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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

The regular -- the regular Session of the 97th -- 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 Doug Rudow, Spirit of Life Church, Decatur, Illinois.

PASTOR DOUG RUDOW:

(Prayer by Pastor Doug Rudow)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Jacobs)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

James Carder with the -- Blueroomstream.com seeks permission to videotape. Seeing no objection, leave will be granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, April 1st, 2014.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Resolution 1055, offered by Senator Bertino-Tarrant, McGuire and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 1057 and 1058, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1059, offered by Senator McConnaughay and all Members.

They are all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Mr. -- Mr. Secretary, Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1056, offered by Senator Hunter.
It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Mr. -- Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Hunter, Chairperson of the Committee on Human Services, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 798 and Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1724 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Sandoval, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2932 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Raoul, Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary, reports Senate Bill 3112 Do Pass; Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1047, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2826, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2955 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Noland, Chairperson of the Committee on Criminal Law, reports Senate Bill 3522 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 3538 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Jones, Chairperson of the Committee on Local

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Government, reports Senate Bill 3016 Do Pass; Senate Bill 3503 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3408 Recommend Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

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

House Bill 4542.

We have received like Messages on House Bills 4597, 4733, 5325, 5339, 5393 and 5679. Passed the House, April 1st, 2014. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

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

House Bill 3695.

We have received like Messages on House Bills 3700, 3724, 4381, 4556, 4653, 4679, 5431, 5606, 5868 and 5903. Passed the House, April 1st, 2014. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1152, offered by Senator Muñoz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House Bill 3724, offered by Senator Mulroe.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3765, offered by Senator Mulroe.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4216, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4264, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4269, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4410, offered by Senator Althoff.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4442, offered by Senator Raoul.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4501, offered by Senator Steans.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4542, offered by Senator Tom Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4556, offered by Senator Morrison.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4606, offered by Senator Manar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Silverstein, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Announcing a Cub victory today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

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Wake up, Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Announcing a Democratic Caucus upon recess, for approximately one hour, to discuss the Cub victory against -- and the St. Louis loss today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Althoff, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

...you -- thank you very much, Mr. President. Purpose of announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

The Senate Republicans would also like to caucus for about an hour.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CLAYBORNE)

Senator Silverstein, Senator Althoff move the Senate recess for purposes of a Senate {sic} and Republican Caucus, lasting one hour. Seeing no objection, the motion is granted. The Senate now stands in -- the Senate now stands in recess to the call of the Chair. After the Senate Democrat and Republican Caucuses, the Senate committees will meet -- the Senate will reconvene after the committee meetings for the purpose of reading -- for purposes of Floor action, I'm sorry. The Senate -- well, the Executive Committee previously posted at 12 p.m. will begin at 1 p.m. in Room 212. The Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolutions 1060 through 1069, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

They are death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

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

House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 1.

Offered by Senator Steans, and adopted by the House, April 2nd, 2014. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

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

House Bill 3251.

We have received like Messages on House Bills 4093, 4223, 4775, 5491, 5685, 5688, 5755 and 5899. Passed the House, April 2nd, 2014. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

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Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3695, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3700, offered by Senator Bush.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4653, offered by Senator Stadelman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4733, offered by Senator Manar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5286, offered by Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5406, offered by Senator Rose.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5412, offered by Senator Koehler.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5431, offered by Senator Kotowski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5503, offered by Senator Connelly.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5504, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5679, offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5692, offered by Senator Muñoz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5858, offered by Senator Connelly.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5868, offered by Senator Mulroe.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5903, offered by Senator Forby.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, will all Members within the sound of my voice please come to the Senate Floor? All Members, come to the Senate Floor. We're ready to go to final action. Senator Forby, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR FORBY:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

Today is SIU Lobby Day and we have some special guests in the gallery with us today. I would like the Senate to give them a big welcome. Our -- welcome our students from SIU, and with SIU is one of our guys, is John Charles. Give 'em a big -- give 'em a big hand.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Will our guests from Southern please rise and be recognized? Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Great to have you here today. Thanks for joining us. Good to see you, John. Senator Raoul, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RAOUL:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

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Today, up in the gallery, we have guests from New Buffalo, Michigan, the Ritter family, who are relatives of my brains in judicial -- in the -- in Judiciary Committee, Caitlyn McEvoy. And so can -- can we give them a warm Senate applause and thank them for lending their niece and cousin to our Senate staff?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Absolutely. Congratulations, Caitlyn, and your -- your family that's here visiting with us today. Will our guests please rise and be recognized? Senator Manar, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MANAR:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to draw the Members' attention to the back gallery. There's a group of students here from Richland Community College, a fine group of young people, here today for several reasons, first and foremost which is MAP funding, which is obviously very important. I just rise, Mr. President, to welcome them to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Will our guests from Richland College please rise and be recognized? Let's welcome our guests to the Illinois State Senate. Nice of you to -- joining us today. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are going to go to the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. If you'll turn to page 10 of your Calendar, we'll be starting about in the middle of the page, on Senate Bill 2630. We'll start just momentarily. All Members within the sound of my voice please come

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to the Senate Floor immediately. We're on the Order -- going to the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Senator Kotowski, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Good afternoon, Mr. President. It's a pleasure to see you today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Good afternoon, Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you for...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

For what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

...your continued leadership and your fine example you provide all the Members here in the Senate. It gives me great, great pleasure to introduce Connor Hanson. Connor's a junior at Maine South High School. He's a Page for the Day. He's my tallest Page I've ever had - not the oldest, but the tallest. And just give you a couple -- little information about Connor. First of all, Connor is joined by his mom, Kathy Hanson, who lives in -- in Park Ridge as well. They have a great family. He plays band -- he's in the band. He plays the snare drum. He's a section leader. He also does radio on -- Maine South has a radio station. So, I, of course, offered to go on the radio station, if he needed one. And I'm sure Senator Murphy would do that if -- the same. But he -- he is interested in going to the University of Illinois or DePaul or Tulane. Fascinated by politics and history, and would like to be a public servant. So I'd like you all to please give my good friend, Connor Hanson, a great Springfield welcome. Connor Hanson.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Connor, welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Nice of you to join us, you and your family. Great to have you here. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, again, we're on the -- we're in the printed Calendar, on page 10 of the printed Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We're going to start with -- where we left off, which is Senate Bill 2630. Senator Silverstein, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2630.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. As amended, Senate Bill 2630 provides that a court shall consider a parent's current or future lack of legal immigration status as a factor when deciding the issue of permanent removal of a child or children from the State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2630 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 45 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2630, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Haine, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR HAINE:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I want to echo my distinguished and good friend, Senator Forby, who introduced students from SIU. I want to particularize it and introduce especially students from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, which is, as we know in the St. Louis area, it is the premier school in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Ladies and Gentlemen, SIUE.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Will our guests from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville please rise and be recognized? Thanks for joining us. Senator Bush, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BUSH:

I apologize. I'd like to be recorded as a Yes on the previous roll call. I was not at my desk. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Bush. The record will so reflect your intentions. Continuing on the Calendar - we're on page 10 on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading - we have Senate Bill 2636. Senator Martinez. Mr. Secretary, out of the record. Senate Bill 2644. Senator Sandoval. Senator Sandoval. Oh! Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2644.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Sandoval, on Senate Bill 2644.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2644 allows for an exemption for a grocery store, Kinross Finer Foods, in the City of Chicago. It's supported by the City of Chicago and Alderman George Cardenas. I ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2644 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 45 voting Aye, 3 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2644, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, we have Senate Bill 2647. Senator Althoff. Senator Althoff. Out of the record. At the bottom of page 10, we have Senate Bill 2650. Senator Silverstein. Senator Silverstein. Out of the record. Ladies and Gentlemen, turn to the top of page 11, still on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We have Senate Bill 2657. Senator Haine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2657.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

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SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you very much, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is a cleanup bill, so to speak, no pun intended, by the IEPA, which does a number of -- of technical changes, bringing various statutory provisions relating to different programs, such as the LUST Fund, the public water supply Act, and changing them to -- to be more consistent with the law and their -- their -- their -- their duties. They're not substantively changing them. They are changing their requirements for notices from the requirement in the -- currently in the Act to allowing for notices to be issued according to the Pollution Control Board rules, which will save them a good deal of money, according to them. There's no opposition to the bill from anyone.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2657 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2657, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, we have Senate Bill 26... Senator Muñoz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I have two

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guests here with me, Rita Esquiliano and Tameeka Christian. They're both from my district and they're -- work with Saint Anthony Hospital. If we can welcome 'em, I'd appreciate it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Rita and Tameeka, welcome to the Illinois Senate. Great to have you joining us today. Thanks for being here. Senator LaHood, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LaHOOD:

Thank you, Mr. President. For purposes of an introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please make your introduction, Senator LaHood.

