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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The regular Session of the 99th General Assembly will come to order. Will all the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Victor Angulo, Girard First Baptist Church in Girard, Illinois. Pastor.

PASTOR VICTOR ANGULO:

(Prayer by Pastor Victor Angulo)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Cunningham)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Good afternoon, Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Lisa Chess-Gustafson with Blueroomstream.com requests permission to videotape. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary,

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Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator McGuire, Chairperson of the Committee on Higher Education, reports Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1457 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Biss, Chairperson of the Committee on Human Services, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Resolution 342 and Motions to Concur: House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 13, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1249, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 496 {sic} (4096) and Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 4096 Recommend Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, Senator Link in the Chair to make some introductions. If we could have your attention, please.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you. Can I have everybody's attention, please, on the Floor? Today I have the privilege of a high school in my district who has four championships in sports teams and two championships in academics, and I want to introduce, in no particular order, but we're going to introduce the Science Olympians, who are the Class AA State Champions. We're going to let one of the members introduce their teammates and then we'll go on from there.

ALEX HONG:

(Introductions by Alex Hong)

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you. This is the Class AA State Champion Science Olympians. So can we give 'em a round of applause, please? This is a group of individuals we probably need in the State of Illinois right now. It's the Division 4A {sic} (4AA) Champs in Math. So I'll have Coach Chris Thibaudeau please introduce 'em.

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COACH CHRIS THIBAudeau:

(Introductions by Coach Chris Thibaudeau)

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you very much. Now we have the Illinois Boys' State Champions in Gymnastics. And we got Coach Liva. Coach, if you'd introduce your players.

COACH ERIC LIVA:

(Introductions by Coach Eric Liva)

SENATOR LINK:

Stevenson High School. I thought I said that at the beginning, but Stevenson High School. And now we have the Girls' State Champion in Water Polo. And I -- and your Coach is?

GIRLS' WATER POLO SPOKESPERSON:

(Introductions by team spokesperson)

SENATOR LINK:

Now we have the privilege of introducing the football team, who was the Class 8A State Champions, which is the largest schools in the State. And your coach -- Coach.

COACH JOSH HJORTH:

(Introductions by Coach Josh Hjorth)

SENATOR LINK:

And our last one is the Illinois State Champions in Basketball, 4A. Senator Clayborne and I have the distinction of going to Peoria every year to watch these finals and I've watched these guys for the last three years, and I remember two years ago talking to their head coach, after they did not win the State Championship, and I said, "I am guaranteeing you that I will see you again this year." And sure enough, and with the exception of one regional game - was it? - there wasn't much doubt who was going

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to win every game. So let me get the Coach here to introduce the players.

COACH PAUL SWAN:

(Introductions by Coach Paul Swan)

SENATOR LINK:

I -- I want to add one thing about this basketball team. Lake County, which is the third-largest county in the State of Illinois, has never had a basketball State champion until this year. We had a number of second place finishers. But I want to congratulate these guys for setting history of being the first State champions out of Lake County. Thank you. Senator Sullivan back in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Silverstein, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Purpose of an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please make your announcement, Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

That there will be -- announcing there will be a Democratic Caucus for thirty minutes after -- upon recess.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR ANDERSON:

Point of an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please make your announcement, Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

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The Senate Republicans would like to request a thirty-minute caucus immediately.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. That was upon recess, correct, Senator Anderson? Yes. Thank you. So both the Senate Democrats/Senate Republicans will be caucusing upon recess for thirty minutes in their respective offices. Seeing no objection, the motion is granted. Ladies and Gentlemen, if I could have your attention, all members of the Committee on Assignments, all members on the Committee on Assignments, please come to the President's Anteroom immediately. All members of the Committee on Assignments to the President's Anteroom immediately. Senate will stand at ease. (at ease) Rodney Correll with WLS-TV requests permission to record. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 607, offered by President Cullerton. It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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: Be Approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2038, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2038, Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2038, Floor Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 2038, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 200, House Bill 4146, House Bill 4147, House Bill 4148, House Bill 4153, House Bill 4154, House Bill 4158, House Bill 4159, House Bill 4160, and House Bill 4165.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Clayborne, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Point of -- of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you. I would like for the Senate to welcome my Page for the Day, Cayden McNease, a six-year-old, whose favorite subjects are reading, math, and P.E. And in the President's Gallery is his grandfather, Robert McNease, who brought him down. I would like for you all to recognize the McNeases.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's welcome our guests to the Illinois Senate. Thanks for joining us today. Great to have you here. Ladies and Gentlemen, the Senate stands -- now stands in recess to the call of the Chair. After the Senate Democrat and Republican Caucuses, we will reconvene for the purpose of further Floor action. The Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senate will come to order. Mr. -- Senator Forby, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR FORBY:

Thank you. For a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Forby.

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SENATOR FORBY:

Today, I have a young man with me. I want to introduce him. I'm kind of proud of him. His name is Carter Crabtree. Carter graduated from the eighth grade from Pleasant Plains here in Springfield {sic}, Illinois. Carter loves football, baseball, and basketball. He wants to go to Ole Miss when he went -- goes to college. And then when he retires -- or gets ready to go back in the workforce, he wants to be an Illinois State Trooper. Carter has two sisters. His father is Jerry Crabtree, is from West Frankfort, a town where I'm from, and has relocated in Springfield. Jeff and Mike Crabtree is Carter's uncle {sic}. They're both...(inaudible)... And Jeff Crabtree is a guy that used to work here in the -- in the Senate staff. Now he's working for the Teamsters out of Chicago. Carter's grand -- grandparents are living in West Frankfort still yet. I just wish that Springfield would give him a welcome today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Carter, please stand up. Welcome to the Senate. Thanks for joining us today. You're a good-looking young man. Senator Althoff, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

I, too, have an extraordinarily important guest today. She's paging for me. Her name is Liah O'Neill. Liah just graduated -- or, no, excuse me, just passed fourth grade at Cathedral School in Springfield. She had straight A's. Her hobbies are sewing and

