the record. Senator Biss, on House Bill 2925. Out of the record. Senator Haine, on House Bill 2962. He

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indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2962.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Haine.

### SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Madam President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is an initiative of the Insurance Department. It concerns holding company systems and it's bringing them into line with the NAIC, the insurance commissioner, Holding Company Systems Model Law. It's -- it will avoid a decertification of our Insurance Department, so they would like to get this done. The insurance companies are all for it too. It regularizes the Act. None of these things apply to any holding companies in Iraq. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is -- excuse me. Senator McCarter, did you have discussion on this legislation? Senator McCarter.

## SENATOR McCARTER:

I do. One question of the sponsor. Senator...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator McCarter. SENATOR McCARTER:

Senator, there - I - I - I just noted. Has anything changed in this bill since it's come over from the House? And would any of those changes have caused maybe the twenty Members

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over there voting No to change their mind on this bill in any way? PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Haine.

#### SENATOR HAINE:

I have no idea. This bill was passed last year - I presume with a unanimous vote by this Body - went over there and got lost in the circumlocution office, and it's back. I don't know why anyone would vote against it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator McCarter.

#### SENATOR McCARTER:

So -- so you don't have any idea why there were so many votes against it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Haine.

## SENATOR HAINE:

No, Senator, I don't have any idea. This is a regulatory measure that's an initiative of the Department of Insurance and it brings these holding company systems, the regulation of these, into the NAIC Model Systems Law. And it's supported by all insurance companies. I -- I don't know why anyone would -- no one slipped against it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator McCarter.

### SENATOR McCARTER:

To -- to the bill: I -- I was just informed that the amendment that was put on here in the Senate became the bill; therefore, the -- the votes against it in the House were not pertaining to this amendment. So, that explains that. Thank you, Senator, for your

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time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2962 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 2962, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Harmon, on House Bill 2977. Senator Harmon. Out of the record. Senator Silverstein, on House Bill 2992. Senator Silverstein. Out of the record. Senator Althoff, on House Bill 2996. Senator Althoff. Out of the record. Senator Martinez, on House Bill 3003. She indicates she wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the lady's bill.

#### SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3003.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Martinez.

## SENATOR MARTINEZ:

...you -- thank you, Madam President. It's great to see you back there again, at the Podium, taking care of business here in the Senate so. House Bill 3003 is a recommendation of the House sponsor and it creates an eleven-member Childhood Cancer Research Board with the Illinois Department of Public Health. The members of the Board will serve one two-year term and will not be compensated. Additionally, the Board must not be reimbursed for essential expenses incurred in the performance of their duties

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unless funds become available to the Board. It also outlines several functions and duties of the Board.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3003 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 57 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 3003, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Harris, on House Bill 3011. He indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the gentleman's bill.

## SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3011.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Harris.

## SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 3011 provides that prosecution for residential arson may be commenced at any time, rather than within three years after the commission of the offense. Currently, the prosecution for straight arson and aggravated arson may be commenced at any time.

### PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3011 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

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question, there are 57 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 3011, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 3023. Senator Cunningham. He indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

### SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3023.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Cunningham.

### SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank -- thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. As everyone knows, it's currently illegal for a registered sex offender to be in a public park or playground if children are present and to approach or try to communicate with these -- with those children. House Bill 3023 would expand that protective umbrella to include playgrounds and play lots on private property that are publicly accessible, like a McDonald's Playland for instance. This bill's an initiative of the Cook County Sheriff's Office. They had an incident in unincorporated Elk Grove Township, where a registered sex offender was hanging out in a McDonald's Playland. They received complaints from a number of parents there and -- went and consulted with the State's Attorney and the statute book and saw that there was really nothing they could do about it. This bill would correct that problem. Would be happy to answer any questions and I ask for the Chamber's support.

## PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Senator Van Pelt, I see your light

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flashing. Is that discussion for this bill? Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3023 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 3023, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Van Pelt, for what purpose do you rise? SENATOR VAN PELT:

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Point of personal privilege, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Sure. State your point, Senator.

## SENATOR VAN PELT:

I would like to introduce Jocelyn Nelson. She's fourteen years old and is in eighth grade. She attends the Infant Jesus of -- Infant Jesus of Prague in Flossmoor, Illinois. She was voted the most valuable player for her volleyball squad and she is the captain of the cheerleading squad. She will be attending Marian Catholic High School in the fall and plans to join the band and -- and also participate in other activities. She is with us for a day here, for the AKA Day. Her mother is the President of Lambda Tau Omega and she's here today. And she's actually a resident of Senator Toi Hutchinson's district, but she's a Page for me and I would like the Senate to welcome her.

## PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please rise and be welcomed to the Illinois Senate. On the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading is House Bill 3029. Senator Cunningham. He indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary,

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please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3029.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Cunningham.

### SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 3029 updates State law concerning the Department of Corrections' requirement to notify local law enforcement in writing about the release of an inmate. This bill would require that notification be done via email if requested by the local law enforcement agency. Be happy to answer any questions and I would appreciate the Chamber's support.

## PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3029 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 3029, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Barickman, on House Bill 3038. He indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

### SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3038.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Barickman.

### SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 3038 is an amendment {sic} that provides for a civil remedy for an expectation of -- a civil remedy for an electronic communications under the eavesdropping statute. The bill also prevents this new civil remedy from being used by minor children against their parents or guardians. I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3038 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 3038, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Manar, on House Bill 3043. Senator Manar. Out of the record. Senator Manar. Out of the record. Senator Martinez. She indicates she wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the lady's bill.

## SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3049.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Martinez.

#### SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. House

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Bill 3049 adds liaisons from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois State Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Community College Board, Department of Human Rights, Capital Development Board and the Department of Labor to serve as ex-officios on the Illinois Latino Family Commission. This bill also states that the Commission may receive funding from these -- from these agencies too. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3049 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. House Bill 3049, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Van Pelt, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR VAN PELT:

It was my intention to vote Yes on the bill, 3049, and I would like the record to reflect that, please. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

So noted, Senator. Senator Dillard, on House Bill 3067. He indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the gentleman's bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3067.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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Senator Dillard.

### SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Madam President and Members, and Members of the Kappa sisters who are here. This is identical to a bill that we passed earlier this Session, an identical Senate bill. All this bill does is it makes the law with respect to perishable goods for community colleges the same as it is for K through 12 as well as four-year public higher education institutions. We blew this out of here unanimously before and I'd appreciate the same roll call. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3067 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 3067, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. On the top of page 16 - on the top of page 16 -- oh! With leave of the Body, we will return to House Bill 2822. On page 14, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we will be returning, with leave of the Body, to House Bill 2822. Senator Sandoval. He indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the gentleman's bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2822.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Sandoval.

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### SENATOR SANDOVAL:

I'd ask a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2822 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, 2 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 2822, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. The next order of business is House Bill 3122. Senator Manar, on House Bill 3122. Out of the record. Leader Radogno, on House Bill 3133. She indicates she wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the lady's bill.

#### SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3133.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Leader Radogno.

## SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Madam President. This will -- bill will provide some transparency within the general State aid lump sum appropriation. It's actually a really good companion piece for the study commission that we passed yesterday that Senate -- Senator Manar sponsored in order to review the State aid formula. Specifically, it will require that the appropriations bill for general State aid include, for informational purposes only, the approximate amounts that the State Board of Education forecasts

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will be paid for the general -- for the foundation level, including the PTELL adjustment and for poverty grants. It's simply to shed more light on what has happened with the State aid formula, so hopefully we can funnel that information into a broader discussion. So I would ask for your support on this measure.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3133 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Yea, 1 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 3133, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we will return to House Bill 3122 on page 16. House Bill 3122. Senator Manar. He indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the gentleman's bill.

### SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3122.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Manar.

#### SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 3122 orders transfers from specific funds to the Audit Expense Fund. This is an annual function that we perform in the Legislative Branch to allow the Auditor General to complete the annual audits that are prescribed for by law. I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3122 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 3122, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Radogno, on House Bill 3133 -- excuse me. Senator Jacobs. Senator Jacobs, on House Bill 3190. He indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the gentleman's bill.

### SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3190.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Jacobs.

### SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Madam Chairman {sic}. This is a bill that passed the Illinois House a 110 to 0. It amends, then requires Department of Public Health to adopt a rule regulating {sic} students to receive immunization containing meningococcal meningitis {sic}. And as people know, meningitis is a deadly form and, within hours of getting it, people -- people can die. In the United States, there are four thousand cases of meningitis, including five hundred deaths in the last four years. Between a hundred and a hundred and hundred twenty-five cases of meningeal disease occur on college campuses and this will really lower that. And, unfortunately, we've learned recently that there was a young Chicago boy, a couple days ago, that died from -- from just this, and this vaccine could

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have saved his life. So I just ask for a positive vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Madam President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. There were a couple concerns raised during the - the meeting that we've met with the -- both the insurance
carriers and the State to address and I think those issues were
resolved positively. And so I -- I appreciate you working with us
and getting us those answers and we stand in -- certainly stand in
support of what you're doing with this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Jacobs, to close. SENATOR JACOBS:

Just ask for your positive support. And I want to thank you, Senator, for making a -- a bill better. I appreciate your help. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The question is, shall House Bill 3190 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, 1 voting Present. House Bill 3190, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, House Bill 3191. Senator Kotowski. He indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the

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gentleman's bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3191.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Kotowski.

### SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much, Madam President. House Bill 3191 passed out of committee on the agreed bill list. It amends the University of Illinois Hospital Act, the Nursing Home Care Act, and the ID/DD Community Care Act to essentially require the adoption of influenza and pneumonia immunization policies in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Simply ask for an Aye vote.

## PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3191 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, 1 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 3191, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Hutchinson, on House Bill 3199. Senator Hutchinson. Out of the record. Senator Righter, on House Bill 3207. Senator Righter. Senator Righter. Out of the record. Senator Frerichs, on House Bill 3223. Senator Frerichs. Out of the record. Senator LaHood, on House Bill 3233. He indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the

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bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3233.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator LaHood.

SENATOR LaHOOD:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 3233 amends the Fire Protection District Act and allows a fire protection district to propose, by referendum, a special increase in their levy not to exceed .40 percent of the value of taxable property. And this would be for ambulance services in fire protection districts. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3233 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. House Bill 3233, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Martinez, on House Bill 3243. Senator Martinez. Out of the record. Senator Manar, on House Bill 3255. He indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the gentleman's bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3255.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Manar.

### SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 3255 gives local authorities and principal law enforcement officers the right to prohibit a portion of a planned parade route that involves crossing active railroad tracks. The bill makes a few other changes to the Illinois Public Demonstration {sic} (Demonstrations) Law. This comes from the United Transportation Union as a result of a -- a pretty horrific accident that happened in Texas several years ago. I know of no opposition to the bill and be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3255 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 57 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 3255, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Hastings, on House Bill 3260. He indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3260.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

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...you -- thank you, Madam President. House Bill 3260 requires that all State-owned vehicles driven less than seven thousand miles in fiscal year 2010, as found in the performance audit of the State vehicle fleet, will be sold as surplus property and the proceeds will go into the State Surplus Property Revolving Fund and the IDOT Road Fund. CMS has the option to recycle these lower mileage vehicles back into the fleet versus selling them. And the bill does not apply to police, emergency, public universities, heavy equipment and snow removal vehicles. And I just ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3260 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 57 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 3260, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Hunter, on House Bill 3267. She indicates she wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the lady's bill.

## SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3267.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hunter.

### SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 3267 grants the -- grants IDOT the power to enter into agreements to make low-interest

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loans to disadvantaged business enterprises certified by the Department for participation on Department-procured construction and construction-related contracts. Many disadvantaged businesses basically lack the financing or the ability to obtain capital, equipment, financing and working capital, and et cetera. Their ability {sic} to obtain lines of credit severely hinders them from becoming prime contractors and obtaining a bond. So what this bill -- legislation would do is to create a Working Capital Loan Revolving Fund {sic} (Working Capital Revolving Loan Fund). And I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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

SENATOR McCARTER:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Indicates she will yield. Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Senator, I think we've had this -- we've had this discussion before. How -- how many other times has this bill -- or have you or somebody else presented this bill and what has been -- what's happened to those bills in the past? If you could explain that, please. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hunter.

### SENATOR HUNTER:

I presented this bill in this Chamber last year and it passed out of this Chamber and it got held up over in the House because there were some issues with -- well, there was opposition with the

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Road Builders. And we worked over the winter and the Road Builders are now in -- agreement with this bill and it is an agreed-upon bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator McCarter.

### SENATOR McCARTER:

Will there -- the -- the loans that are being made, will there be interest charged on these loans? If so, how much?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hunter.

### SENATOR HUNTER:

Yes, there will be interest loans -- interest placed on the loans, but it's based upon the interest rates of the Treasurer's -- I think it's the Treasurer's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator McCarter.

### SENATOR McCARTER:

To the bill: I -- I agree, Senator, that you -- you have worked on this very hard. I -- I think you've made it better than what it was before. I think it had a number of opportunities for abuse before. But it -- it appears that you have got a consensus from the Road Builders, so I -- there's probably -- I -- I do believe there's probably a better way of doing business than this, but I agree that it's better than the previous bill that was submitted. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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

## SENATOR MURPHY:

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Question of the sponsor, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Sponsor indicates she will yield. Senator Murphy.

### SENATOR MURPHY:

Senator, the -- first of all, I want to commend you for your work on this and your tenacity on this issue as well. And I do agree that you've made this a better bill. I supported it in committee. I intend to support it out here. But I -- one issue that was raised in committee was the expectation that the folks that'll be getting these loans are getting the loans through the State because they could not get them elsewhere, and while the -- the -- the exact language of the bill does not require that, in committee, we got testimony from IDOT that they would have that as sort of a predicate or a requirement before they would give a loan. And I was just asking if it was your understanding and expectation that IDOT would indeed require that before they gave a loan out of this program?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hunter.

### SENATOR HUNTER:

Yes, Senator Murphy, that is my understanding, and also I will be working with IDOT, upon the Governor signing this bill into law, so that JCAR is going to work with IDOT to craft the actual rules of this legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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

### SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Madam President. To the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the bill, Senator.

### SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

I just wanted to stand and commend the sponsor on working on this for as long as she did. This is one of those topics that was very difficult when she first introduced it, but she keeps introducing it and keeps introducing it and keeps working on it and finally got some -- some agreement between groups, who don't normally always agree. That's a hallmark of a good bill. So I would just urge an Aye vote and want to take in -- say thank you to the sponsor for all of her work.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Hunter, to close.

## SENATOR HUNTER:

This -- this legislation, Madam President, is ground-breaking. It's earth-shaking. No one has ever put together a program such as this in this State, maybe even the country. I'm not sure. But I'd like to thank, particularly, IDOT for working beyond the call of duty, especially Samantha Fields, their Legislative Director, as well as the Road Builders, because the Road Builders rolled up their sleeves and they sat down with us, and -- and lots and lots and lots of negotiations and hours went into the negotiation, and I'd like to thank them very much.

## PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is -- the question is, shall House Bill 3267 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, 8 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 3267, having

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received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 3270. Senator Martinez. House Bill 3270. Senator Martinez. Out of the record. Please turn your Calendars to the top of page 17, House Bill 3rd Reading -- House Bills 3rd Reading. 3272. Senator Althoff. She indicates she wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the lady's bill.

## SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3272.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Althoff.

## SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you -- thank you, Madam President. House Bill 3272 is a JCAR initiative; was carried by Representative Moffitt, a JCAR member in the House, and myself here in the Senate. JCAR suggested that this language be created statutorily to bring blood donation leave in sync with the organ and bone marrow donation leaves through the statute, rather than adopting it as a rule. This legislation does exactly that. Be happy to answer any questions. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3272 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 3272, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Bush, for what purpose do you rise?

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### SENATOR BUSH:

Excuse me, Madam President. I had intended to vote Yes on that, if I could. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The record will so reflect. House Bill 3300. Senator Biss. He indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the gentleman's bill.

### SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3300.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Biss.

## SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Madam President and Members of the Senate. Here -- here's the problem that House Bill 3300 is -- is seeking to Imagine you're in a situation where you're unsafe in address. your home because of a -- for instance, an -- an instance of domestic abuse. And you know that if you're going to go seek medical assistance - let's suppose that your insurance is covered by a -- a policy that's held by the abuser - then the claim would be mailed to the abuser and that -- that avoids any confidentiality and can be a very severe disincentive from seeking help and seeking treatment. So what this bill does is it simply enables a victim in that situation to direct the insurance company to send claims to another address or another party, and we believe this will substantially enhance the opportunity of victims of abuse to seek medical assistance. I know of no opposition and I encourage an Aye vote.