SENATOR LaHOOD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'm joined today by my Page for the Day, who's from Normal, Illinois, Kelli Tilford, who actually lives in Senator Barickman's district, but he's not here today for -- 'cause of an excused absence. But I'm happy to have Kelli. We've had a great day. She's a junior at Normal Community High School. Her parents are Mark and Andrea Tilford. She plans to major in political science in college and attend law school. And I'd like everyone to give her a warm Springfield welcome. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Kelli, welcome to the Illinois Senate. Nice of you to -- joining us today. Senator Brady, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you, Mr. President. For purpose of an introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Make your introduction, Senator Brady.

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SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you. I'd like to introduce Ryan Kent, who's actually a constituent of Chapin Rose, but a senior at Illinois State University and an intern in my office. He enjoys writing, web design, and woodworking. He also wants to get involved in government. If you'd please join me in welcoming Ryan Kent.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Will our guest please rise? Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Nice of you to -- joining us today. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're on page 11 of the Calendar. Towards the top of the printed Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, we have Senate Bill 2659. Senator Silverstein. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2662. Senator Haine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2662.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is an initiative of the Department of Insurance and the Mutual Insurance Companies of Illinois. It expands their authority to invest in a wider variety of bonds and other assets, and -- which would make them much more able to have a greater rate of return and keep up with the modern times. This is -- again, they're regulated by the Department of Insurance, and Department of Insurance is very satisfied with this bill.

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Thank you, Senator Haine. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2662 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, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 2662, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, we have Senate Bill 2664. Senator Hastings. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2668. Senator Haine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2668.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is a initiative of the Illinois Department of Corrections. They wish to have us grant them the authority to streamline and make more efficient the way the Department trains persons who are required to collect drug testing samples over a period of days. And they're going to reduce the required hours from forty to fifteen, but -- but make them more specifically focused on what is necessary to be done, consistent with federal law and the federal government. The all-knowing, all-encompassing, brilliant federal government has approved this initiative.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Thank you, Senator Haine. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2668 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 Present. Senate Bill 2668, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, we have Senate Bill 2682. Senator Hastings. Senator Hastings. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2696. Senator Link. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2717. Senator Sandoval. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2722. Senator Hastings. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2727. Senator Steans. Senator Steans. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2744. Senator Muñoz. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2744.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. As amended, it creates the National Guard State-Sponsored Life Insurance Program. It's servicemen's group for National Guard's access for low-cost insurance. Also, in addition, members can make allotments for their premiums by using the U.S. Defense Finance and Accounting Service's military pay allotment procedures in place at a time of their enrollment, when requested. I -- also

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provides that National Guard Association will be the designed {sic} (designated) provider of the State-sponsored insurance products for military members and dependents of the National Guard. The Department of Military Affairs, through the Adjutant General, is designated as the official Department sponsor of the program, and it will coordinate all the efforts to make the program available to all members of the Illinois National Guard. I know of no opposition to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Muñoz. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2744 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2744, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, we have Senate Bill 2761. Senator Clayborne. Leader Clayborne. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2761.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2761 extends the sunset for target market programs {sic} (program) from June 30th, 2014 to June 30th, 2017. This program

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was established to remedy particular incidents of egregious race or -- gender discrimination in -- transportation-related contracts. I would ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2761 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2761, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, we have Senate Bill 2763. Senator Sandoval. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2774. Senator Link. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2775. Leader Lightford. Out of the record. At the bottom of page 11, Ladies and Gentlemen, we have -- Senate Bill 2782. Senator Koehler. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2782.

(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. This bill clarifies that a parent or guardian or an interested third party may be appointed as an educational surrogate or an early intervention program surrogate if such appointment would be in the best interest of the child. This helps to give guidance to the

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courts. It also includes that that surrogate may not be any party to any abuse or neglect. And I'd be happy to answer any questions and I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Koehler. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall -- Senator Delgado, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President. I do apologize for the late ring-in. A question of the sponsor. Sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Delgado.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you. And, Senator Koehler, I like your legislation. I just wanted for a point of clarification. You're familiar with the guardian ad litem as to working with children. The guardian ad litem's office, will they be implementing this educational -- what role -- do they have a role in -- in the educational surrogate, or that surrogate come from the GAL, or -- or -- or how -- where is the surrogate coming from and what role will they play in the case, since the child is represented by a GAL, guardian ad litem?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes, thank you, Senator, for that question. Well, the Cook County Public Guardian's Office is one of the proponents of this bill. And I think that what the guidance is on this is that whatever is in the best interest of the child is what the court

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should appoint. If there's someone else that's in the best interest, then that's who it should be, but it doesn't preclude that it not be a parent or somebody who is a family member. So it -- it really is up to the court to pick who they think is most appropriate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Any further discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2782 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2782, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Jones, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. Purpose of introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please make your introduction, Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

On the Republican side in the gallery, have some students down here from one of the greatest universities in the State of Illinois, and that's Chicago State. So please join me and give 'em a warm welcome to the Illinois Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's welcome our guests from Chicago State University. Thanks for joining us today. Ladies and Gentlemen, with leave of the Body, we will return to page 10 on the printed Calendar, to Senate Bill 2636. Leader Martinez. 2636. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2636.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2636, as amended, includes seizure and epilepsy in the list of debilitating medical conditions that qualifies an individual to participate in the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program. It also directs the Department of Public Health to adopt rules for the registration of patients with seizures and epilepsy who are under the age of eighteen. The type of cannabis that is used to treat these patients contain very low to no THC, which is the hallucinogenic component of marijuana. CBD oil has significant seizure-reducing properties. Let me just give you a little bit of background. And, you know, this -- studies have found that oil from medical cannabis relax the nervous system and reduces significantly the number of seizures experienced by a patient with epilepsy and seizure disorder, with a complete -- and with complete elimination of seizures reported in some patients. Colorado, and most recently New Jersey with the support of Governor Christie, has permitted the use of medical cannabis by children to alleviate the symptoms of epilepsy. Myostatic-astatic epilepsy is a condition where individuals, mainly children, may have serious seizures continuously throughout the day. A child may experience over fifteen hundred seizures a day, or one every fifteen to thirty seconds. Over the course of seven years, it's been reported that

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some individuals have experienced more than 2.5 million seizures. Individuals with the condition experience significant developmental disability as a result of the seizures. This type of cannabis that is used to treat these children have very low to no THC, and -- and it's actually done a lot to improve the significance of the seizures and reduction. This is -- this is a initiative of the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago and by many -- many, many parents that have sent me, and I have here with me, dozens and dozens of letters, from parents all over - not just in Illinois, but all over. Many have had to leave here - Chicago - to go to Colorado to make sure that they can have access to that oil that has taken care of those epilepsy seizures that many of their children are facing. This is a -- you know, this is a -- a health initiative that I think is important. It's about quality of health for our children. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Sponsor yield, please, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield for a question. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Chamber. Senator Martinez, it's one of those neat little ironies that only seems to happen here in the Capitol, that I was talking to you about this bill when the Presiding Officer recognized you to call this bill for a vote. I want to talk a little bit about the