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crafts, and she's actually here working on one of her Girl Scout patches for government. And it's a good thing she likes to cook because she's also working with her grandmother on her cooking patch. But, more importantly, Liah is the granddaughter of our very own Greg Kenworth, who is up in the gallery with his wife, Tanya. And Greg works in the Journal Room here at the Capitol. So please come over and say hello to Liah on the Floor. And, right now, can we just give her a nice warm Springfield welcome?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Liah, welcome to Springfield. Keep up the good work. Keep those grades up, too. All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to go to the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. All Members within the sound of my voice, please come to the Senate Floor immediately. All Members within the sound of my voice, please come to the Senate Floor immediately. Senator Luechtefeld, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. In the gallery on this side, my wife brought six other ladies up from home today, and if you would please - if they'll stand - give them a warm welcome. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mrs. Luechtefeld, welcome to the Senate. Would our guests please rise? Thank you so much for joining us today. Senator Steans, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR STEANS:

A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

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SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, and my father, Harrison Steans, is above on {sic} the President's gallery, here today visiting. He always drives back up from Florida to Chicago and is driving through Springfield today. I told him he came on a really fun-filled day. We're lucky to have him here. Harrison Steans, thanks for being here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Welcome back to the Senate. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, if you'll turn to page 18 in the regular Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, we have Senate Bill 2038. Senator Steans seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2038 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2038. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Trotter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Trotter, on Floor Amendment 1.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. If I could just make a -- a brief statement going forward. In the spirit of fairness and in acknowledgement of the process here in the Illinois General Assembly, but, in this instance, in the absence of a spending proposal given by our Governor, who addressed us back in February, which was his constitutional right, to give us a template for a spending plan, I propose today four amendments to this bill, the first being Senate Amendment 1, which will reflect his proposed level for child care, The Autism Project, Teen REACH, early intervention, and the breast and cervical cancer

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screening program. According to our Governor, reductions to these programs would save over two hundred and four million dollars.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR MURPHY:

To the amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the amendment, Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

You know, we have had -- it's been kind of a stark contrast between the two Chambers so far this year, where we saw, one, the one we kind of like to refer to as the upper Chamber, trying to work together substantively, a little more constructively, and then we had the House. And the House has been the land of stunts and games and really kind of been beneath the dignity of this entire process and the people who sent us down here to represent them in it. So it's -- it's -- it's kind of unfortunate and sad to see the Majority on our side join in the games of Speaker Madigan, the very guy you tell us all the time doesn't dictate to you, and now you're -- now you're dancing to his tune. This is not how the Senate operates. This isn't how you have operated. I think this is really disappointing that you've chosen to go down this road. It's an act of desperation and -- and, unfortunately, it's a little more revealing, I think, than maybe you guys realize. To the -- to the merits of it: For our side of the aisle, this isn't real. This isn't an honest attempt at putting a budget together. This is political gamesmanship, but we're in the last week and we can't get real leadership from our friends on the other

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side of the aisle. You walked away from compromise. You walked away from working with the Governor. And this is just poking a stick in the eye of the Governor and those who want to work with you down here. You still have time to pull this out of the record and make a statement - then you're different from Speaker Madigan - and I hope you'll do that. But if you won't, I encourage everybody on our side of the aisle to vote Present, to step away from this and make a clear statement that we are not participating in political games. We weren't sent down here to do that. We were sent down here to solve the people's problems and this is not an honest attempt to do that. So until you're ready to engage seriously and substantively, I encourage a Present vote on all of these sham amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR BUSH:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the amendment, Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you very much. To the amendment. So I'd like to point out that my name is Senator Melinda Bush. I am not Speaker Madigan and, quite frankly, I resent that I've been called Speaker Madigan. My vote is my vote. I do what I believe is right and I certainly hope that there's no gamesmanship in those comments. So I would urge all of you to do what you believe is right today. I know that we're the Senate. We are the upper Chamber. We're all here trying to do the best job that we can. And I'm not going to call

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you Governor Rauner, unless you would like me to. Thank you. And I urge an Aye vote -- excuse me, a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Trotter, to close.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Just -- just a comment. Since February 18th, we have repeatedly had requests, for one, to present the Governor's proposal. He made some -- some serious remarks, certainly remarks that -- that were necessary, that we are here in the State of Illinois at a crossroads. We certainly have seen the downside of the economy and we're positioned now, at this point, to move upward, but with that, we had to have a proposal. We have asked the other side of the Chamber, the other side of the Rotunda, and everyone to work with us, as we come up with a proposal that will basically propel Illinois in the position that it rightfully deserves and needs to be in. So, and as a consequence of that, we said that we would present those individuals -- for those individuals that wanted to see what six billion dollars in reductions would mean, to vote for it, and put it on the table for serious discussion. So to accommodate those that wanted that discussion to happen, is what precipitated us pulling {sic} this bill forward today. Before we vote on it, I do ask for a roll call vote on this bill. And for my own personal feelings, I would like to see everyone vote No on it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. There's been a request for a roll call on the amendment. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question,

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there are 0 voting Aye, 39 voting Nay, 20 voting Present. Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2003 -- 2038, having not received the constitutional majority, is -- is not approved for adoption. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Trotter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Trotter, on Floor Amendment 2.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 2 appropriates for all State public universities for operational expenses. In total, Senate Bill 2038, as amended with this Amendment No. 2, would total a 780.3-million-dollar GRF for FY'16, which represents a decrease of 350.2 million dollars to GRF, which basically is thirty-one percent cuts for the universities here in the State of Illinois. And I ask for a roll call vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on Amendment 2? Senator Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

To the amendment, if I may.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the amendment, Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Who do you guys think you're fooling? I mean, what you're really doing here is trying to divert everyone's attention from what's coming next, which is a budget proposal that's three to four billion dollars in the hole. Your numbers are three billion;