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## PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3300 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 57 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 3300, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 3346. Senator Althoff. Out of the record. Senator Dillard, on House Bill 3359. Out of the record. Tom Cullerton. T. Cullerton, on House Bill 3367. Out of the record. Senator Cunningham, on House Bill 3370. He indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3370.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Cunningham.

## SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. House Bill 3370 is an initiative of the Chicago Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. And it is a carbon copy of Senate Bill 2155, which we passed out of here unanimously back in April. Just to recap, it would allow the district to expand the use of a statutorily created reserve fund to cover various legal expenses. For instance, right now, they can't use this fund to pay for damages to district property if the damages are over ten thousand dollars. This would allow them to do that. It's also important to point out that this proposal would in no way change the

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district's taxing authority. Be happy to answer any questions and I ask for the Chamber's support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3370 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 3370, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Martinez, on House Bill 3379. Senator Martinez. Out of the record. Senator Cunningham, on House Bill 3388. He indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

## SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3388.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Cunningham.

### SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. House Bill 3388 is an initiative of the Cook County Sheriff's Office and it will require the Illinois Law Enforcement Trainings {sic} (Training Standards) Board to develop a program that police departments can use to train their officers on how to identify and respond to incidences of animal fighting. Be happy to answer any questions and I would appreciate an Aye vote.

### PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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

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House Bill 3388 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 57 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 3388, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Mulroe, on House Bill 3390. Senator Mulroe. Senator Mulroe. He indicates he wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3390.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Out of the record. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we will be returning our Calendars to the top of the Order, on House Bill 1. Please reflect on page 5 to House Bill 1. Senator Haine, on House Bill 1. Senator Haine. Out of the record. Senator Sullivan, on House Bill 3. Out of the record. Senator Martinez, on House Bill 61. Out of the record. Senator Holmes, on House Bill 83. She indicates she wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 83.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you so much, Madam President. Basically what we're

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doing is amending the Humane Care for Animals Act and we are providing certain requirements for an owner to tether their dog outdoors. This is very similar to a piece of legislation I had passed a couple years ago after much negotiation with the Farm Bureau and the Federation of Dog Club Owners {sic} (Clubs and Owners). And it passed now in the House on a bipartisan roll and we've brought it back to the Senate, and we've sort of loosened up a little of our requirements on our tethering bill. But I would urge an Aye vote. It's basically for the humane treatment of dogs. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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

### SENATOR RIGHTER:

I wonder if the sponsor will yield, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

She indicates she will, Senator. Senator Righter.

### SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Holmes, there was some discussion in -- I believe it was Executive Committee, on the -- the length of the tether, if you will, the -- the maximum length of the tether, and whether or not that might be an issue for some who have properties that may not extend from the front of their house, let's say, to a sidewalk the length of the tether. I -- honestly, I don't recall all of that discussion. Can you walk through that issue, particularly starting with the -- what the length of the tether might be?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Holmes.

### SENATOR HOLMES:

Yes, the -- the minimum - you had mentioned maximum - it's

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actually the minimum length of the -- the tether has to be ten feet. So, yes, I do say, there's probably a few cases where that would be a hardship, where people would be better served actually leashing their dog and walking their dog so the dog can get appropriate exercise.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Righter.

### SENATOR RIGHTER:

Actually, Senator, while my district is a large rural district, there are areas in my district whereby the homeowners have remarkably little property between, let's say, the front of their property and the sidewalk. Is -- is the -- is -- the tenfoot minimum, is that conditioned on anything? In other words, can you say, well, it's only eight feet between my front door and the sidewalk, so can I just do eight feet? Or is it just an absolute ten foot across the board?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Holmes.

## SENATOR HOLMES:

It -- it is actually a ten-foot minimum.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Righter.

## SENATOR RIGHTER:

So, if there's someone in my district, let's say one of these property owners, who for one reason or another their dog can't be in the back of the property and so they're -- they're left with tethering in the front and they don't want the dog to be able to reach out on the sidewalk and so they choose to have a tether that is only eight feet or seven and a half feet in length, what if --

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what are they -- what are they in trouble for? What's the -- what's the penalty if they're caught by whoever's enforcing this? PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Holmes.

### SENATOR HOLMES:

That is a violation. It's a Class B misdemeanor. I -- I mean, I -- I would submit that most people who have pets try to have pets with the appropriate room for them to get the exercise they need, and that certainly does not prohibit somebody from leashing their dog and going running or walking it. I mean, this is basically for the welfare of keeping the animal healthy and it's -- also, has a psychological benefit. Animals don't do well that are kept tethered on short leashes. They become aggressive. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Righter.

## SENATOR RIGHTER:

Well, I'm -- my dog's a lot faster than I am, so running with my dog wouldn't work. The -- but, you said that -- a psychological issue. Is there -- is there some study that's been put out by the Humane Society or someone like that to speak to the importance of dogs having a certain length tether in order to maintain good mental balance, I suppose?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Holmes.

### SENATOR HOLMES:

This essentially is -- is an initiative of the Humane Society, so this is an issue that, yes, they certainly have studied. And I have here in their report, talking about continual confinement makes dogs extremely frustrated, leading to increased desire to

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chase and bite.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Righter.

### SENATOR RIGHTER:

I'm sorry, Senator Holmes, just as you were finishing up that answer, someone next to me was talking about the fact that they weren't -- they weren't sure how they felt about this because of their pet. Can you -- can you -- can you finish the last part of that sentence, that answer you gave me?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Holmes.

### SENATOR HOLMES:

Certainly would be happy to, Senator. We're talking about the benefit of anti-tethering laws, because they're talking about continual confinement makes dogs extremely frustrated, leading to an increased desire to chase and to bite. In addition, certain dogs become territorial over their space and will act aggressively. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Righter.

## SENATOR RIGHTER:

One last area of inquiry and I appreciate your indulgence, Madam President. Senator, one of the things that I've noticed in my district is not so much the length of the tether, but what appears to be sometimes the tightness of the collar. And now maybe that's because the dogs get angry because someone is walking by and they go charging after that person, not realizing that at some point the tether's going -- that the slack's going to snap and they choke. Is there anything in the bill that guards against a collar being too tight?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Holmes.

### SENATOR HOLMES:

There -- there is something in here talking about that the animal should be tethered with a properly fitting harness or collar other than the lead or a pinch, prong, or choke-type collar. So, yes, we are addressing having an adequate right-size and humane collar on the dog.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator Righter. Thank you so much, Senator. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 83 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 43 voting Yea, 9 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 83, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Sullivan in the Chair.

## PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, will all members of the Committee on Assignments please come to the President's Anteroom? All members of the Committee on Assignments please come to the President's Anteroom immediately. The Senate stands at ease. (at ease) The Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

## SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Criminal Law Committee - Committee Amendment 2 to House Bill 2647 and Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3010; refer to Energy Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 3104; refer to

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Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 105; refer to Human Services Committee - Floor Amendment 5 to Senate Bill 1454; refer to Labor and Commerce Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 2649, Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 3125; refer to Licensed Activities and Pensions Committee - Floor Amendment 3 to House Bill 84; refer to Local Government Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 2239 and Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 2925; refer to Transportation Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 2773; and Be Approved for Consideration - House Bill 532, House Bill 533 and House Bill 2574.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

Senator Raoul, Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary, reports Senate Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 1912 Recommend Do Adopt; House Bill 2473 Do Pass; Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 2269, Senate Amendment 3 to House Bill 3111 and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3380 Recommend Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, if I could have your attention for an announcement. The following committees will be meeting to take up Floor -- Floor amendments, and this is in addition to items that were previously posted. This afternoon: Executive Committee will meet in Room 212 at 3 p.m.; Transportation will meet in Room 212 at 5 p.m. Those are today. Tomorrow: Local Government will meet in Room 212 at 9 a.m.; Criminal Law will meet in Room 409 at 9 a.m.; Labor and Commerce will meet in Room 212 at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow morning; and Licensed Activities and Pensions will meet in Room 400 tomorrow at 11 a.m. Again, those are in addition -- in addition to items that were previously posted. Ladies and -- Ladies and Gentlemen, continuing where we left off

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on the Calendar. We're on page 5, on the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading. We have House Bill 84. Senator Althoff. Out of the record. House Bill 116. Senator Biss. Out of the record. House Bill 140. Senator Duffy. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 140.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Duffy.