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language in the bill, and I want to -- I want to set aside your motivation, and not because it's unimportant, because it's incredibly important, and I think that there is unanimous or near unanimous support in this Chamber for what you're trying to do, which is - my understanding is - to allow those with this particular condition to use this on -- in an oil-based fashion to treat their condition. But the bill doesn't restrict it to just that form. The bill adds the condition that we're talking about and that many Members in here have -- have been contacted about and then goes on to say that the Department will not issue one of these medical marijuana cards to anyone under eighteen, unless they have this condition. So on the -- on the face of it, we're simply giving this -- giving allowance to have this card to be given out to minors if they have this condition, not restricting how they actually use the medical marijuana. Now I want to make sure first that you agree with that's the way the legislation actually reads right now.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Yes, but let me just say this, while we're talking about, you know, adding this to the list of all the other debilitating diseases under the cannabis bill, this one -- yet we talk about children under the age of eighteen and children who suffer from epilepsy. So, again, I mean, it's -- it's -- it's limiting the - the scope to that -- to that child who suffers from seizures. We have to allow our doctors and the parents to really have the - the opportunity to be able to tap into that oil that is not -- that is only in Colorado and now over in -- in -- moving over to

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New Jersey, but other states are also looking at it, because it is something that right now has proven over and over that it does reduce these seizures in children. So -- and when we talk about what happens when it -- Public Health will adopt the rules, I think that that's going to really be important that -- that we narrow that to saying that it's for children with seizures. Because, so far, it's the only -- that oil is the only product that's out there that is reducing the number of seizures.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

And I appreciate all that very much, Senator. I -- here's what I don't want for you and for me and the other Members of -- of this Chamber is that -- to get caught up in the notion that this is a narrow and justified expansion of the law because we're only -- because we believe they're only going to be allowed to use this in an oil-based manner, when, in fact, the bill that we are voting for is not that. So what I'm respectfully asking you to do, Senator, and you are a member of the mighty majority over there, is to pull this bill out of the record, amend it to restrict the language to what it is we're talking about -- what you've been talking about, and then move it out of this Chamber and into the House Chamber. Now it's been my experience, and I think it's been yours too, Senator, that when we send bills from the Senate over to the House Chamber and they're not done, usually one of two things happens to those bills - either those bills come back - usually your bills - come back not resembling at all what they were when they left this Chamber or they just die over there, because someone decided it wasn't worth the time to fix a pretty

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good product and make it someone's perfect product. So let's fix it here. Let's fix it in the Senate. Let's do exactly what we need to do, exactly what the advocates are calling us for, and refine the language, not leave it up to the Public Health Department. Let's make that decision here for ourselves.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Right now, in the bill, it's very clear. The Department of Public Health shall adopt rules for the issuance of a registry identification card for qualifying patients who are under the age of eighteen and suffering from seizures, including those of the characteristic of epilepsy. And, again, a doctor will be the one that can actually write the prescription. So, I mean, it's -- I think it's very clear in the bill itself that the Department of (Public) Health will be the one to make sure they issue the -- register the -- the children, but more important, that they are the ones that will actually only -- only be able to give the registry out to children suffering from seizures. That's very clear in the bill. So I don't think that I need to take the bill out of the record. I think we need to vote on something that could be lifesaving, you know, to many, many children who suffer. I mean, can you imagine fifteen hundred seizures a day? And this, right now, there's a lot of -- there's a lot of evidence out there that now some of these same children who were suffering fifteen hundred are now down to one or two a day. I think that we need to do the right thing and send this bill over to the -- to the -- the other Chamber with fifty-nine green lights on it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is a -- there's two items I want to talk about to the -- to the sponsor and -- and to the bill. You know, when I was a kid growing up, when I was first diagnosed with epilepsy, no one ever told me - and I think my parents were very protective - they never told you that you could die when you have a seizure, and I never experienced that kind of - fortunately for me - life-threatening situation. When I did have epileptic seizures, they were grand mal seizures and I lived through them. And there was -- it's a very difficult circumstance to -- to experience that because you completely lose control. When you wake up, you don't remember a lot; you can't speak. It's a lot like having a -- a stroke. But my folks -- my parents were very -- they protected me and they basically -- no one ever really said to me that you could die if you have a seizure. Well, there's fifty thousand deaths that occur each year in the United States of America due to the fact that someone has a seizure, and a lot of 'em are children. And so -- I have a -- a good friend of mine, his name is Mike Stanton, Mike and Mariann Stanton, and their son, Danny, the same name as I have, he died when he was four years old; he had a seizure and he never woke up, and he was being treated with medication. And they were always, you know, looking at different ways to make sure he got the treatment that he needed to prevent him from having seizures. But they, too, didn't know about sudden unexplained death from epilepsy. Now, I don't know if you were at the hearing last week, but at the hearing last week, there was a

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young girl there who had a seizure in the middle of the hearing. And when I was a kid, when that happened, it's pretty embarrassing for that to occur. You feel like you're in control of your life, you feel like everything's fine, and then you wake up in the middle of a hospital room and you don't know what happened, and you can't speak and you can't remember anything. And so, we had young -- young kids in that hearing room with their parents who are experiencing literally hundreds of seizures a day, hundreds of seizures a day. So, when you have a seizure, that impacts your ability to remember things. It impacts your cognitive ability. Impacts your ability, in many cases, to breathe, to eat, to be able to function in a way that most people take for granted. So what's so important about this bill is it gives options and choices to families who oftentimes don't have none. Now there was a young girl named Michaela who came down here with her family, and she was so filled with drugs to prevent her from having a seizure, it was almost like she was in a coma. She was practically nonresponsive. She's in Colorado right now, and she went from having a hundred seizures a day to two to three and some days none. She can now eat on her own and she's finally able to start talking. So I know there's some question about some of the details, but I think we can trust the Illinois Department of Public Health to work that out, to make sure that they're able to provide the guidance on this front so we can save lives and give people options. Now, granted, I come for this from a personal point of view, but I come for this from a standpoint of somebody who lives well with epilepsy. But there are people who are dying and there are people who are suffering, and this is their opportunity to lead a good quality of life. So I just wanted to say it from a

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personal standpoint. But, to the sponsor, we don't often say this here in this Chamber, but when I was a kid, I always wanted someone to stand up for me, and I had my parents, who understood about the fact that I had epilepsy, and I always wanted a champion to be out there for me, but not many people understood that. Well, Senator Martinez gets it and she understands that, and sometimes you have to have somebody who's out there, who's bigger and better and understands what it takes to look out for other people, not just because it personally impacts her, but she gets the fact it impacts other people and she wants to make sure they don't suffer and that they live good lives and that they don't die. And Senator Martinez is that champion. And I always wanted somebody else like that and she's that champion right now, and we owe it to her and to the children and families who are dealing with epilepsy on a daily basis to vote for this bill and have it pass. So I thank Iris Martinez for her leadership. I thank her for being a hero. I thank her for being a champion. And I just ask you to vote for this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. You know, I -- I did not vote for Senator Haine's bill. He -- I'm sorry, Senator, I didn't, and -- and -- but you promised that it would never be -- never be -- you know, you could use marijuana at any time. Remember you said that? And that it would never -- it would never expand. The -- the reason I -- I'm up at all is I have a grandson who has -- some days he's had as many as a hundred seizures

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a day. Now they do not live in this State. They live in Texas and they've been to all of the hospitals that you can go to and read and watched and -- and, you know, are desperately trying to -- because, in the end, it affects your -- it affects your -- your brain and -- and it's -- it's permanent damage finally. He's had them now since he's been four. He's ten years old. And I'm kind of torn about this particular bill. Do -- you know, do I vote for it? I -- I guess my concern is this: He takes a lot of other medicines and all of them have long-term side effects, and I -- and I guess I say to you, will this have long-term side effects? You know, will you become addicted to it? Will it just be another drug that creates those sort of -- of side effects? Now, my -- my son and his wife have never said to me, you know, this is -- this is a possibility. I -- I really didn't know that it was that much of a possibility with regard to seizures. Is -- is -- are there studies at all that -- that -- that maybe could tell me and tell us whether -- what the side effects would be over a period of time?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