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I think others would say it's four billion. Whatever it is, it's not good. So you got a bill here and you're going to try to save the day because later you're going to present a bill that, oh, it's only six and a half percent. What do you think happens when you send a budget bill that, oh, you're only cutting a little bit, but you're not funding it to the tune of three or four billion dollars? Never mind shirking your constitutional responsibility under the State Constitution to the citizens who elected all of us to -- by -- by passing an unbalanced amendment. In this instance right here, you're going to try to pull the wool over everybody's eyes, and say, "Oh, it's okay. Look, we'll save you later. It won't be that bad." But yet, when you pass that bill later today and you only have thirty-two billion dollars' worth of revenue to fund thirty-six billion dollars on your spending list, what's that cut like? What does that do? The fact is, this is a sham. This is ridiculous. This is a diversionary tactic to try to avoid the reality of what the Majority is going to do later today, which is pass a unbalanced budget to the tune of billions of dollars and completely walk away from Springfield for the summer without doing anything to bring jobs back to the State, without doing anything to help create jobs in the State, without doing anything - anything - to keep jobs in this State. You can't have a budget, you can't have revenue, if people aren't working. So I don't want anybody to be fooled and, quite frankly, folks, nobody is being fooled. No one is being fooled by this. No one I talked to at the coffee shop this morning is fooled by it. Nobody I talked to last weekend at my kid's ballgame is being fooled with it. The citizens of Illinois are on to this and they were on to it long before last November's election, but that's when they showed up. They've had

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it with this kind of shenanigans. They've had it with everybody who keeps passing unbalanced budgets and letting the jobs leave Illinois. Well, guess what, we're not going to be fooled again. Thank you. I would urge Present votes only.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MURPHY:

To -- to the bill, Mr. President. I was just...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the amendment, Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Senator Rose eventually got to it. I -- I was just going to say this is another -- this is another -- this is another play out of the Speaker Madigan playbook. It's not serious; it's not real. I urge those on our side to vote Present.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Trotter, to close.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. There is no intent to fool anyone at this point in time. We want to be -- bring some clarity to -- to the comments and to the message that the Governor gave us, again, on February 18th, 2015. What we don't want to be fooled by, going forward, is that we were going to get 2.2 billion dollars' worth of -- of reductions and cuts and savings from pension reform. We don't want to be fooled by the 1.5 billion that the Governor has proposed that we're going to get from cutting Medicaid, nor do we want to be fooled by the five hundred and seventy million dollars that was projected to be saved by cutting group health insurance, when we know that's a collective bargaining

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agreement. So what I want to present today, as I will do with the remaining two amendments, is saying if there is someone that believed that message, if they -- you want to be an active participant in crafting a budget for us going forward in 2016, that, in fact, you may vote for these kinds of cuts and that'll make are discussion much easier. This bill -- this bill that we're passing today, these amendments, reflect the values of our State from our constituents that we meet in the coffee shops, that we see on the streets, and waiting on the bus for. So I ask, for those who think like I do, that that is not the way that we can balance the budget for the good of the people for the State of Illinois, to vote No on this amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. A roll call has been requested. The question is, shall Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2038 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 0 voting Aye, 38 voting Nay, 21 voting Present. Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2038, having not received the required constitutional majority, is declared failed. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Trotter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Trotter, on Floor Amendment 3.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Floor Amendment No. 3 concerns appropriations for the

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Teachers' Retirement System, the teachers' retirement insurance program, the college insurance program, and the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund for FY'16. There are -- there is an appropriation total of two billion, four hundred and ninety-seven million dollars. And it appropriates zero dollars for the -- the TRIP program going forward. And, again, the -- the savings are very minimum and I ask for a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR MURPHY:

To -- to the bill, Mr. President. It is always striking to hear the sponsor of a bill encourage everybody to vote against it. That -- that -- that speaks to the level of seriousness of the discourse out here. This is another one of those Madigan/Democrat amendments that I encourage a Present vote, as being unserious and uncooperative. So, on our side, please vote Present.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Trotter, to close.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you, very much. For those who didn't have the courage to present the Governor's budget, but yet and still hold it quite dear to their hearts, they had an opportunity to present this language - they did not. I encourage a No vote and a roll call vote going forward.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, a roll call vote has been requested. The question is, shall Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2038 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who

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wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 0 voting Aye, 39 voting Nay, 20 voting Present. Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2038, having not received the required constitutional majority, is declared failed. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Trotter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Trotter, on Floor Amendment 4.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Floor -- Floor Amendment No. 4 is even -- it's in some people's minds even worse than the other amendments that have been proposed. One, it eliminates services to nursing homes, eliminates -- eliminates renal services, specialized mental health rehabilitation. Once again, it has been proposed by this Governor to eliminate adult dental, podiatry, the psychotropic drugs. He wants court -- cuts to supportive living facilities. Basically, a bad proposal that has been mentioned again and again in the press. Today, I'm giving an opportunity for those who, again, embrace this idea to vote their conscience. On our side and other fair-minded individuals, I encourage a No vote and a roll call vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on the amendment? Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

To -- to the bill, Mr. President. It -- you know, it's just -- it's -- we're going to -- we're going to hear later on today

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about a budget that is literally billions, unconstitutionally, out of balance. And we're going to be lectured by the very people who are going to put forth that budget just in a few minutes about seriousness and -- and -- and -- and statements and morals and all of these things, and, you know, you've got an unbalanced budget that you're, yet again, going to be cramming through this Chamber later on today. You're using this process to mock somebody, the Governor, who is trying to have a substantive conversation about fundamentally changing the direction of the State that was once so great until you had twelve years of total Democratic control and you drove it into the ditch. What we have here is leg four of the Madigan/Democrat stool and I similarly encourage those on our side of the aisle to vote Present, until we can have a serious conversation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Koehler, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Just for a little bit of perspective on this, because I...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the amendment, Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes, to the amendment. I wouldn't want people listening to this to think that this is just a one-sided debate. Yes, this is a -- a circus here, but having met with the Governor three different occasions and I pledged to him that I was really willing to help work with him on trying to turn some things around in this State, and what I was told, that I first had to vote for right-to-work. So, my -- my, you know, offer to help really was -- was in a sense thwarted, because I was told that unless we get the

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State to right-to-work, where we gut unions and -- and take the influence away of the middle class and working people, that we couldn't even start the conversation. So let's have a little bit of understanding that this all is a circus.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Delgado, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the amendment, Senator Delgado.