SENATOR DUFFY:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill simply states that members of the Regional Transportation Authority Board, the Suburban Bus Board, Commuter Rail Board, and Chicago Transit Authority Board are not eligible for pension benefits or insurance benefits if they become a member of the Board after the implementation date of this legislation. There's no opposition to the bill and I'll answer any questions you may have.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 140 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 140, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar is House Bill 163. Senator Link. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

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House Bill 163.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

### SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 163 adds additional requirements for construction for new telecommunications towers that are not an -- AM telecommunications towers in Lake County. Under House Bill 163, telecommunication carriers must provide the county with documentation significantly {sic} (sufficiently) describing the positions and -- location, site plans, and elevation of the tower. This only pertains to Lake County, only.

## PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 163 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 163, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, we have House Bill 167. Senator Link. Mr. Secretary read the bill.

## SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 167.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

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### SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill creates the Prince Hall Freemasonry special license plate. Know of no opposition to the bill. Be more than happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 167 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 50 voting Aye, 5 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 167, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we'll skip over 183 and go to House Bill 188. Leader Radogno. Senator Radogno. Out of the record. Let's turn to the top of page 6 of the printed Calendar. Still on the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading, we have House Bill 192. Senator Morrison. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

## SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 192.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Morrison.

### SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill deals directly with Township School District 113, Highland Park and Deerfield high schools. The communities passed a referendum in April for eightynine million dollars. This asks permission to extend from twenty

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to twenty-five years the length of the bond. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 192 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 49 voting Aye, 5 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 192, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up is House Bill 194. Leader Clayborne. Senator Clayborne, on 194. Out of the record. House Bill 198. Senator Althoff. Out of the record. House Bill 226. Senator Link, on 226. Out of the record. Next up, we have House Bill 438. Senator Forby. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

## SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 438.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Forby.

## SENATOR FORBY:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman {sic}. This bill is an initiative for a county in my district, Hamilton County. In 1981, they passed a referendum to -- for an ambulance service. They done it for two years. They collected about three hundred thousand dollars. Since then, they've had their ambulance service contracted out and what -- they've got this money on hand and now they want to put a 9-1-1 service in the county. So what they want to do is go back to

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the county and let the people have a -- a vote on it, see if they can put -- use this money for 9-1-1. So, this does not raise any taxes or fees, but it goes back to the people. It's their money; let 'em do what they want to do.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 438 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 438, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, Mr. Secretary, let's return to House Bill 226. There it is up on the board. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

## SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 226.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

## SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 226 allows seventeenyear-olds to register for and vote in a primary election if such individual will be eighteen on the date of the following general election. I know of no opposition to the bill.

## PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

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### SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor yield, please, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for a question. Senator Righter.

### SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Link, do you think that the age of voting in the general election should be reduced to seventeen or even younger than that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

### SENATOR LINK:

No, we're not reducing it. What we're doing is -- and many, many moons ago, it was twenty-one at the time, and my birthday's in March, and it happened to be the primary was two days before my twenty-first birthday and I couldn't vote in the primary, but I was eligible to vote in the general election. So what we're doing is saying these individuals have to be eighteen by the November election to be able to vote at seventeen in the primary.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

## SENATOR RIGHTER:

Well, you are reducing it, Senator, because if we weren't reducing it, then you wouldn't -- you wouldn't need a bill. I mean, seventeen-year-olds are not allowed to vote in primary elections in this State now, period. And this bill would allow seventeen-year-olds to vote in primary elections, obviously, if they're going to turn eighteen before the general election. Now, explain to me, if you're -- if you're not for lowering the age of voting to seventeen, why you think it's okay to treat the primary

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election differently than the general election, because that's going to be the result here?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

## SENATOR LINK:

It -- it's very clear, and I think that's why a lot of us encourage people to vote for -- in primaries, is because those will be the individuals that will be on the ballot in November. I think this gives them that opportunity to make sure that the person they want to support is -- have -- they have a right to vote for 'em in the primary.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

## SENATOR RIGHTER:

I understand that, Senator. I guess, I'm curious about the distinction that you are making between the primary and the general election in order to say, well, it's okay for a group of voters who I wouldn't support voting in the general election to vote in the primary. What's the distinction for you?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

## SENATOR LINK:

The distinction is, is that these individuals are well informed of what's going on. They want to make sure that the right people are elected in that November election, which would be --which normally would be their first critical election. But that they should have an opportunity to make sure the correct people are able to be in to the November election - that's why I feel this is important.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

### SENATOR RIGHTER:

...bill, if I might, Mr. President. To the bill, if I might, Mr. President. Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, I -- I understand what Senator Link is doing here and it's not an uninteresting notion, but sometimes we fail younger people, not because of what we don't provide for them or give to them, but because of what we don't expect of them. While voting is -- they -- some people say, a right, in this, it's -- it's much more of a privilege and it's much more of a duty, quite frankly. We've determined in this State that eighteen years is the appropriate age for someone to exercise their ability to vote. I don't think we ought to make a distinction, despite the -- despite if it's well-intentioned, between a primary and general, because we know that in many districts in this State and some regions of this State, the primary is the general. That's it. You're -- you are selecting who will hold that office by your vote in the primary. Given that the primary is oftentimes as important as the general election, I think that we ought to keep the playing field level. It should be eighteen years across the board. Thank you, Mr. President.

## PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

### SENATOR LINK:

I -- I -- you know, I liked the -- the questions that were asked about this, but this is extremely important. I remember a number of years ago when we lowered it from twenty-one to eighteen. There probably was the same types of debate on the Floor and it's

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been a successful endeavor to lower it to eighteen. We're not lowering this; that person still has to be eighteen by the general election. But I think they should have the opportunity to vote for the people that will represent them in the general election. I think this is a positive step forward to getting more voter participation and I would ask for an affirmative vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 226 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 43 voting Aye, 9 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 226, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Going back to where we left off on the Calendar, we have House Bill -- Senator Hutchinson, for what purpose do you rise?

## SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point. Senator Hutchinson.

### SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you. I just wanted to take this opportunity to announce - and they're passing around these fliers right now - that our COWL production is tonight. The Conference of Women Legislators presents Capitol Capers. This is our biannual -- this is the big show, you guys, the big show. So, the money will -- raised goes to scholarships. We'd love to see everybody there. Starts at 6 o'clock at the Crowne Plaza. 7 o'clock is when the -- the performances begin. Formal Oscar attire is optional, if you would

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like to join us on the red carpet. So I'm just inviting everybody out to come have a really good time for a very good cause and we can't wait to entertain you. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, House Bill 494. Page 6 of the printed Calendar. Senator Bertino-Tarrant. Out of the record. House Bill 630. Senator Holmes. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 630.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Holmes.

### SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you so much, Mr. President. House Bill 630 sets forth the permitted uses of homemade brewed beverages, such as beer, inside and outside of the home brewer's residence, including exhibitions, demonstrations, and competitions. It sets forth reasonable restrictions for such events. Basically what we're doing is, is saying that this beer can be offered at events and at exhibitions and it is not for sale. I would ask for an Aye vote. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 630 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 -- 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting

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Present. House Bill 630, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, with leave of the Body, Mr. Secretary, let's return to House Bill 194. There it is on the board. Leader Clayborne. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

### SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 194.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Clayborne.

### SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 194 creates the Lincoln Promise Zone Act, which is a four-year pilot program that allows the city councils of Rockford, Aurora, and East St. Louis to create a promise zone. The Act provides that these promise zones must raise sufficient funding from private - private - sources to provide each student who lives within the promise zone and graduates from a public school -- high school within the promise zone with the tuition necessary to obtain an associate's degree from local community colleges. The other benefit of this, other than just providing or assisting with a -- a college education, is that there's a study that shows that this allows -- or encourages businesses to move into these areas so their employees can take advantage of -- of these opportunities. I would ask for your favorable vote.

## PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

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### SENATOR McCARTER:

Questions of the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for a question. Senator McCarter.

### SENATOR McCARTER:

Senator, what -- is there anything that prohibits corporations from giving sponsorships to these same young people in the same area that this bill applies to?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McCarter.

### SENATOR McCARTER:

What kinds of requirements -- or what kind of -- what kind of requirements will there be for them to qualify for these -- these scholarships?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Clayborne.

## SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Those will be determined by each local board that's created within these three municipalities.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McCarter.

### SENATOR McCARTER:

Now, there are other organizations within the same communities that do the same thing right now. I -- I would think that even the universities themselves would have scholarship

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programs set aside that are endowed by corporations. Is that not true?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Clayborne.

## SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

In -- in some instances, that may be true. But as I said earlier in my presentation, Senator McCarter, hopefully -- and -- and at least in East St. Louis, their -- on -- their school district on average is losing two hundred and fifty to three hundred students a year, and we're hoping that providing this incentive - and I'm not aware of one in East St. Louis - but providing this incentive would hopefully encourage those students and those parents to stay in that community.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McCarter.

## SENATOR McCARTER:

To the bill: Ladies and Gentlemen, I -- I think -- I think we all want to help youth and -- and I'm committed just as much as anybody else to help youth and give 'em opportunities. I'm not sure that this is the way to keep people or to attract people into a community struggling like the ones we're talking about here. I -- I -- I think this is -- we're duplicating opportunities that are already out there. I'm just not sure with all the priorities and all the decisions we have to make as far as priorities and where we spend our time and what legislation we pass, not really sure this should be on the top of our list. That's all. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Seeing no further discussion, Ladies and Gentlemen, the

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question is, shall House Bill 194 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Aye, 4 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 194, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Back to where we left off on the Calendar, we should have House Bill 772. Senator Silverstein. Out of the record. House Bill 774. Senator Hutchinson. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 774.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson.

## SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Body. House Bill 774 adds vehicles of the Department of Transportation identified as Emergency Traffic Control {sic} (Patrol) to the list of authorized emergency vehicle. The bill also adds these IDOT vehicles to the list of vehicles that are allowed to use red or white oscillating lights. The bill specifies that the lights shall only be activated when responding to an emergency call or when parked or stationary while engaged in motor vehicle assistance or at the scene of an emergency. Happy to answer any questions. Would ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 774 pass. All those

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in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 774, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 804. Senator Silverstein. Out of the record. House Bill 827. Senator Kotowski, on 827. Out of the record. House Bill 923. Senator Noland. On 923, Senator Noland. Out of the record. House Bill 948. Senator Haine, on 948. Out of the record. House Bill 962. Senator Connelly. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

## SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 962.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Connelly.

## SENATOR CONNELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 962 amends the Illinois Global Partnership Act by including a new Section regarding conflicts of interests and requiring a strategic plan be developed every two years. I know of no opposition. I'll answer any questions and I ask for an Aye vote.

## PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 962 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record.

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On that question, there are 57 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 962, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. At the bottom of page 6 is House Bill 973. Senator Bertino-Tarrant. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

### SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 973.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

### SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 973 is a request by local -- by local government. Current law limits the delivery and sale of alcoholic liquors in buildings owned by fire protection districts to maximum of six fundraiser events per year. This removes this limitation for one specific building owned by the Oswego Fire Protection District as long as the property is no longer being utilized for fire protection purposes and the alcohol is being sold as approved by the Oswego Fire Protection District. I know of no opposition.

## PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 973 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 973, having received the required constitutional majority, is

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declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, let's turn to the top of page 7 of your printed Calendar, still on the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading, is House Bill 981. Senator Collins. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 981.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Collins.

### SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. House Bill 981 is an initiative of the Illinois Department of Insurance. It amends the Insurance Code by increasing the size of the Illinois Insurance Guaranty Fund from nine to ten members. The newly added member will be appointed by the Director of the Department of Insurance and must be a resident of the State and either a licensed certified public accountant in the State or have earned the Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter designation from the American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters. I know of no opposition and I ask for affirmative vote.

### PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 981 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting

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Present. House Bill 981, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 984. Senator Martinez. Out of the record. House Bill 989. Senator Righter. Out of the record. House Bill 1013. Senator Harmon. Mr. Secretary, please -- read the bill.

### SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1013.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Harmon.

### SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. House Bill 1013 is an initiative of the Secretary of State. It establishes the guidelines pursuant to which the Secretary may issue or refuse to issue an apostille. An apostille is a -- a certification used to validate the source of a document in countries participating in the -- the Hague Convention. It's -- it's essentially a way to -- to certify State-issued documents in international travel. And it's been abused by some folks seeking to start their own countries. So, I'd ask for your -- your -- your -- your -- your Aye votes.

## PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 1013 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present.

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House Bill 1013, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar is House Bill 1045. Senator Holmes. Out of the record. House Bill 1070. Senator Koehler. Mr. Secretary, please read the gentleman's bill. SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1070.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Koehler.

### SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. House Bill 1070 amends the General Not For Profit Corporation Act to allow cooperatives that own and operate agricultural-based biogas anaerobic digesters to organize as a not-for-profit. Under this bill, these -- cooperatives may market and sell biogas systems products, including methane gas, electricity, and compost. I know of no opponents and I'd appreciate support.

## PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 1070 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 1070, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are going to go to the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. If you'll turn to page 3 of the printed Calendar, in the middle of the page, we have

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Senate Bill 628. Again, we're on Senate Bills 3rd Reading, page 3 of your printed Calendar. Senate Bill 628. Senator Steans, do you wish to proceed? Senator Steans seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 628 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, we have Senate Bill 628. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

### SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, to explain Floor Amendment 1.

### SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Floor Amendment 1 deletes all, becomes the bill. I'll explain it on 3rd.

## PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

No further amendments reported.

### PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 628. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

### SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 628.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

## SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 628 is an agreed-bill worked out between the Illinois Hospital Association and the Illinois Department of Public Health. Reflects a commitment to implement -- to provide, really, for patient safety and quality in Illinois. Does a couple of things. First time it imposes a modest annual license fee on hospitals in Illinois and devotes the resources generated to the hospital patient safety and quality work of the Illinois Department of Public Health. patient safety and quality programs will be developed collaboration with the IHA. With the resources provided in the bill, DPH will be able to implement for the first time the Adverse Health Care Event {sic} (Events) Reporting Law that was adopted in 2005. Though we're one of the first states to adopt it, we haven't been able to implement it because it's not been funded. Public Health and IHA see this reporting as important to improving patient safety and quality in the State and want to move forward with the implementation, which is why they came together and agreed to this modest fee. In addition, IDPH will be able to implement other patient safety and quality programs by doing inspections and following up on complaints that it's not able to do right now. Finally, this bill also enables specialty hospitals to eliminate their emergency service departments, but, again, this is just specialty hospitals, who right now generally have just sort of perfunctory emergency department capabilities, and there are other hospitals that are providing emergency care in the communities that have these specialty hospitals. I would encourage an Aye

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vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield for a question. Senator Barickman. SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Senator, am I correct in understanding that this legislation would permit certain facilities that are providing emergency services to close those services as a result of this legislation? PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

#### SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, just the specialty hospitals. There are about ten of them in this State. It's just permissive. They would not have to, but they would be allowed to. And these are all areas that have coverage by other more traditional hospitals in the communities.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Barickman.

### SENATOR BARICKMAN:

So, why would those facilities make a decision to -- to close the services that they're currently -- that are currently made available in those communities?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

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Okay, so the hospitals here -- it's just specialty hospitals here that would have the ability to do it or not. So they're like psychiatric hospitals or long-term care kind of facilities. They're not your traditional hospital. If they determine that they don't want to provide that emergency department, they would take the word "hospital" out of their name, so it doesn't confuse anybody, and they would still have to be subject to provisions to ensure that there's emergency care provided in the community before they could do that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Barickman.

#### SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Okay. Thank you. Can you explain -- there's a fifty dollar -- fifty-five-dollar per bed fee that is being charged at the facilities as a result of this. Can you explain what your expectation is for the amount of dollars that will generate on an annual basis and how that money will be used?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

#### SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, the fifty -- it's going to be fifty-five dollar per licensed hospital bed per year. So, you know, we expect that for small rural hospitals that's a total less than about fifteen hundred dollars. For the largest -- very largest hospital in the State, it'd be around fifty thousand. Believe it's about two million dollars that this will be generating. Over half of this goes to implement the adverse reporting health care that we had passed in 2005 and the rest of it will enable the Department to follow up on complaints and do annual reviews of the hospitals,

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which aren't currently being conducted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Barickman.