I -- I think that the most compelling story was told by one of the moms that testified and she said -- they asked her basically the same question. What kind of effects -- or side effects? And she says -- you know, does your daughter get -- does she -- does she have this high feeling when she has medication? I think her -- her -- her response was the very -- I think I -- I just could not -- I was so moved by it. She said that my child is stoned every single day on prescription medication that's given to her. And I think that that just tells you what exactly -- she's over -

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- on seven or eight different medications and she was constantly just out of it, but -- and -- and not even that relieved her symptoms of the seizures. Now, in saying that, there are doctors from Lurie Hospital and other hospitals that right now are -- have been looking at the research that Colorado has with this oil, and there is medically proven, you know, at least based on their patients' care, that the reduction of seizures has just decreased in an enormous way that they're even shocked and that there is no real side effect. That child now is beginning to do a lot more things. More developmental issues that -- that they were having before, now they're able to start moving around, walking, doing a lot of other things that they were not able to do when they were having two and three hundred seizures a day. So I think that when you talk about the side effect, you know, when you talk about prescription drugs that are given to these children to try to control the epilepsy seizures attacks, I think that when you read some of these -- and these are -- these are parents that have seen the change in their children, that have seen the, you know, the reduction of seizures during the course of the day, has to tell you that something is right with this oil and that we need to make sure that we gave -- that we give these parents the access they need and not have to leave Illinois to go -- to go somewhere else to get that. So I really believe that the effect is a much better -- the side effect is very minimal, is what we hear, but more important is that it -- it's reducing the amount of seizures and that is the most important thing right now.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

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...you have -- do you have any information on -- on a longer term? You know, any of these studies, or whatever you want to call them, over a year or two or whatever? Anything over a longer term?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

What I have heard is that -- I know that in Canada, CBD, which is the oil that's extracted, that oil is -- it's legal in -- in Canada. There is -- you know, I think there's a lot of research going on right now based on that - just -- just by seeing the results from the doctors and from the parents that are treating these children right now with that oil. So, I -- there's four other states that are also pending, this legislation, because they really do feel that there is one oil out there that can really address the decrease in seizure - it is the CBD.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR HUNTER:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

...you -- thank you, Mr. President. Last year, when Senator Haine brought this bill before the Executive Committee and subsequently brought it to the Floor, I spoke against the bill in committee, as well as on the Floor, because of my beliefs, as well as the training that I received while I was in graduate school. I

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-- I do have a master's degree in alcohol and drugs, and the curriculum that we were taught during this -- the -- the length of time for the program, came to us not from a medical perspective, but from a law enforcement kind of, you know, perspective. And so when this bill constantly came up -- you know, and I've been working in -- in -- in -- in alcohol and drugs and behavioral health all of my professional life, ever since the -- the early eighties. I've run alcohol and drug programs. I -- you know, I've -- I've treated clients who were addicted to alcohol, marijuana, crack, cocaine, heroin, and -- and all the other -- other drugs. And so I was against the bill. And so when I went home over the summer, I saw -- you saw, all during this -- this past summer and the fall, more information was coming out regarding research in -- in terms of the benefits of medical marijuana, and I was -- I -- I constantly follow Sanjay Gupta on CNN, who took some time off to actually go and visit locations throughout the country where there were many benefits as relates to medical marijuana and how it was really helping people, particularly children and other persons who had all kinds of issues. And so I started conducting research myself on the Internet and I found the benefits of it, you know, and then I had begun to question, you know, my instructors and -- and the -- the program that I went to, because they never talked about the medical benefits of it. I don't know whether -- that was a long time -- in the eighties. I don't know if the research was out there or not. But, anyway, to make a long story short, this bill did pass the Human Services Committee and I did vote for it, and I stated some of the kind of things that I -- I'm sharing with you now. And I think that this is an important bill. I think that if -- you know, taking any

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kind of drugs orally, all it's going to do over the long term is -- is -- is affect your -- and critically damage your liver, you know. And so this oil that -- that they're using out in Colorado is a good thing and I encourage everyone in this Chamber to vote for it. I think it's a good thing. I -- I'd like to commend you, Senator, for -- and Senator Kotowski for putting this bill out here. And I will vote for this bill. And thank you very much, once again.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR BIVINS:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield for a question. Senator Bivins.

SENATOR BIVINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, I think Senator Righter many have asked you this earlier and I wasn't sure if I -- I was clear on the answer. But, in this bill, does it contain any limits on which forms of marijuana may be prescribed to a child? In other words, does it go beyond the oil? Is it -- does it allow for -- for smoking?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

It doesn't specify, but let me -- let me just go back one more time and say that it's been proven through the oil, this -- this oil, that it treats seizures. Now, that -- and some types of epilepsy. You know, the rulemaking will be done within the

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Department of Public Health. They're very clear about making sure that the people they're registering is -- are individuals -- children that suffer from seizure, you know, and I think that this is a step in the right direction. If, you know, we need to do something later on, because we want -- right now I really believe that it's restricted to, you know, to the oil, based on the studies and everything else and based on the information. Now, doesn't mean that, you know, down the road there might be something else. Right now, we want to deal with what parents are suffering at this very moment and leaving the State of Illinois to go somewhere else to deal with the, you know, with that oil that can only be found in that plant out in -- in --in Colorado. But I do believe that right now it's very clear in the bill that the Department of Health will -- it's going to be, you know, in the rulemaking of that that it would only be issued -- the license will be issued to that individual who suffers from seizures.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Bivins.

SENATOR BIVINS:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Bivins.

SENATOR BIVINS:

Thank you and thank you, Senator, for your answer. And -- and I understand the -- the angst that parents have when they have a child that's suffering. They want to help them. And actually, with the oil, I would vote for it if it was limited to the oil. My concern is the delivery system in which we're ingesting the marijuana. And there is a difference between the oil and smoking

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marijuana, because the oil, they do take the THC, which is tetrahydrocannabinol, out of the oil. In the smoking, in the marijuana, it's still there. So there is a huge difference there in the delivery system and what we're doing here. And I, too, have seen the -- the documentaries on -- on this and follow those and -- and done some research, and I don't think the oil, quite frankly -- you know, it appears that it does work, but, you know, we watch -- and it can't be any worse than what we watch on television on the commercials for the prescription drugs, when you see a half a -- you know, half the commercial is about the side effects. So, I don't have a problem with the oil, just the delivery system. And -- and if it was just limited to that, I would vote for this bill, but under the present form it's written in, I -- I can't support it. But appreciate what you're doing. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in strong support of the bill. So that everyone understands, marijuana has many active drugs inside of it. The most active that people -- the pleasure seekers look for is THC. Cannabinoids, which is CBDs - do I have that correct? - that -- that doesn't make you high. And I think, you know, the important thing is that we look at the drugs that we currently give children with seizures. We give them Lycra {sic} (Lyrica), Mysoline, Nothine {sic}, Oxybinline {sic}, Sabril, Tegret {sic}, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. But at the end of all those -- all those drugs, there's a warning on the label that says these drugs may not work. So I think that if a -- if a young child

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-- if this can prevent seizure, that we ought to take a really hard look and give it positive consideration. God grows this drug. It grows from a seed, like corn, and I look forward to the day in my community when we cannot only harvest, but build machines to harvest.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I rise in support of the bill. I was the Chair of Public Health Committee when we heard testimony. This came out of our committee unanimously, with bipartisan support. The -- one of the mothers that testified in committee, which Senator Martinez referred to, I asked her, what do you say to the opponents that this marijuana, cannabis, might get your child high? And to that, she responded, my kid is stoned every day from the nine to ten medications that she's on. She suffers through withdrawal symptoms. She has a hundred to three hundred seizures a day. This gave -- and the -- her child could not even walk or talk. We're not talking about regular kids here. These -- these kids don't have the normal life expectancy. This gives parents hope that they don't see their children suffering every day through the seizures that they're -- that they're going through. So -- and this is going to be prescribed by doctors too. So if it's appropriate that -- it's in

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the control of the doctors. It gives hope to parents that it will minimize the effect of the -- the seizures, where currently the prescription drugs are not helping. So I -- I rise in support. It came out of our -- our committee unanimously. I'd -- I'd ask that everyone support the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR MURPHY:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