SENATOR DELGADO:

I, too -- I've been here seventeen years, and with all due respect to the administration on the Executive level, I've never met you, I don't know you, I've never met your staff other than one human being, maybe two. They never came and met with me. I've chaired Human Services, Criminal Law; I'm the current Chair of Education. We deal with autism. Everyone knows what Willie Delgado stands for in this General Assembly, in the House and the Senate. I don't know your administration. I've made my peace. I've attempted to bring my community of Humboldt Park to the table. He has selected who he wants within my communities. Well, we are not there for you to be selective and handpicked, those who will take their next campaign. I have truly been here for the next generation. My sacrifices are clear, and my commitment is stronger. Shame on this one gentleman who's come into this General Assembly with a corporate view. Well, corporations - you can be Warren Buffett or you can be the man on the second floor - talk to your communities, talk to the elected officials for the love of God. If they consider me a stepchild, I guess I'll be out on the

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street with the 18- to 21-year-olds. But at the end of the day, I've worked for DCFS; I understand these things with counselors. We prepared your reports. We were there in the homes. I've suffered with these families. For the love of God, I buried my own. Many of you have children and relatives with similar situations, Leader. But I don't know this administration, but I got off the phone with Puerto Rico, the Governor, who we are dealing with Puerto Rican drug addicts coming to Illinois. And I'm building the services, one at a time, with the help of the President of this Senate. Yet, I can't --, I don't know this gentleman. So help me understand this circus. I do not participate in circuses. My wife's birthday today and for forty-one years I've been at her side and today I'm with us. Yes, shake your heads, because, hey, sometimes from Humboldt Park -- and I'm not afraid to say it, I'm a very educated man, but today the ghetto's coming out of me. Let's make it very clear that I don't participate in shams. But bring it to the table, 'cause I'm tired of being on your menu. Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the amendment, Senator Oberweis.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

With all due respect, Ladies and Gentlemen, the prior speaker clearly is participating in this sham. Look, the people sent us

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down here to fix the problems of Illinois, to turn this State around. Elections do matter; they do have consequences. It's clear the people are sick and tired of what's happened here for the last twelve years. It's time to change. This Governor, thank God he was elected by the people; thank God we have a chance to bring back the greatness of the State of Illinois. We have some of the best agricultural land in the country; we're a transportation hub, a center; we've got one of the greatest, busiest airports in the world; and we've got a great destination in Chicago for people who want to visit this State. We've got all kinds of advantages. We've got three of the best universities in the entire world here in Illinois. It's time we get back to Illinois being a great State that it always has been. I've lived here for sixty-eight years. This is the first time in the last - - the last ten years has been the first time that I've been embarrassed when I meet people to say I'm from Illinois and they start to snicker. We can change it, we can change it now. Let's enhance, let's vote for it, let's approve the Turnaround Agenda, the reforms that this Governor has asked for, then we'll get down to raising taxes - that we know you want to do on that side of the aisle - as a compromise to move this State forward with a balanced budget. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Trotter, to close.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. It -- it sounds as if we might get our one Yes vote on -- on -- on this amendment. So -- so I guess we are doing something by presenting this information that has not been presented beforehand. So -- so, anyhow, I ask

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for a No vote on this -- on this bad proposal that has been given by the Governor and I ask for a roll call vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. And a roll call has been requested on Amendment 4. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Floor Amendment 4 to Senate Bill -- 2038 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 0 voting Aye, 38 voting Nay, 21 voting Present. Floor Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 2038, having not received the required constitutional majority, is declared failed. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to go to the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading. On page 18 of the regular Calendar, we have House Bill 200. Senator Morrison seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 200 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 200. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Trotter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Trotter, to present Floor Amendment 1.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much. I would like to begin with -- to -- by

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apologizing to Senator Morrison for -- for taking a bad -- a good bill and putting some bad language on it. But in keeping with what we've been talking about, our Governor, in his budget address of February 18th, 2015, also talked about shared sacrifice; that to get out of the hole that we're in, we certainly have to - all of us - chip in and -- and make that quantitative difference. This amendment was one of his proposals and it includes his proposal to cut the Local Government Distributive Fund by fifty percent because he believes that - at least it's our interpretation - that all municipalities should share in getting the -- the State back on an even footing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Murphy, to the amendment.

SENATOR MURPHY:

To the amendment, Mr. President. Here we go, this is another piece of the -- the -- the Madigan slowdown agenda being executed by our friends on the other side of the aisle in -- in the Senate, much to my dismay. Again, this is an unserious -- unserious attempt. This is political gamesmanship. It's beneath this Chamber. And, hopefully, this is the last one of these you guys have, because it really is a waste of everybody's time and diminishes this entire Chamber. Until we can have a substantive conversation, I encourage a Present vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Trotter, to close.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much. I -- I suppose the -- the -- the constituents and residents of Sugar Grove don't need that four

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hundred and forty thousand dollars that is being cut from their budget, nor do -- do they need that 3.3 million dollars in Palatine or do they need the two hundred and forty-five thousand dollars in Lake Barrington, and Bloomington certainly, certainly - 'cause I pass through there coming down here - does not need that 3.7 million dollars, and that's what this bill would do; it would cut fifty percent of your dollars. And if you don't need it, then vote Yes. If you think that your city now needs -- that we need to band together to find some real reasons, a real budget, to deal with the real values of our State, if you believe that way, you'll vote No with me on this legislation. And I ask for a roll call vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Leader Trotter. A roll call has been requested. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 200 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 0 voting Aye, 39 voting Nay, 20 voting Present. Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 200, having not received the required constitutional majority, is declared failed. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MURPHY:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

I -- I haven't seen one sponsor get that many No votes since a certain Member tried to -- tried to pass a bill to ban trans fats in Oreo cookies. You know, and it's funny, it's funny, it's the same guy. Congratulations, sir. Congratulations.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to go to the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. If you'll turn to page 18 of the regular Calendar, I have Senate Bill 2037. Senator Steans -- Senator Steans seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2037 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2037. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

President Cullerton.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

...you, Mr. President. I'm the sponsor of these amendments, but I'd like to have my colleague, Senator Steans, explain the bill on 3rd Reading. So I'd -- I would move to adopt the amendment and then debate the bill on 3rd Reading, if it's okay?