#### SENATOR BARICKMAN:

So, thank you. And to elaborate - and as I understood, we had some of this discussion in committee - but of that fifty-five dollars, roughly half of it goes towards the implementation of this already existing Act. I think your -- your testimony or maybe of others in committee was that you believed that it was necessary for the -- this already existing Act to be implemented in a way that provides certain protections to the facilities in regards to the privacy of -- of issues that may be raised. Can you -- can you elaborate on that? Can you explain that to the Body?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

### SENATOR STEANS:

Yeah, a great question. And that's absolutely correct. So an adverse event or a never-should-happen event is like, by accident, say, the wrong leg getting amputated in a surgery. These are things that should never occur. Unfortunately, stuff like that does happen. Right now, the way the system is set up, it needs to get reported through the regulatory side of IDPH and, thus, there's liability and all sorts of concerns. What we're able to do here - and this is really best practice and a number of other states have been doing it - is keep it out of the regulatory environment, where you can share the information among hospitals so there can be learning and developing new protocols so that these never -- should-never-occur events never, in fact, happen again. And that's why the, you know, IDPH and the Hospital Association

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have come together, wanting us to move forward with this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Barickman.

#### SENATOR BARICKMAN:

You know, are -- are these -- are these best practices and are these reviews capable of being handled as a private matter between the hospitals, rather than through the facilitation of this fee and legislation?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

#### SENATOR STEANS:

Another good question. I'm glad you're getting that clarification. I think it's important. They can't do this on their own, the hospitals, 'cause it's information that they cannot share between themselves. It has to be done through IDPH to be able to share that information.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Barickman.

### SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Maybe last question. Again, we talked about in the context of the fifty-five-dollar fee, let's say roughly half of it goes towards this implementation. The remaining half, what does that go towards? Is that towards the -- to the Department for their use in operations or where does that money go?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

### SENATOR STEANS:

It goes through following up, and it'll be worked out with IHA as well, but it -- it goes through following up. Right now,

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there's complaints that will come in from patients or, you know, loved ones of patients in hospitals, and they're -- the IDPH has no staff to be able to follow up on any of those complaints. There's also rules that the Illinois State Legislature and the Governor have put into place around hospitals that we do not actually have any surveys against. We, right now, only have -- IDPH can only do surveys that are done through federally -- federal resources. So this enables IDPH to ensure that we're following up on other State issues and complaints that we're getting.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Barickman.

#### SENATOR BARICKMAN:

To the bill: I appreciate what the sponsor's attempting to do here. I -- I think I've raised some questions that are questions that still remain in my mind. While I appreciate the sponsor's efforts here, for me, I don't think this is a bill that I can support, one, because I'm not certain whether this is something that could be done by those hospitals on their own. I appreciate what you said in response to that, but as a Member who represents a number of these facilities, I think it's odd that none of them have yet to approach me and say, "We want you to impose this tax on us." Their association has done that, I suppose, on their behalf, but, again, I think it's -- it's odd that they've -they've not asked for us to do that, or at least not asked me to do that on their behalf. Second, I have, maybe, concerns about the second half of that fifty-dollar -- fifty-five-dollar fee. My concern being that this is simply a revenue generator to the Department, who I think we all can say, like many State agencies, probably is being asked to do more than enough with not enough

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dollars. But I don't know that the mechanism for addressing that is through the implementation of yet another fee that will be passed from hospitals to patients or insurers. So, I would ask for a No vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor yield, please, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield for a question. Senator Righter. SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Steans, I'm sure you're going to correct me when I say this, but I thought, not -- not in these exact words, but what you've just told Senator Barickman was, was that part of the reason we need this new bed tax is to make sure that a hospital has the permission to tell the Department of Public Health in case they cut off the wrong leg during a surgery. Do you want to reword that? I mean, for me.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

### SENATOR STEANS:

There are events which are adverse events, that are never-should-happen events, and they -- we do, in fact -- the -- the IHA and the Department would like to create a system to be able to share the knowledge learned from these never events {sic} with other hospitals so that protocols and procedures can be put in place to ensure they never happen again.

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Senator Righter.

### SENATOR RIGHTER:

So part of the fee is necessary to help the -- the hospitals learn a better way to avoid what I think we would all agree is a pretty bad thing, like accidently removing the wrong leg. That they -- there's a new fee to be imposed in order for them to develop a system to make sure and avoid those kinds of events? PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

### SENATOR STEANS:

Right, so that the -- information, so they can go and get investigated what -- led to the causes for these events and those learnings can get shared across the hospitals in Illinois so that no other hospitals would make those same mistakes. That is what this will help with.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

### SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Steans, can we go -- earlier in your back and forth with Senator Barickman, there was reference to specialty hospitals. You said there were ten or so specialty hospitals around the State that would be allowed to close if this bill became law. Does that mean they're not allowed to close now?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

#### SENATOR STEANS:

It's not allowing them to close. It's just allowing them to eliminate their emergency departments, and they're not allowed to just eliminate those emergency departments now without going

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through, I think, the Certificate of Need process, but I'm not sure about that -- the process on that. But this would allow them to just eliminate their emergency departments and that's all. These are specialty care kinds of hospitals, or the LTACs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

#### SENATOR RIGHTER:

What kinds of hospitals are we talking about, Senator? I mean, "specialty" - what is it that -- these ten or so hospitals are dealing with? What kind of patients do they have? How many patients do they have? Can you elaborate on that just a little bit, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

#### SENATOR STEANS:

There's two kinds. There's psychiatric hospitals and there's the long-term care acute hospitals, so it's long-term rehab. So these aren't traditional hospitals that are really set up to do the emergency services. And every -- and every community where there is one of these two types of facilities, there are other traditional hospitals that do have the emergency care. So we're not talking about a traditional hospital. We're talking about just those two versions of the hospitals.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

#### SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Okay, I want to go back to the -the bed tax, if we can. Senator Steans, half of it, as you told
Senator Barickman, would go to develop this new information system

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to help us avoid cutting off the wrong leg. Where's the other half of that money going?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

### SENATOR STEANS:

It would go to implement other patient safety and quality programs, including following up and investigating complaints that IDPH receives but doesn't have resources to follow up on and to do some more annual surveys that they do not have the ability to do. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

#### SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Annual surveys regarding -- what -- what is it? What annual surveys -- what do those involve? PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

#### SENATOR STEANS:

Well, just, you know, if they're going in, they -- right now they don't have the resources to go in and do an investigation on a hospital around State requirements, only federal requirements. So they can also have a program in place now to go in and see whether the hospitals are living -- like, for example, we have MRSA laws that the State has done that aren't federal requirements, to make sure they have proper procedures in place to keep MRSA from spreading within a hospital environment. That would be one example. And it will really be, though, to follow up on complaints that are being lodged against particular hospitals that they can't follow up on right now.

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Senator Righter.

#### SENATOR RIGHTER:

To the bill, if I might, Mr. President. Thank you very much. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, there are votes that we can -- we -- we make here in the Senate and in the General Assembly that are popular back home. There are votes that we make back -that are not popular back home. Some of the unpopular ones are necessary in order to get certain things done. I would suggest to you that sending the message to your constituents back home that they, through their insurers, are going to pay more in a bed tax is not popular, and when you tell them, "Well, here's why. It's because we needed to help the hospitals and the system, the bureaucracy in Springfield, develop a better system so the folks in Springfield know when the hospital cut off the wrong leg and a system to make sure that we don't do that again", that's a tough sale even for the most able of elected officials that serve in this Chamber, particularly for the Members on the Republican side of the aisle. Having talked to some of the Members, like Senator Barickman did, including the Leader, I'm not aware of the group who brought this to the Senate having talked to any of our Members to explain to us why this is necessary. For those reasons and others, I would urge a No or Present vote on the legislation. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Seeing no further discussion, Senator Steans, to close. SENATOR STEANS:

You know, this is an agreed-to bill. I just want to point that out. The IHA and DPH are in agreement on it. They just recently came to agreement, so they may not have had time to share

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that agreement. I would say, one of the previous speakers noted that his hospital had not come and spoken to him about it yet. That CEO is on the Executive Board of the IHA and spoke out on behalf of this bill and totally supports it. I would urge your Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 628 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 36 voting Aye, 19 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 628, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you'll turn to the middle of page -- Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

### SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like a verification of the most recent roll call. Thank you.

### PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter has requested a verification. Will all Members please be in their seats? The Secretary will read the affirmative votes.

#### SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Bertino-Tarrant, Biss, Bush, Clayborne, Collins, Tom Cullerton, Cunningham, Forby, Frerichs, Haine, Harmon, Harris, Holmes, Hunter, Hutchinson, Jones, Koehler, Kotowski, Landek, Lightford, Link, Manar, Martinez, McGuire, Morrison, Mulroe, Muñoz, Noland, Raoul, Sandoval, Stadelman, Steans, Sullivan, Trotter, Van Pelt, President Cullerton.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I want to be recorded as voting Yes on that bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The record will so indicate your intent. Senator Righter, do you question the presence of any Member voting in the affirmative? SENATOR RIGHTER:

We do, Mr. President, but not enough to get the bill defeated. So thank you very much for your indulgence.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

On a verified roll call, there are 36 voting Aye, 19 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, Senate Bill 628 is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you'll turn to the middle of page 4 of the printed Calendar. Again, we're on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We have Senate Bill 1912. Senator Raoul. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Raoul seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1912 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1912. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

#### SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Raoul.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul, on Floor Amendment 4.

#### SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Amendment 4 deletes all and

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1912. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1912.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

### SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1912 amends the Code of Civil Procedure regarding settlements in certain actions for money damages. It provides that a settling defendant must tender a release to the plaintiff within fourteen days of any agreement to settle, which the plaintiff must execute and return to the defendant, together with any court approval of the settlement, if required. The settling defendant must then pay all sums due under the settlement agreement within twenty-one days after the plaintiff returns the executed release. Failure to pay within twenty-one days results in interest being added to the settlement amount, calculated from the day the

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plaintiff returned the executed release. Senate Amendment 4 clarifies additional procedures for cases involving third-party lienholders or subrogation interests, such as Medicare and Medicaid. And it -- and it also exempts settlements in the cases involving local governments and cases brought against the State, State agencies, State employees, or foster parents who are represented by the State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

#### SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I rise in strong opposition to Senate Bill 1912. This is a very complicated bill, which we heard today in the Judiciary Committee for the first time. There were double digits of witnesses who signed in in opposition to this, many of whom were from the business and medical community of Illinois. And in a State that has a unemployment rate where one in ten people in Illinois is not working, every little thing that impacts our national reputation with respect to litigation, which has an impact on our business climate, ought to be looked at very closely. I believe this bill has a lot of technical flaws. I believe there are flaws in it with respect to when you have a settlement that has liens involved. There is -- I believe, my reading of this bill, and others in the committee believes that one side can force a settlement in litigation. I believe that the City of Chicago is excluded from this bill, as are municipalities, but this could put the State of Illinois on the hook to pay nine percent interest. We can't pay our bills now, let alone pay nine percent interest in

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the settlement of lawsuits where we are, as the State of Illinois, defendants. I could go on and on about some of the shortcomings of this bill. It forces a settlement that is, in terms of a time frame to settle cases, far too short, especially if holidays are involved or things of that nature. And then, very importantly, and I have no idea why the proponents of this bill want to jam and force people like Mike Jacobs that has the John Deere Corporation in his district -- or, Senator Koehler, you got Caterpillar. Let me tell you what this would do to Caterpillar, or others of you on that side of the aisle who care about our business climate. There's a settlement that could be done or a compromise with respect to this bill, but the other side won't sit down and negotiate on this. Again, we're at the 15th of May. We're out of here in a couple of weeks and we're jamming major, major changes through that I believe have an impact on the business climate of, clearly, the worst economic-performing state in America. And why you're doing this at this point in time is beyond me, but there's a compromise that could be had. I don't know why you're forcing this down the throats of some of these Members who do care about business, whether it's Mike Jacobs or Dave Koehler or others that have major manufacturing plants in their district, but this goes right to the heart of our reputation as a bad State. As the United States Chamber of Commerce said - this is their quote, not mine excuse the language, Pages and other young people that are around here - but "Illinois is a judicial hellhole", and this goes right to that national reputation. It's a bad bill. It's a bad bill any time. It's a real bad bill the last two weeks of Session when your unemployment rate is ten percent in this State and climbing. I urge a No vote.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President of the -- a question of the sponsor. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for a question. Senator Barickman. SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Senator, can you explain why you think this legislation is necessary?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

### SENATOR RAOUL:

I would be very happy to. I think it's necessary because when two parties agree to a settlement and -- and they have to agree to a settlement. That's inherent in -- in what settlement means - the parties are agreeing. And there's an expectation that at that point, this is what's being done to resolve the case, and within that settlement, there often is a -- a amount that's to be paid to resolve the case. So nobody's forcing, in this bill, anybody to agree to that settlement, but once you do, there's no reason for -- for -- for that aggrieved party to -- to be -- be left waiting and waiting for that settlement payment. Just -- currently, if a case were to go to trial and there were a judgment pursuant to that trial, that same defendant, who, in this case, with settlement, would have to pay interest if they -- if they don't promptly make the payment pursuant to that -- that judgment. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Barickman.

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#### SENATOR BARICKMAN:

But -- but aren't settlements allowed today? I mean, the -the law permits parties who are in a dispute to come to an agreement
on all kinds of terms, whether it be the amount of dollars that
are going to be paid in a settlement, the time frame or the
installments of those payments, and a litany of other variables
that might be considered. Why is it necessary by statute to enact
a time frame for which parties who otherwise are already able to
agree on certain terms? Why are we changing that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

#### SENATOR RAOUL:

We -- we are not preventing parties to otherwise agree on a different time, but, currently, when you have settlements, you -- oftentimes you don't have that time frame. Right? And there's an expectation that there -- there -- there would be prompt payment of that settlement. I, personally, have represented clients in this situation. Then you have somebody who's in house who just goes on to the next case and leaves that paperwork on their desk, while that aggrieved party is still waiting for that payment, and there's nothing to compel that person to pay in -- in prompt manner, as there would be if that case went to full trial and there would be a judgment. It is a policy that we've embraced right now. In such cases, there -- there'd -- there'd be interest.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Barickman.

### SENATOR BARICKMAN:

This legislation would require settlements within twenty-one calendar -- calendar days? How did you come to that number? I

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mean, is it an arbitrary number? Could we have picked five? Could we have picked sixty? Was there discussion about -- about the number of days for which you wanted to see this occur within? PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

#### SENATOR RAOUL:

There was plenty discussion, and -- and I -- I should -- I should note that this is Amendment 4. It's Amendment 4 because there was a -- a -- a -- a lot of discussion amongst -- amongst stakeholders. And I would say, as you know, many of the time requirements that -- that we have in -- in law today are -- are - are not any sort of scientifically precise determinations. If you want to call them arbitrary, you can call them arbitrary, but it doesn't make sense for an aggrieved party, where there has been a settlement, to have to wait beyond that period of time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Barickman.

### SENATOR BARICKMAN:

To the bill: I think Senator Dillard has done a good job of reminding us of the challenges facing so many of our businesses in Illinois today. Some of you have focus groups. You ask to hear from the business community about how we can make our State better. I think the business community has stood up and said, loud and clear, this is a step in the wrong direction. Look, this bill is characterized as creating an optional settlement environment. That environment exists today. When parties are in a dispute, there's a lawsuit. As part of that lawsuit, at any time the party -- the -- the moment before a lawsuit is decided by a jury, say, the parties to that lawsuit can come together and agree on the

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terms for which they want to settle it. Nothing in the law today needs to be changed to continue to allow that practice to occur. The efforts here to characterize this change as creating this new optional playing field is inaccurate. What this does is change the playing field in a way that creates unequal -- an unequal balance between plaintiffs and defendants. No longer will an individual party who wants to settle be able to come to the table on -- on an even playing field after this. Instead, this legislation would say that if you want to settle, you either need to settle in conformance with the statute, which means payment has to be rendered within twenty-one days, or you need to get the other party to agree to some other terms. Again, statute today allows you to create whatever payment terms that you may wish. legislation would require the parties to agree to a baseline agreement of twenty-one days for payment or an agreement of both parties to change that. It changes the balance in the playing field. It's clearly in opposition to a majority of the business interests, who've stood up and said, this is bad policy. And -and I think what we have to ask ourselves is, what do we want to do as Illinois lawmakers? Do we want to have a public policy that encourages settlements? I think this Chamber likely agrees that it would be good policy to encourage settlements. Most people would agree that lawsuits are expensive, time-consuming, emotional events. Let's encourage the parties to settle. This legislation does not do that. This legislation will discourage people from settling. It creates arbitrary dates and rules for which parties must settle. And what it does is force parties to continue to litigate a dispute that they otherwise may have settled. I urge a No vote.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

#### SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. I really had no intention of speaking on this bill, but my -- name being raised, I thought I'd say something. Senator, does this bill help trial lawyers?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

### SENATOR RAOUL:

This bill helps victims who have entered into an agreement with -- with the people that they've brought civil action against. It helps them make sure that that agreement is honored. That's what this bill is about. This bill doesn't force anybody to enter into agreement, but once you have entered into that agreement, you should honor it. And that should be the -- the policy of the State of Illinois, that we force people to honor what they voluntarily agree to.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Jacobs.