He indicates he -- she will yield. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Well, first, Senator, thank you. I do intend to support your bill. I've got a couple questions. First, have you ever heard Senator Jacobs speak so authoritatively on a subject on this Floor in your career?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

I -- I -- I'm glad that I -- I have a chair behind me, 'cause I almost fell over. But, yes, he did.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you, Senator. The -- you know, Senator Righter raised an issue and -- and Senator Bivins as well. And I think those are valid issues that don't necessarily undermine the goal here. You had indicated in response, I think to Senator Righter's questions,

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that you've got faith in the Department that they will implement rules that put this in place. And I'm going to vote for your bill, but will you be there if in fact the Department doesn't end up implementing rules to your -- you have a confidence in them now. If the rules they actually implement don't justify that concept, would you consider coming back with something that tightened it up a little bit more to address those concerns?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

First and foremost, I definitely will, because I think just hearing the parents -- hearing the testimonies, seeing the children there, having all these thousands of letters that I have received from parents all over, the commitment is that, you know, we want to make sure that we are there to give them the resources that both the doctor and the parents need to be in control of that child's health care. And I think we're -- all we're doing then is giving them that opportunity to have that. I mean, I -- I -- I have to trust in the -- in the Department of Public Health, because, you know what, they are in the, you know, in the industry of making sure that people are healthy and that everything good is done out there in the best when it comes to quality of -- of health care for people. But I think that when you look at the fact that people -- that the Department is looking at the fact that they want to make sure that this -- you know, this registration for individuals, children especially under the age of -- of age -- under the age of eighteen, I have to think that they're going to be very, very careful and I have faith, because we're talking about a child that they're going to be issuing this license to. So I

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really do believe that we need to, you know, give Department of Health that opportunity to make sure. And if something does happen, I'll be the first one back here with a bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

To -- to the bill, Mr. President. Senator, I appreciate that -- that clarification. I don't think it's unreasonable to give them this chance on the front end, and I do appreciate your willingness to -- to look at it if they do not meet that standard. With that, we've got an opportunity in a narrow way to address a specific problem with a narrowly tailored solution, and I do urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Our last speaker seeking recognition, Senator Haine. For what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HAINE:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I want to thank very much Senator Martinez and Senator Kotowski for this initiative. I talked to them about this some months ago after I had received calls back home in my district from people not only in my district, but some prominent people actually in St. Louis area - prominent lawyers; a former judge, whose children and grandchildren suffer the same problem - and they -- they were referred to me. They -- they don't want to go to Colorado. And -- and I told them, frankly,

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that in an otherwise good bill, not a perfect bill, this provision was an oversight and because of the controversies involved in applying medical cannabis to anyone under the age of eighteen. So we chose not to go there. And I was unaware, as Senator Kotowski is and many others, Senator Luechtefeld, of this issue, since no one in my family suffers from this. So now that I'm aware of it, this bill is simple and it's clear. No other state has similar provisions for oil-based versus smoking. This keeps it simple. It prohibits the use to those under the age of eighteen, consistent with the -- the law, and it allows for this exception under these medical facts. And I would remind my esteemed colleagues that these children are under the care of doctors and they're highly skilled physicians. There's going to be -- consistent with our -- with -- with the law that we enacted, we have a very strict set of walls to keep this from abuse. That's the first point. The second point is that these children are under the care of doctors. They're not going to risk their licenses or their professional integrity with a slipshod medical diagnosis that would allow some misuse through smoking. And -- and I also want to add in conclusion that we do have a trailer bill that will -- once this rulemaking process is finished, we intend, in October, hopefully, or November, to take up a trailer bill. We have to address a number of issues with Medical Cannabis Pilot Program, one of which is DUI and the rest, and this would be the subject for a further review. So those who are thinking, I -- I would listen to your heart as well as your head. And there are many ways here to look at this and analyze it, consistent with the distinguished sponsor's eloquent presentation of this bill. I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Senator Martinez, to close.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Let me just say thank you to all the Members that stood up and -- and -- and really talked about a bill that really is about the quality of life. I think, you know, when we -- as parents, I think we never want to experience that, you know, that moment when our child is having a seizure, but more important is being able to find the resources we need to address the issue. So, you know, what better care than the parents and the doctor who are in charge of that child's life? And I think that if we, here in the General Assembly, here in Illinois, can keep these families here, as opposed to going somewhere else to seek an oil that we can basically, you know, do right here at home, I think, you know, we will be better citizens here, keeping our folks here. I want to just say thank you to Senator Kotowski, because I know I -- I -- you know, when the bill came to me -- and it was because of a letter that I received in my district from a -- a constituent who had to move to Colorado, and then before long I was receiving all these letters and I -- and right away I did research and we found out -- I -- I called the Epilepsy Foundation that -- and they worked with me on this, but I -- you know, I -- I -- many times I talked to Senator Kotowski, because what -- whom -- who better than -- than, you know than -- than -- than Dan to tell us exactly some of the things that he's gone through in life and that we need to make sure that we share and that we provide those services out there. So I just want to say thank you to everyone and I hope, for the sake of all these parents that traveled to Springfield on that day, that we see fifty-nine green lights up -- lighting up that -- that beautiful board up there. Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2636 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, 2 voting Present. Senate Bill 2636, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, will -- the Senate will stand at ease for a few minutes to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. Will all members of the Committee on Assignments please come to the President's Anteroom? The Senate will stand at ease. (at ease) Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Education Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 586; refer to Revenue Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1740, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2698, Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3316, Committee Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3316, Committee Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3382 and Committee Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 3382; refer to State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3225 and Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3521.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to continue on the regular Calendar where we left off, on page 12, the top of page 12. We're on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We have Senate Bill

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2797. There it is up on the board. Senator Silverstein, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2797.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is a bill -- an initiative of the Gaming Board. It's the response to a rejection of a rule by JCAR. It -- the bill authorizes the Board to set an Exclusion List for video gaming. Those persons that are on the list are prohibited from receiving a license or engaging in any activities, agreements, or transactions regarding video gaming. Take any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none -- Senator Harmon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Leader Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you. I just want to thank Senator Silverstein. This issue did come before JCAR in -- in a -- a difficult point and it was clear that a legislative remedy was -- was in order. So I applaud Senator Silverstein for handling this and join him in asking you for the Aye votes.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2797 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, 0 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 2797, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, we have Senate Bill 2808. Senator Biss. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2826. Senator Biss. Mr. Secretary -- Senator Biss seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 26 -- excuse me, 2826 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, we have Senate Bill 2826. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Biss.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss, to explain Floor Amendment 2.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment 2 simply adds an immediate effective date to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Next up on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 2829. Senator Link. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2903. Senator Manar. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2903.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This bill is an initiative of the Department of Agriculture. It sets up the Illinois State Fairgrounds Foundation as a non-for-profit entity in State government. The purpose is to establish this organization - and the bill spells out where the appointments come from - so that private donations can be realized and possibly improvements can be made at the State Fairgrounds. Everyone knows that there is a fairly hefty backlog of repairs that need to be made on the buildings. I don't know of any opposition to the bill. There are several groups that are proponents. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR McCARTER:

Question of the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for a question. Senator McCarter.