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. Are there any -- are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2037. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2037.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

All right, thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. So this -- we are now going to be doing a series of bills. We have nine of them today in the Senate and we're going to have nine additional House bills and there is another bill that still is getting worked out. As a package, these bills present an investment plan that totals -- the total dollar amounts in them will be about 36.3 billion dollars. The revenue that this is based on is about thirty-three billion dollars. What we're doing here, the Senate Democrats are very eager to work out a budget for fiscal year '16 and think that this should be the top priority that we are working on right now in this Legislative Session. We believe that this investment plan really reflects the overwhelming majority of the people in Illinois - what we value, what we need to be spending our core -- spending our dollars on for -- to meet our core priorities. It fully funds our pension payments, which the Supreme Court has clearly indicated we must do. It makes fully -- it fully funds SIP and TRIP, our insurance, health care

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insurance for teachers. It funds group health insurance. It funds our debt service. It -- assumes full funding of our transfers out, our statutory transfers, so that's fully funding Local Government Distributive funds. It also assumes that we're not making -- that we're funding Medicaid program, current level to the current year. And what we're doing then, above the line, is actually -- with those things that we must do, we're actually funding our statutory requirements. What we're also doing is discretionary spending, the -- what we have come to finally call it in Springfield, the below the line items, where we have discretion, funding education, funding general services, funding public safety. It's holding this funding exactly level to last year -- the current year funding - at about 17.2 billion dollars. This is the budget process. You know, in February, the Governor brought us a -- a budget that I think we also believe was unbalanced. It only made -- it cut 2.2 billion out of the pension payments that we think we clearly need to be making. There was other things that it did not fund that are statutorily and federally required. Our response now is a budget that fully invests where we need to be investing, yet at the same time, it's making cuts. We're cutting -- we're making -- we're making cuts in human services, we're making cuts to higher education. We've been trying to work within the constructs of what we believe are shared set of values that we have here in this caucus. The Governor has also said he values economic development, education, and public safety. We are -- mirroring and also sharing those values for investment as well. We're ready to work with him and everyone here in this Chamber to bring this -- budget into balance as well, this investment plan. We're here to get it done and were looking

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very much forward to working with everyone on this Floor to do it. Now to the specific bill, the first bill that we have here to talk about the budget is Senate Bill 2037. This bill is providing the funding for Departments of Public Health, the Department of Children and Family Services, Department on Aging. It -- in total, it appropriates 2.8 billion dollars for these agencies in all funds, about an eighty-one million decrease from fiscal year -- excuse me, it is - I'm reading the wrong one 'cause I had caught that mistake earlier - it represents about a 7.1 million increase, or about flat, from 20 -- fiscal year '15. Totally in GRF, it appropriates 1.8 billion dollars, a slight decrease from current year level spending. I want to just highlight a couple of things that we're doing in here that -- distinguish these budget from what the Governor's proposal had been. For the Department of Public Health, the Governor's proposed budget had eliminated numerous programs that we are restoring to some extent in this bill - things for sudden infant death syndrome, sickle cell clinic, mobile care, and prostate cancer awareness. For the Department of Children and Family Services, the Governor's proposed budget had entirely eliminated services for eighteen- to twenty-one-year-old wards of the State. This -- this budget proposal restores those funds and assumes that we're going to get additional federal matching dollars for this. Those of us in the budget working group know that the new Director there is working hard to bring in the extra federal dollars and I think he's going to have great success with that. This Department of {sic} (on) Aging budget retains level funding for the Community Care Program, compared to -- Governor's budget would have drastically reduced the funding for the Community Care Program. We're also appropriating about twenty-

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two million to the Adult Protective Services. That has a little bit less because they hadn't been spending their full appropriation in the past. With that, I will close. I urge an Aye vote on these -- this appropriation bill and will be happy to answer any questions folks may have.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR MURPHY:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield for questions, Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Senator, I -- I say this with all sincerity, I sympathize with the fact that you have to carry this, because I know in your heart you don't believe in this bill you're carrying any more than Senator Trotter believed in the ones he just carried. Unfortunately, you're going to urge people to vote for it, which is a sad distinction. You made reference to one piece of this budget that is not yet in bill form. What is that one piece and where is it in the process?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

It is the education -- K through 12 education. We have the higher education bill already drafted as well, and it's been moving through the process. It's the K-12 education budget. And it -- you know, it is in process. It is being drafted. There's conversations going on about exactly what that's going to look

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like.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

How much will be spent on K through 12 education in your budget and will that be filed over in the Senate? Will it be in the House? And when will it be filed?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

You know, we're still working on it. It's going to be about seven billion dollars, but it's still being worked on.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Would you agree with me that a budget that does not have an appropriation for general State aid in K through 12 education is not a complete budget?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, and we are going to be working on that and I think we will be bringing forth a bill to also fund education.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you for that. You know, we had a little bit of a conversation about this yesterday in committee and I took the opportunity then and I'm going to take the opportunity now to read

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some language directly from the Illinois Constitution. The Illinois Constitution provides that "appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that year". You had indicated that we're going to have thirty-three billion dollars in revenue, is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

That -- that was a COGFA revenue resolution. At this point, that's what their estimates are and I think we are in process to completing our overall budget picture here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Don't -- don't we need a statutory change for some of that money to go into GRF? We have the two funds that we discussed in committee yesterday that will produce over eight hundred million of that revenue into that estimate. If that money -- if we don't change statute, that money does not go into GRF. Isn't that right?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yeah, that's correct, but if that doesn't come in a bill, we will still spend it on these places just out of other State funds, so we're -- I think that's very similar to what the Governor's budget had actually proposed doing as well, was putting those funds and classing them into GRF. If we don't end up doing it statutorily, the money will be going to the same places, though, regardless.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Okay, so whether or not you're 4.3 or 3.3 billion in deficit, you know, what's a billion dollars between friends? But going back to the constitutional language, "appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that year". You propose to spend 36.3 billion dollars and you will have approximately thirty-three billion dollars in revenue. How does it possibly square with the plain language of the Constitution, the budget that you're carrying?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank -- thank you for that question, Leader Murphy. So, yes, I do believe this is constitutional, in that this is one piece of a package, ultimately, that we'll be passing. We clearly - and I think that's the elephant in the -- in the room here - we clearly need to talk tax reform as well. And I think this -- this investment plan speaks to that need in this State. And, you know, I think, the Governor, we have heard he's acknowledged that we need someplace between three to 3.5, even himself, billion in revenue. We have heard -- the Civic Federation came and spoke to our Appropriations Committees. They talked about a plan which would actually raise, once fully implemented, at least five billion dollars. Clearly, this needs to be part of an overall plan and we're really looking forward to sitting down and getting to the point where we can be focusing and having these kinds of budget conversations on the revenue side, as well as on the appropriation

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side. This is a step in the process.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

But to be clear, Governor Rauner has never said that he supports raising taxes. In fact, he has said that without reforms, he absolutely would not accept raising taxes. And since you guys have steadfastly refused to cooperate with him on reforms, how can you expect that there is going to be revenue here? And, secondly, where is your bill? Where is your bill to produce this revenue? As Senator Jacobs famously and often said, "Why didn't you go to the bill room? Where's your bill?"