### SENATOR JACOBS:

Sort of following up the question, do you think the bill overreaches a little bit?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Jacobs.

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#### SENATOR JACOBS:

Well, I noticed that my friend across the aisle wondered where I stood on the issue. And I was not going to speak against your bill and I really won't speak against it other than to say it's a bad bill. I'm going to vote against the bill because I do think it overreaches. And I'd like to point out to the Senator across the aisle that I hope this shows a spirit of cooperation and compromise, the same kind of spirit and cooperation and compromise when you helped our fellow colleague, Barack Obama, become President of the United States.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

### SENATOR HARMON:

Always like following Senator Jacobs, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Harmon.

### SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, I -- I confess, I was very confused in committee by the arguments offered by the opponents to your bill. I'm -- I'm confused here on the Floor by the -- the statements in opposition. One of the prior speakers suggested that the State of Illinois would be subject to these provisions. As I read the bill, it very clearly exempts actions against the State. Is that your intent?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

### SENATOR RAOUL:

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Yes. It was brought up in committee and I made clear that I would make sure that it was clear what -- the intent of this is to exempt the State of Illinois, as well as local municipalities.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon.

#### SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, it also came out very clearly in testimony in committee that there is absolutely nothing that litigating parties can do today to settle a lawsuit that could not be done were this bill to become law. We are in no way constraining the ability of litigating parties to settle a case on whatever terms they see fit. Is that fair?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

#### SENATOR RAOUL:

That is correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon.

### SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, the problem is, as you explained it in committee, is one that you have encountered in your own practice. The -- the problem today is that there are no teeth in the law governing the payment of settlements. And I think you explained it best, that there are parties who will sign a settlement agreement and then refuse to deliver the check in satisfaction of that settlement. Is that the problem that you're trying to solve?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

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#### SENATOR RAOUL:

That is indeed the problem we're trying to solve. While -while there is some teeth if you go to full trial that -- that -that could impose interest on -- on a judgment, the same teeth
don't exist when parties have voluntarily - voluntarily, I stress
- entered into the settlement agreement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Harmon.

#### SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. One last question for the sponsor and then I'd like to speak to the bill briefly. Senator, is there anything in this bill that would force parties into settlement or permit one party to unilaterally settle with the other?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

### SENATOR RAOUL:

Nothing at all.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Harmon.

#### SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you for your answers, Senator Raoul. I stand in support of this bill. There's been much dust-kicking about what this bill does and what it really doesn't. Some of the speakers have danced around it. But all this bill does is that it changes the -- the default rule. It changes the baseline from which parties negotiate settlements. It says, essentially, if you don't negotiate terms that cover the payment of the settlement, you're going to default to this statute, which, as some of the prior speakers mentioned, does shift the

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balance, but today the balance goes the other way. Parties can continue to negotiate settlement agreements that are satisfactory to them, including the terms under which the settlement will be paid and when. I quarantee that there are multiple lawyers involved in representing companies like Caterpillar and John Deere. They are not settling cases with a handshake on the courthouse steps. They are exchanging long documents, which provide all sorts of terms and conditions for the settlement. There is no way in the world that this bill would impact any of those settlements. But one concern that was raised was one that I think Senator Haine raised and that was the -- the settlement on the courthouse steps by a handshake. I don't think that this bill necessarily disrupts those. I think that if -- if there is a concern with that, it could be easily remedied with some small minor language changes in the House, if it's determined that we're going to disrupt that sort of a practice. This is a good bill. It does rearrange the -- the dynamic as people approach settlements, but it does not force settlements. It does not limit the party's ability to settle on terms that they see as appropriate. And it -- it just creates a new default rule if parties some -- for some reason choose not to negotiate the terms and pay their -- their bills when due. I urge your Aye votes. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Seeing no further discussion, Senator Raoul, to close. SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen. I -- I - I appreciate the debate on this -- on this bill. But I just
want to make it plainly clear to the Members of the Senate. You
know, last -- last week we had a bill where we talked about a --

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a lawyer's perspective on pensions versus a non-lawyer's perspective. I was approached by one of my colleagues prior to presenting this bill, who sat on the Judiciary Committee during this debate, and he says, "I'm not a lawyer, but this is pretty clear to me. This is just about two" -- "two parties voluntarily - voluntarily - entering into agreement." And there's explicit language in this bill that says, "except as otherwise agreed by the parties". What that language means is that if somebody does not want to enter into the settlement that's subject to this timeline, they can have an agreement that says otherwise. It's common sense. You don't have to go to law school. In fact, you don't have to go to college to understand it. A voluntary agreement is a voluntary agreement, and there's nothing in this bill that would change the ability of parties to enter into a voluntary agreement that explicitly lays out the timing in which payment shall be tendered. But what should not happen - what should not happen - is when you've entered into agreement, that you get to withhold that payment that you've agreed to tender as long as you want. That should not happen and there needs to be teeth to make sure that we enforce that that will not be the policy in the State of Illinois. I urge an Aye vote.

### PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1912 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 34 voting Aye, 21 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 1912, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and

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Gentlemen, we're going to turn to the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading. That would be on page 2 of your printed Calendar. With leave of the Body, Mr. Secretary, let's go to Senate Bill 1341. 1341. Senator Lightford. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1341.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to -- with leave of the Body, we're going to turn to the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading. If you'll turn to page 19 of your printed Calendar, towards the top of the page, we have House Bill 1140. Senator Muñoz. Senator Muñoz. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

House Bill 1140.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Mr. Secretary, with leave of the Body, let's go back to House Bill 1017. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're still on page 19 of the printed Calendar. Senator Steans. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1017.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. Committee on Human Services adopted

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Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, there being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 12 noon on the 16th day of May, 2013. The Senate stands adjourned.

#### SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Pursuant to the directive of the Senate President, the regular Session of the Senate is now in perfunctory Session.

Communication from the President. Letter dated May 15th, 2013.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to Rule 2-10, I am scheduling a perfunctory Session to convene on Wednesday, May 15th, 2013. Sincerely, John J. Cullerton, Senate President.

Resolutions.

Senate Resolution 309, offered by Senator Oberweis. It is substantive.

Committee Reports.

Senator Sandoval, (Vice) Chairperson of the Committee on Local Government, reports Senate Amendment 3 to House Bill 1349 and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2530 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Noland, Chairperson of the Committee on Criminal Law, reports Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2250, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3172

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Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Frerichs, Chairperson of the Committee on Higher Education, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 15 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Landek, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government and Veterans Affairs, reports House Bills 2 and 2994 Do Pass; House Bills 2695 and 2780 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3346 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports House Bill 1375 Do Pass; House Joint Resolution 9 Be Adopted; Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 105, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 996, Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 996 and Senate Amendment 3 to House Bill 2408 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Sandoval, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, reports House Bills 1810 and 3054 Do Pass; Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 772, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 1247 and Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 2773 Recommend Do Adopt.

Messages from the House.

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

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

Senate Bill 1430.

Together with the following amendment which is attached, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1430.

We have received like Messages on Senate Bill 1598, with House Amendment 2; Senate Bill 1599, with House Amendment 1; Senate Bill

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1609, with House Amendment 1; and Senate Bill 1640, with House Amendment 1. Passed the House, as amended, May 15th, 2013. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

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 a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 62.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Passed the House, May 15th, 2013. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

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

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

House Joint Resolution 27.

Offered by Senator Frerichs. And adopted by the House, May 1st, 2013. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

It is substantive.

House Bills 1st Reading.

House Bill 62, offered by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

There being no further business to come before this perfunctory Session, pursuant to the directive of the Senate President, the Senate stands adjourned until Thursday, May 16th, 2013, at the hour of 12 noon, or until the call of the President.

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The Senate stands adjourned.