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SENATOR McCARTER:

Senator, we -- we went over this in the committee. Can individuals at this time, without this -- without this law, provide assistance to fairgrounds today?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

I -- Senator McCarter, I believe the answer is yes, but -- but what this bill would accomplish is, I would say, a more appropriate avenue for that to happen. There's obviously tax implications for those individuals. This would be similar to any other foundation or non-for-profit entity that receives charitable dollars. The idea is to set this up for the Fairgrounds. We all know that the Fairgrounds, because of its history, because of our firm connection to agriculture in this State, that we believe this would be a good venue where people may be willing to pitch in some money for what we need to have happen out there. So, again, it's about establishing a -- an appropriate avenue for charitable dollars for improvements on the buildings and grounds at the Fairgrounds.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Would these funds be subject to prevailing wage and project labor agreements?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Yes, they would, because they would be public works projects

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that would be administered like any other capital improvement that the State does on an ongoing basis.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Last question. Could these funds be swept?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Yes, they could. We talked about this in committee. We could put in language in the bill that would prevent it. Of course, that would only take another bill by the Legislature to undo that. So the bill doesn't contain that language, but -- but I would hope that those that support the bill would fight any attempt to sweep funds from this idea, if it were set up.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Yeah, Ladies and...(microphone cutoff)...as much as we'd like -- all like to support the Fairgrounds and what they do, there's a way to do this already, a less costly way, and we're setting up another fund that's vulnerable to be swept. We have not got a good track record for this, and I just don't see any need in this bill whatsoever. There are ways to assist Fairgrounds the -- that -- that the private sector has already and this is just going to

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make it more costly to do the work that they want to do, and I'm sure that that would outweigh any tax-deductible benefit that they would receive for this. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

To the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To -- indicates he will yield for a question. Senator Oberweis.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

Senator, I'm not sure I really understand the purpose of this bill. I believe that anyone could, today, set up a 501(c)(3) foundation, which would have the charitable purpose of preserving the fund -- preserving the Fairgrounds, the buildings or whatever. Everything would be fully tax deductible. The fund would not be subject to being swept into other sources and would not be subject to prevailing wage; therefore, we could get more done for less dollars. So it seems to me this would be a step backwards, rather than a step forward in accomplishing exactly what you are suggesting we want to accomplish.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

I'm not sure if that was a question, Mr. President. But -- but let me attempt to answer it. There is no 501(c)(3) that exists today. So -- so that's the -- the purpose of this bill is to set that avenue up so that if there are charitable contributions that

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individuals or business has that they want to say to the Department of Agriculture through this new non-for-profit organization, if it's their choice - we're not asking anybody to do this; we're not mandating it - but if they choose to do so, then we have an appropriate way to do that. It doesn't exist today. And I would suppose, Senator, that -- that if it did, maybe this bill wouldn't be here. But -- but fact of the matter is, it doesn't, and that's what this bill seeks to accomplish.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Oberweis.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

To the bill: ...(microphone cutoff)...feel like this is another example of government getting involved where it's not needed, not necessary, not responsive to -- the most efficient way to get things done. It's very easy to set up a 501(c)(3) if we have a charitable purpose. If there are in fact individuals who are interested in seeing this accomplished and are willing to contribute to it, it should be done through the private sector, through a 501(c)(3), which would make it the most efficient way to solve the problem. And I would strongly, for that reason, encourage a No vote on this bill - not because the cause is not good. I support the idea. I support the effort. In fact, if it were done as a 501(c)(3), I would pledge to you right now that I will make a contribution to it myself; done through the government, however, I will not.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR McCANN:

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To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator McCann.

SENATOR McCANN:

As some folks have pointed out, we may or may not be -- already be able to do this. The point of the matter is, is that we haven't. We, as a society, have not chosen to do that. Even if we were to go through some of the other methods that have been outlined here today, we would still be subject to the procurement clauses of the State. We would be -- still be subject to all of the guidelines that -- that would normally exist when work is performed at the State Fairgrounds or any other State facility. So I believe that while the ability may have existed for all time, none of us has ever taken the impetus to move forward in that direction. So I commend the sponsor for bringing a bill that not only provides a -- a conduit, but the impetus to do so. And I'm a proud cosponsor and I urge an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR MANAR:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question -- the question is, shall Senate Bill 2903 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 44 voting Aye, 11 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2903, having received

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the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 2928. Senator Link. Senator Link. Out of the record. With leave of the Body, we'll come back to Senate Bill 2932. Let's go to Senate Bill 2952. Senator Jacobs. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2954. Senator Silverstein. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2954.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amends the Probate Act, regarding guardianship. It allows that a court may authorize and direct a guardian to file a petition for dissolution of marriage on behalf of the ward if the court finds that it's in the best interest by clear and convincing evidence.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2954 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2954, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, we have Senate Bill 2955. Senator Silverstein. Mr. Secretary, please read -- Senator Silverstein seeks leave of the Body to return

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Senate Bill 2955 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2955. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Silverstein.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Silverstein, to explain Floor Amendment 2.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. This has to do with financial exploitation. I'll explain the amendment 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. Next up on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 2972. Senator Bertino-Tarrant. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2972.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

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Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2972 expands the qualifications to become a school superintendent to include an individual who has at least two years of experience in a full-time general administrative position. I'm happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2972 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 Present. Senate Bill 2972, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, we have Senate Bill 2979. Leader Muñoz. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2984. Senator Dillard. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2985. Senator Bivins. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2985.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Bivins.

SENATOR BIVINS:

...you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2985 is an initiative of the State Bar Association. It clarifies the information to be included on a small estate affidavit and requires that a small estate affidavit be notarized. I know of no opposition and appreciate an Aye vote.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2985 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 Present. Senate Bill 2985, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, we have Senate Bill 2991. Senator Bertino-Tarrant. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2997. Senator Link. Out of the record. At the bottom of page 12, we have Senate Bill 2999. Senator Martinez. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2999.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2999 amends the Illinois Roofing Industry Licensing Act. It changes a provision to ensure that a license applicant has an unemployment insurance account number issued by the Department of Employment Security. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2999 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted

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who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2999, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, at the top of page 13 of the printed Calendar, still on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, we have Senate Bill 3000. Senator Biss. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3000.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 3000 creates the National Resources Restoration Trust Fund. It's an initiative of the Department of Natural Resources. It simply codifies current practice. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor yield, please, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Senator Biss, I -- it was brought to my attention that one of the reasons that this bill is required is because right now there's money going into a trust fund that's not statutorily

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authorized. Is that a fair statement?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

Yes, that's exactly what this bill is about.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'm also told by our staff that there is a second fund under the auspices of State government, or maybe DNR, more specifically, that does pretty much the same thing. Is that accurate?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

I am unaware of such a fund.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

The Environmental Protection Trust Fund is, I mean, is the title of the other fund. Is that what this fund is designed to do?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

The difference, as I understand it, is that the -- this -- the existing fund, the Environmental Protection Trust Fund, that you referred to is a repository for penalties and the new fund is a repository for damages to natural resources that are held in

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trust for the public.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Now, it's my understanding that the -- the fund that is the subject of your bill, which has not been authorized by statute, has -- somewhere in the neighborhood of around two million dollars in it. Is that -- is that, in terms of ballpark, an accurate figure?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

Yes, slightly more. Two million eight hundred and sixty-three thousand one hundred and ninety-one dollars and thirty-five cents at last count.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

There are projects being funded out of this -- and I don't want to call it a fund, because it's not a fund; it's an account. There are projects being funded out of this account now, environmental projects. I mean, do you have a -- a list of what projects are being funded out of this account and/or those that have been completed?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

We -- we were sent a list. I'm not sure if we have it with us here, but there's a list of -- of the recent -- both credits

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and debits out of the account that I can share with you. I think it's been shared with your staff.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

How long has this account been in existence, but not authorized by State law?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

It appears to go back to FY'99.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Do you know, Senator - and I know you've not been here since 1999 - do you -- do you have a sense of whether or not, since this account was not authorized by State law, whether or not procedures that are mandated in State law with regards to the selection of contractors and procurement of bids and all those other issues, have those -- have those been followed to your knowledge?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

Well -- well, Senator, I appreciate your acknowledgement that I haven't myself been here since the year 2000. I don't know an answer to that question, but I'll say that that's really the function of the bill; that by moving this thing that you've aptly called an account out of no-man's land and into legal jurisdiction, one can now both expect that and exact the appropriate penalties

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if that doesn't take place.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Well, let's take another run at that, Senator, because the implication of your answer is that those procedures haven't been followed because it's just been an account and I don't think that's what you mean to say. You're saying you're not aware if they've been followed or not, but you think it's more likely they will be once this becomes authorized by State law?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

I think that's a reasonably fair characterization of what I intended to say. The -- the answer to your question is, I don't know, and I think that, to the extent that one has concerns about these questions, creating a legally existent true fund, as opposed to an ephemeral account, seems like a good step.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