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

I must say, I -- I enjoy that Senator Murphy, because we've been -- I've been here a number of years now as an Appropriation Chair and have relished all of the appropriation bills we've gotten from the other side of the aisle in this Chamber. We have passed numerous revenue bills already in the Senate. We know we have done that. This is a conversation we need to have. And we look forward to actually being able to do that, and what we believe though, should and needs to be a bipartisan fashion. And I think ultimately we'll get to that point for the overall -- in the overall budget process. What I want to -- I think you suggested that there needs to be work done on non-appropriation-related items, non-budget items, before we can do this, and -- and that's where I think we just differ. We have a job as a General Assembly to pass a budget, make sure the State government continues to

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operate. That's our job. We're coming to the end of Session. We haven't seen a whole lot of momentum and a whole lot of support throughout the State on the -- the Turnaround or turnback agenda, some people might call it, in Illinois. You know, we haven't met -- had many municipalities indicate or local governments indicate that they support this agenda. I know the House has put a number of the bills up on the board; they have not gotten support. We've been starting to hear bills in the Senate; we haven't been able to pass those. Here we are at the end of Session, we haven't gotten to an agreement on those. It's a shame. I look forward and hope we do get to some agreement on some of those items. We haven't yet, and it is our job in this Chamber and in the other side of the aisle as well - other side of the dome - to pass appropriation bills and keep State government operating. That's what we're doing here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

I -- I appreciate that explanation. I'm still really wrestling with the notion, though, of that plain language in the Constitution. If - if - this budget that you are promoting that spends 36.3 billion but only anticipates revenue of thirty-three billion, if that budget passes and no revenue increase passes, would you agree with me that that would be an unconstitutional budget in clear violation of the -- of the language of our Illinois Constitution?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

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You know, I'm not a constitutional lawyer. I'm not going to try to -- not even an attorney at all. I -- you know, what I would say is that this is a piece of a package that I think ultimately we're going to get to a constitutional point. And that is, as I say, I think this is just one step along the way. As I suggested already, I think what the Governor had proposed in his budget was not a balanced budget. We didn't go down that path of trying to lay blame that he was putting forth an unconstitutional budget. It's all part of the process. We're not done.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

To -- to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

You know, the -- the -- the line was used yesterday in Appropriations Committee that the sponsor was not a constitutional scholar. I mean, I have never seen people try to make themselves seem less well read and less intelligent, too - extremely bright, extremely articulate, very well-educated individuals, who should be proud of their intellect, pretending that they don't understand what -- the phrase, "appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that year". You really needed to go to law school to figure that one out? Come on, come on! At least admit what you're doing is in blatant disregard of the Constitution. I understand the political pickle you're in. Right? You feel compelled to pass a budget, although I'd note, you still haven't put a full budget

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out. We have not seen a full budget from you yet. I am eager to see a full budget. But I think, more broadly, let's take a step back and look at what's been going on. There's been an opportunity, an olive branch, extended by the Governor from day one, with the working groups trying to reach common ground. He's taken things off the table. You yourself had acknowledged that he was willing to compromise on tax revenue. These are things he has shown he's willing to compromise on. The people of this State sent a Republican Governor, a guy who said we are not going to continue to do things the way they have been done, because the way they have been done has been systematically crushing opportunity for those in the middle class and every other class who lives in this State under your twelve years of rule. He reached out to try to work with you. There's tangible evidence of his willingness to compromise. There is zero proof of your willingness to extend an olive branch back to him and we Republicans. There was a reference made in committee yesterday that -- that -- I've been around here a little bit and I -- I -- I still occasionally get surprised and yesterday was one of 'em. We were told in committee yesterday that this unbalanced, more of the same budget represents the values and morals of the people of this State. The values and the morals of the people of this State. The people of this State, let me tell you, do not support spending more money than you have. The people of this State do not consider it moral to promise people you're going to be able to give them something when you know you can't, 'cause you don't have the money. That's not what's moral. You know what else isn't moral? Economic policies that make it harder for people to get the best job they can do. We have been one of the worst-performing job record states in the nation for a

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decade. And you know why? Because your tax and spend policies failed. We have more going for us than any state in the Midwest by a longshot; we should dominate economically. The fact that we lag is because policies coming from this building, policies like this budget, where you spend more than you take in, send job creators scurrying for more responsible climbs. Morals and values. This budget is neither moral nor reflective of the values of the people of this State. It is nothing more than more of the same failed ideology of tax and spend that you guys have tried for years. You say you don't want to tie reforms to the budget, well, here's the problem with that, we tried it your way in 2011 - sixty-seven percent income tax hike, no reforms - you know what we had? The worst job growth -- the worst job record in the country in the calendar year that followed. If you don't fundamentally change the environment that we operate in, you're not going to create more opportunity for the middle class or any other class that we all care about. It is all tied together; it does need to be done together, because doing it piecemeal, doing it your way, hasn't worked. The people of this State recognize it. That's why they sent a new Governor here. It's time that you guys recognized it and reach back to the Governor who is trying to work with you to actually turn this State around and create opportunity. This is not a responsible budget and it's not the right thing to do. And I encourage a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR BIVINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Bivins.

SENATOR BIVINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. We have thirty-two billion, depending on who you talk to, thirty-two to thirty-three billion in revenue. We have thirty-six billion in proposed spending. Vote No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR ROSE:

Question of the sponsor, if I may.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield -- she will yield for questions. Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

This bill before us is Department on Aging - correct? - DCFS and Public Health. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

That's correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

And by your admission, there's a 3.3-billion-dollar hole, so how much of that hole do you envision being apportioned to these promises that are being made?

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Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Senator Rose, I think I spoke to that in -- previous occasions that this is a step in the process. I do believe that -- that it -- that it's clearly been articulated by, I think, many folks that we cannot solve our current fiscal circumstances with cuts alone, that we need a combination of cuts and revenues. This is doing that and we will continue on to get to a complete package, I do believe. I have faith that we're going to be doing that as a -- as a Chamber and with folks across the dome and the folks on the second floor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

I -- I -- I guess I don't share your faith, considering this very morning that one of the committees of this Body shot down a few of the reform initiatives that are necessary to get to a complete package. And the House has refused to do anything on the front altogether, period. So I -- I -- I don't envy the position you're in right now as the sponsor of this bill, but I don't share your same sentiment for -- for optimism. The fact is, you have no introduced bill by your own admission to square, as Senator Bivins eloquently pointed out, thirty -- you know, a budget that's three to four billion dollars in the hole. So I ask you again, what part of that three to four billion dollars will be assessed to children at DCFS?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

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It -- it -- yeah, that -- there's just -- there's -- there -- the -- I think I've given an answer already, Senator Rose. I don't know that we need to have the same question asked and answered repeatedly. This is a step in the process and we will be, I do believe, having a complete package before the day is done.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

So -- so on the -- will that be before the day is done that we have that answer to the complete package? Or before Sunday?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

I'd like to believe so. I -- I sure hope there's still discussions going on around the appropriation budget. You know, there's a lot of other issues that are important, and I know they're important to the Governor and many folks, and they deserve hearing. I absolutely agree with that. They're not a part of the budget process and the appropriation process. We need to be focusing right now on the real fiscal issues that the State faces. When I talk -- and we -- I, you know, have talked to many of the organizations around the State - including the Civic Federation was here talking to all of us. Many groups said - I think many of us would suspect more are on the -- your side of the aisle in alignment in their thinking - say the biggest concern they've got with the State of Illinois is the fiscal uncertainty; that we just don't provide stability here. We need to stop playing these games and actually getting down to providing fiscal stability and a certainty so that we can all stop reeling from fiscal crisis to

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fiscal crisis in this State. And that's a conversation I wish to be -- that I think -- believe absolutely to my core that we need to be having and need to be focusing on until we get that solved.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

So exactly how does passing a budget that's three to four billion dollars in the hole lead to your conclusion of fiscal certainty?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

It provides funding to all of our local governments that clearly need to have their dollars to keep them running. It provides general State aid to all of our school districts across the country {sic}. It provides funding, in these budgets specifically, to continue to provide services to all the wards of the State, who, by -- by definition, we are the loco parentis for them here in the State. It provides funding for folks who are getting services in -- through the Community Care Program, so that they continue to get -- not -- stay in their home by getting those hour or two of services so they don't end up nursing homes. I can go on and on, but I think you get the gist. We're providing the ongoing needs and operations of State government.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

But you would agree that somewhere in the ongoing needs of State government, there's going to be three to four billion dollars

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of people left out in this...(microphone cutoff)...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

I think I have spoken to that several times. Clearly, we need to come together with some cuts and some revenue. That's exactly what this does. It comes to the place that we've heard that the Governor thinks we need to be at, both providing cuts and for some additional revenue. We need to have that conversation. I think many groups around the State have indicated that that's what needs to happen. Even those like the Civic Federation, who are more aligned with business community interests, are suggesting the different revenue sources we should be using. And, yes, I do think we're going to ultimately end up having those conversations as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

To the bill, if I may. The -- the answers to those questions not only strain credulity, they strain common sense. The fact is you can't extend thirty-six billion dollars' worth of -- oh, I'm sorry, investments, investments, with only thirty-two or thirty-three billion dollars' worth of money. Someone will be left out, period, bottom line. Maybe it's DCFS, I don't know. We don't know the answer. The Majority won't tell us. Maybe it's higher ed in one of the other bills. Maybe it's education. Maybe it's whatever it is, but to sit here and pretend that you're going to have a moral position, and last night in committee, it was, as Senator Murphy mentioned, described as the moral position of the

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people of Illinois. I find it absolutely immoral to extend thirty-six billion dollars' worth of promises with only thirty-two or thirty-three billion dollars' worth of money to pay for those promises. Someone gets left out. You're not telling us who, and the bottom line is you have no way to resolve this that's in front of us. You've talked about it; you said, hey, it's going to be here by the end of the day, I think was your phrase - we'll have this resolved by the end of the day. I look forward to that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Mulroe, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Questions for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield, Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

My questions pertain to Local Health Protection Grants. What do the Local Health Protection Grants fund?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

The grants provide funding to local health departments across the State to protect citizens and visitors from infectious diseases, unsafe foods, impure drinking water, and unsanitary sewage disposal. It provides protection from things in our everyday lives that we take for granted. I would note that this budget provides about seventeen million dollars for the Local Health Protection Grants.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

One -- one last question. So this fund -- or these grants not only affect my constituents, but they affect every constituent that is represented by Senators in this Chamber. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Absolutely. I think we all value the work of our local public health departments and the work they do to protect constituents across the State for -- for every single one of us in this room.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

This is -- this is a difficult time for all of us in the State and I really was struggling with whether I was going to speak, what I would say if I got up to speak to this, and I already hear the rhetoric flowing, I hear the name calling. I understand that when we leave this building, there'll be threats flying all over the place. It doesn't matter where the threats come from; there's nobody that's sitting on this Floor that doesn't get threatened by somebody about if we don't do what they want us to do, then, you know, we're going to take you out kind of conversation. And I remember explaining to some constituents that -- that means the only thing I have for you is the best I can do. It means when I