On behalf of the taxpayers in my district and the Presiding Officer's district and I daresay your district, Senator Biss, I would absolutely agree they would feel better if this account were authorized by State law. Our information is that the account has been subject to sweeps or chargebacks in recent years. Do you have any information with regards to that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

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SENATOR BISS:

I do not.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Last question, and thank you for your indulgence, Mr. President. Senator Biss, assuming that the Department of Natural Resources brought this bill to you to carry, do you recall whether or not anyone from the Department of Natural Resources gave you an explanation for why it was there was this account out there for the better part of thirteen or fourteen years that had not -- never been authorized by State law?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

I'm not sure exactly how to interpret the question. The -- the -- the money exists because these are -- these are -- these are damages that are awarded. So the money is there and was not appropriated or kind of artificially generated either by the Legislature or the Department. It seems to be a pretty significant and perhaps embarrassing oversight that it would -- would have taken from FY'99 until now to properly recognize it, but the simple answer is that the money was awarded in damages. It was there. There were restrictions about how it ought to be spent. It's being spent for various recovery projects and due to -- let's call it on a -- let's call it, optimistically, sloppiness, the Department and Legislature had not, until now, taken the steps needed to work together to actually codify it in statute.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Last question, and -- and I intend to vote for your bill, Senator, because, obviously, this account needs to fall under the auspices of the State treasury. But if you -- whatever your staff has with regards to a list of projects, could I get a copy of that? That'd be great. Thank you all. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you for your last, last question. Senator Biss, do you wish to close? Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

Well, thank you, and having learned something from my seatmate, I just want to thank Senator Righter for the colloquy and ask for the Chamber's affirmative votes on this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3000 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 1 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3000, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen -- Gentlemen, continuing on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill -- 3033. Senator Frerichs, on 3033. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3040. Senator Raoul. Mr. Secretary, please read...

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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...the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3040.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, Senator Raoul seeks leave of the Body to actually return Senate Bill 3040 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, we have Senate Bill 3040. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul, to explain Floor -- Floor Amendment 1.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment 1 removes the changes made by the underlying bill to the exemptions for small common interest communities.

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?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Next up on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 3049. Senator Holmes. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3055. Senator Biss. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3076. Senator

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Mulroe. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3092. Senator Delgado. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3103. Leader Trotter. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3110. Senator Hastings. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3110.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

There's an amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, is there a Floor amendment on this bill? Mr. Secretary, out of the record. Take that -- take 3110 out of the record. Next up, we have Senate Bill 3115. Leader Clayborne. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3115.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 3115 just brings parity to those physical therapists who currently have their own facility and allows them to advertise -- give testimony advertisements, putting them -- giving them parity with an organization who has physical therapy -- physical therapists,

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hospitals, rehab centers and universities, where they're allowed to use testimonies -- testimonials. I would ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3115 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary -- Leader Clayborne, you want to vote on your bill? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3115, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, we have Senate Bill 3125. Senator Noland. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3125.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill and the substance of the bill is just a technical change in the titling of the bill itself. What we're asking to do is to be able to send it over to the House, if we may, for those technical changes and to bring it back. I understand any uncertainty and concerns folks may have, but I am asking for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

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Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3125 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. There was a -- I missed a light here. Mr. Secretary, hold on just a second. Senator Luechtefeld, for what purpose -- we'll come back to you in just a minute. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3125 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3125, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Luechtefeld, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. If I could have your attention, please. Yesterday, I -- I got up on the Floor and basically invited you to the Sportsmen's Caucus this evening. It's still -- it's still going to happen at 6 o'clock at the State House Inn. It's usually a very good time and we usually have a good attendance. Hopefully, you will be over there. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Luechtefeld. Thank you for that announcement. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are on page 13 of the printed Calendar, up to Senate Bill 3135. Leader Muñoz. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3135.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Leader Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The bill just adds valets as one of the specific occupations that corporate authorities of each municipality may license, tax, or regulate, and prescribe compensation. There's no opposition to the bill and I will attempt to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3135 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, 4 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3135, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, we have Senate Bill 3171. Senator Trotter. Leader Trotter. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3176. Leader Trotter. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3214. Senator Syverson. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3214.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

This is simply adding -- it's simply adding AED as one of the options that can be taught in the health class. There's no

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opposition to that and it came based on some issues that happened in the school and so they requested we add this as an optional program.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3214 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3214, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3216. Senator -- excuse me, Senator -- Leader Lightford. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3216.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 3216 amends the Temporary Assistance for Needy Family {sic} (Families) Article, which is the TANF program. Currently, fathers that pay child support, only fifty dollars goes to that actual child. What I'm requesting is that we increase that amount to one hundred dollars for every single child and doubling it from one hundred to two hundred for every two children or more. This is putting us in alignment with the federal government. That is

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how they reimburse at the child support level. I'd be happy to answer questions and I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Syverson, for what purpose -- never mind. Seeing no -- seeing no discussion, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3216 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 39 voting Aye, 14 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3216, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you'll turn to the top of page 14 of your printed Calendars, still on the on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, we have Senate Bill 3225. Senator Morrison. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3228. Senator Haine. Leader Haine. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3255. Senator Tom Cullerton. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3271. Senator Holmes. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3271.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you. This is an initiative of the Comptroller's Office. It creates the State Funds Consolidation Act, which creates a board with the purpose for looking for solutions to reduce the number of funds through the consolidation or elimination of certain funds.

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The need for this is that there is over seven hundred State funds and we're creating a six-member board to review and analyze the restructure of those funds.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3271 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, 1 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3271, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, we have Senate Bill 3275. Senator Dillard. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3286 -- excuse me, Senate Bill 3283. Leader Trotter. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3286. Senator Jacobs. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3286.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill requires employees of gated residential communities must admit private process servicers {sic} (servers) who have authorized by the court to serve processes upon residents who are -- they know that are within the community. And what's happened is that the doormen sometime won't let people in to file the legal paperwork and therefore they avoid it. This

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came out of committee unanimous. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3286 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3286, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3309. Senator Bertino-Tarrant. Out of the -- out of the record. Senate Bill 3312. Senator Forby. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3318. Senator Link. Senator Link. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3341. Senator Althoff. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3342. Senator Althoff. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3366. Leader Harmon. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3366.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 3366 amends the Public Utilities Act. It refines the scope of the -- the Office of Retail Market Development's annual report and adjusts the -- the first date of such report. I'm not aware of any opposition and I ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3366 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3366, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 3369. Leader Harmon. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3381. Leader Muñoz. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3381.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The bill amends the Private Detective Act -- Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act. It states that no one licensed under the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security {sic} can contract a municipality for the provision of auxiliary police services. An employee serving as an auxiliary police officer is limited to aiding or directing traffic within a municipality, aiding in control of natural/man-made disasters, or aiding in the case of civil disorder as directed by the chief of police. We're not going after police auxiliaries. We're just making sure this bill -- this is from the Illinois Police Chiefs,

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Sheriffs' Association. We didn't want to let municipalities or towns go ahead and hire security guards, put 'em in police uniforms and they're acting as a police officer. Only police officers that are certified by the State, the sheriff, should be able to have full police powers. I know of no opposition to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you very much. Ladies and Gentlemen, is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Oberweis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Oberweis.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

Senator, I just want to make sure I understand. I live in a small town, Sugar Grove. At -- at various times, they've debated whether to provide their own police service or to contract out with other -- like county police officers who are not on duty. This would not affect that. Am I correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

That's correct, Senator. Once you're a certified police officer, it doesn't matter if you're a sheriff or in a small town municipality, you're a certified police officer. You can work part-time. It's up to the individual municipality or township what they want to do. We just want to make sure that if they do hire a security guard, he is a security guard and not running around acting as a police officer.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Seeing no further discussion, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3381 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3381, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, we have Senate Bill 3405. Senator Biss. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3406. Senator Biss. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3406.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

Senate Bill 3406 amends the licensing requirements for psychologists to add a category of accrediting institutions that may accredit schools that grant the degree to the potentially licensed psychologist. It's being done to accommodate Northwestern University and the University of Illinois, which are both using this newer method of accreditation that's kind of geared towards academic institutions. I know of no opposition and I ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate

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Bill 3406 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3406, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're at the top of page 15 of the printed Calendar, still on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We have Senate Bill 3412. Senator Steans. Out of the record. Ladies and Gentlemen, with leave of the Body, if you'll turn back to page 14 of the printed Calendar, still on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, we have Senate Bill 3309. Senator Bertino-Tarrant. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3309.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator JBT.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This -- this bill amends the GARS, SERS and JRS Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Allows the system to recalculate a benefit if it was initially set at the wrong amount. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3309 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?

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Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3309, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go back to page 15 of the printed Calendar, where we left off. Next bill is Senate Bill 3413. Senator Link. Senator Link. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3414. Senator Steans. Out of the record. With leave of the Body, we'll come back to 3423. Let's go to Senate Bill 3425. Senator McCann. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3425.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McCann.

SENATOR McCANN:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Body. This -- this came to me from a local water commission within my district, the Otter Lake Water Commission. There's some question in the original enacting language as to how many folks it -- it takes to reach a majority, whether it's a simple majority or a supermajority, and we're cleaning up the language to say that it would simply take a simple majority in order to enact a pay raise for serving members of the commission.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3425 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?

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Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3425, having received -- received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, Senate Bill 3427. Senator Koehler. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3427.

(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. This bill places competitive bid requirements on fire protection districts for contracts involving amounts in excess of twenty thousand dollars. What this does is it puts them in sync with language that covers park districts and municipalities.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3427 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3427, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3432. Senator Tom Cullerton. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3432.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill just follows federal law and moves forward the time to -- to report airborne and communicable diseases from seventy-two hours to forty-eight hours. There is no opposition to the bill and it was a Do Pass in committee. Ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3432 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3432, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, we have Senate Bill 3434. Senator Morrison. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3434.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This bill provides for the seizure and forfeiture of a watercraft used with

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the knowledge and consent of the owner in the commission of certain operating of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol or drug offenses. The bill mirrors the seizure and forfeiture provisions related to operating a vehicle under the influence. It also adds the term "watercraft" throughout to clarify a watercraft may be seized under the same provisions as a vessel or vehicle. I'm happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3434 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Aye, 2 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 3434, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, Senate Bill 3437. Leader Harmon. Mr. Secretary, out of the record. Senate Bill 3438. Leader Harmon. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3438.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 3438 is a very modest modernization of the business co-operatives Act. This is the Act that governs food co-ops and others. It doubles the number of shares one can own from five to

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ten and increases the permitted price per share from one hundred to one thousand dollars. So, therefore, you can increase your investment from five hundred dollars to ten thousand dollars. Hasn't been amended in quite some time and I'm aware of no opposition and ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3438 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3438, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3440. Senator Mulroe. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3440.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 3440 is a recommendation of the Department of Public Health. The bill allows the Department of -- of Public Health to charge an application fee to be collected from international medical graduates in order to administer the J-1 Visa (Waiver) Program and provide oversight of the program. It will allow the Department to charge a J-1 Visa Waiver Program -- or, the applicants an

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administration fee comparable to other states and thus enable the Department to fund the costs associated with the program without relying on GRF, which is -- are the funds that pay for -- to monitor the program currently. The Department has advised that the application fee, which will be developed by rule, will be three thousand annually. The proponents are the Department, the Illinois Hospital Association, the State Medical Association {sic} (Society), and the Illinois Public Health Association. I don't know of any opponents at this time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR SYVERSON:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. My concern with this - and I appreciate we had the discussion in committee - again, was the -- there are thirty applications that are granted every year, or thirty applications that are approved every year, total of forty applicants that come every year, but we're creating this program that's going to have an executive director. He's going to have two assistants. They have sixteen thousand of overhead. So the -- I guess the concern is that for -- for simply approving thirty applications, the amount of bureaucracy that is -- they're talking having this done by and then requiring, then, that these individuals, who are willing to serve in rural communities, have to pay a three-thousand-dollar application fee so we can fund the salaries of this agency. And

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isn't there a -- can't this be done on a -- on a smaller scale so we don't have to create this bureaucracy and spend these kinds of dollars?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Okay. So currently the cost is being borne by GRF dollars to monitor the program. And what the Department -- they gave me a breakdown of costs and they assigned a certain percentage of -- related to a coordinator, or office associate, an intern at about sixty-five thousand. There's travel expenses and there's administrative supplies - printing, mailing, telephone - and that came up to about a hundred thousand. The thirty-five times three, I think that comes out to be about a hundred and five thousand. So that's -- that's -- it's come -- these are -- it's -- it's common in other states that there's a fee charged. We don't currently have it. That's why we're paying out of GRF funds and we -- it's sort of a user fee. If you want to use the -- be part of this J-1 Visa Program, you're going to have to pay for it and you'll get the -- the experience and -- and come to America and practice medicine. And -- and it's common in other states.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Well, I can appreciate that, but, again, it seems like it's just -- we're charging this higher fee because we can. And does it -- I guess the real question should be, should it really cost that much money to administer those thirty applications? I know some of the other states that have that program: Colorado charges

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a thousand; Delaware charges four hundred and fifty; Idaho charges a thousand; Michigan, twelve hundred dollars; Mississippi, fifteen hundred dollars; Oregon, two thousand dollars. So, this is pretty high-end for this type. And, again, I guess that's my concern that can this be done in-house with less cost than passing three thousand dollars onto each one of these individuals? But, I understand we want to have them pay something. It just seems like that's a little bit -- little bit excessive for people who are going to serve in underserved areas. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Mulroe, do you wish to close? Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

I would just ask for an Aye vote. These are numbers that were created by the Department and it'll actually be governed -- or developed by rule.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3440 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, 13 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3440, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 3441. Senator McGuire. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3465. Senator Syverson. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3468. Senator Dillard. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3469. Senator Dillard. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3506. Senator Syverson. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3506.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This legislation merely allows the use of the word "urgent" in health care in Illinois. A number of years ago, there was legislation passed that -- that banned the use of the word "urgent" when it came to medical centers in Illinois. Forty-nine other states allow the use of the word "urgent", and it creates quite a problem when you try to Google or look for a place to go when you're not allowed to use the word "urgent". This just allows the word "urgent" to be used in health care in Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3506 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 Present. Senate Bill 3506, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Bottom of page 15. Senate Bill 3513. Senator Althoff. Out of the record. Let's turn to the top of page 16 of the printed Calendars. We have Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3517. Senator Biss. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3517.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 3517 concerns the question of what happens if someone who is eligible for a pension doesn't claim it for some time subsequent to eligibility. For most of the State's systems, the -- what happens is they're able to get two years of what they had missed, but not longer back than that. TRS and IMRF don't follow that rule. With IMRF, it's one year, and with TRS, there's no limit. This bill changes both TRS and IMRF to that two-year look-back to harmonize them with the rest of the -- the bulk of the rest of the Pension Code. Happy to answer any questions and I would appreciate your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3517 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. Of that question, there are 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3517, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3521. Leader Hunter. Out of the record. Ladies and Gentlemen, if I can have your attention for an announcement to all Members. The

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deadline to file Floor amendments to Senate bills is this Friday, April the 4th, at 12 noon. The deadline to file Floor amendments to Senate bills is this Friday, which is April the 4th, at 12 noon. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1070, offered by Senator Hunter.

And Senate Joint Resolution 66, offered by Senator Bush.

They are both substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A Message from House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

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

House Bill 3819.

We have received like Messages on House Bills 4579, 4707, 5278, 5454, 5682, 5828 and 5990. Passed the House, April 2nd, 2014. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

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

House Bill 4236.

We have received like Messages on House Bills 4525, 4663, 4677, 4694, 5665, 5703, 5704 and 5950. Passed the House, April 2nd, 2014. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

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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 2202.

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 No. 1 to Senate Bill 2202.

Passed the House, as amended, April 2nd, 2014. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, Introduction of Senate Bills.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3655, offered by President Cullerton and Senator Kotowski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, there being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 10:30 a.m. on the 3rd day of April, 2014. The Senate stands adjourned.