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take every issue at its -- on its face and it comes in front of me, I have to look at that one issue and say, where do I think this is going to best serve my constituents, where do I think this is going to best serve the State of Illinois? Now there are a lot of negotiations that are happening in this building, but I don't pretend to believe that I'm going to negotiate you into becoming a Democrat, any more than I think you can negotiate me into becoming a Republican. You're never going to negotiate me into saying that I think that people who live in this State don't have a right to organize themselves and -- and democratically elect someone to represent their interests. You're never going to get me to say that. I don't believe -- I fundamentally don't believe that. You can't negotiate me into believing that when you constrict public dollars that somehow magic happens - math doesn't work, economies go out the door, economics go out the window - and -- and lie about the fact that when you constrict public sector spending, when you do that, there is a correlated lost private sector economic reality. There is. You're not going to get me to be able to say that when there are agencies in our districts that perform services, critical essential services, that I don't know what happens when you shut down those services. There's no way that I'm going to be negotiated into -- into arguing away those interests. I believe, honestly, that there are some things that government does well and there are some things that we are called to do. And as to the plain language of the Constitution, here's some plain language - it's in the beginning. "We, the People of the State of Illinois - grateful to Almighty God for the civil, political and religious liberty which He has permitted us to enjoy and seeking His blessing upon our endeavors - in order to provide

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for the health, safety and welfare of the people; maintain a representative and orderly government; eliminate poverty and inequality; assure legal, social and economic justice; provide opportunity for the fullest development of the individual; insure domestic tranquility; provide for the common defense; and secure the blessings of the freedom and liberty to ourselves and our posterity..." It is astounding to me that we're not having any conversations about what those words really mean in the plain language of the Constitution we all rose our hands and swore to uphold. At the end of the day, this isn't a conversation about whether or not this is the particular spending bill that's going to be done, because we understand that there are three separate coequal branches of government and, when this budget leaves the Chambers, it's going to go to one of those other branches, the Executive Branch, and in that he has the authority to line-item veto out whatever he thinks we cannot -- we don't have the revenue to support. So I would ask, since you find this so immoral - you know the moral position - that the only truly moral document we have in this building is the budget, because it's where our priorities are. Don't tell me what your priorities are, show me what your priorities are. Where you put your money is where your priorities are. So it's not difficult for me to say, yes, this investment plan, this spending plan, whatever you want to call it, reflects the priorities of things that I honestly believe in. I want you to tell me where you don't think that. So what should we cut? Or is this the first step in a program for us to decide what the end package and result is going to be? And there's nobody in here who doesn't believe that we're not going to be back here discussing that. We have work to do. Our work is undone, but

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there's some very plain-meaning language in the Constitution that specifically charges us with how we take care of the people who live in this State. And I fundamentally don't believe that anything we do to balance this needs to be on the backs of people who can least afford it. I understand, I understand that when you concentrate those cuts - remember when we had that conversation about the twenty-six million dollar cuts - when we concentrate those cuts in areas that never participated in the economic recovery in the first place, that that twenty-six million wasn't just twenty-six million; there was an economic multiplier. If those cuts had gone through, you would have concentrated the lost private sector economic activity in areas that never got to participate in the economic recovery in the first place. So, yes, I find this whole situation immoral. But I also understand that we are not done yet, and I will come anywhere as long as I can, to whoever wants to sit down in a group and work, so that we truly can be honest about what it takes to provide the services that we know our constituents need. It is a patented myth that you can decrease spending -- you can decrease adequate investment on the front end and expect to get positive growth outcomes on the back end. That's not a Republican number. That's not a Democratic number. That is Econ 101. So if we are really going to have an honest conversation about budgetary issues and whether or not we're going to satisfy the components of our State Constitution, if we're really going to do that, then, yes, we stand ready. But this reflects priorities - priorities - because I understand full well, and so do my constituents, that your priorities are shown by where you decide to put your money. We believe that this is how we should spend this money. Now let's keep talking so you can tell

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us where you don't. I -- I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR ANDERSON:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

You know, I'm -- I -- I kind of want to speak to -- to all the -- the budget bills and -- and I know I'm -- I'm the new guy, I've only been here for five months. And I got to say that I'm -- I'm saddened. I'm saddened because I came here to represent my district and the State of Illinois, and I'm saddened because since I've been here, I've made friends with -- became friends with just about all of you and I found something very interesting; I found that in talking to a lot of you, and -- and you on the other side of the aisle, I -- I found in conversation that politically we agree a lot more than we disagree, but yet here we are, and we're -- we're -- we're bickering back and forth. You know, none of us here have all the answers. I don't have all the answers. Our leadership doesn't have all the answers. Your leadership doesn't have all the answers and the Governor doesn't have all the answers. But, together, we can find a way to make it work. And what saddens me even further - and I know it's been talked about and already been beat over the head - but what really saddens me, and maybe it's because I'm new, but five months ago I was honored to raise my right hand and swear to uphold the Constitution of the State of Illinois - this is not upholding our Constitution. We cannot spend

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more than we take in. Article VIII, Section 2, subsection (b) - I'm just a fireman; I don't need to be a constitutional lawyer to interpret that. It's very clear. And I'm saying what -- what your side of the aisle is proposing, they're not all bad things. There's a lot of good stuff in there. The stuff that the Governor said, it's not all good. Some of it's bad, but there's a lot of good stuff in it. Let's come together and talk about it. But what saddens me is that all of us in here, me being the newest one, five months ago raised my right hand and took an oath to uphold our Constitution. I not only urge a No vote, but, really, think about your oath. I would caution an Aye vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you so much, Mr. President. I rise to ask a couple questions of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield for questions, Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

But before I ask those questions, Senator Steans, I did want to make one comment to the distinguished speaker from Palatine, who I thought it was very interesting when he brought up the Constitution and the constitutionality of things, because I happen to remember sitting on the Pension Conference Committee. As a matter of fact, it was out of the Pension Conference Committee that came Senate Bill 1. I was known as being the one dissenting vote from the Pension Conference Committee. I thought it was a

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little rich, because I was one of the few on that committee who was not an attorney, but I did argue the constitutionality of that bill. I also argued the moral objective of that bill and the concerns I had with breaking a promise to people who were all of a sudden going to lose their ability to retire, and certainly to retire in dignity. So I want to say this before I ask my questions, with a corporate budget - and this seems to be what that side of the aisle's talking about - a corporate budget, a corporate budget is a balance sheet, it has numbers, it has dollar signs, and you know what you can do with those? You can slash out and zero out some of those dollar signs and take some cuts in that company - that's ok to do that. But I want to talk to you a little bit about a budget when you're dealing with the government - the government, whose responsibility isn't just to have a corporate balance sheet. It is a document that has programs in it, programs that benefit people. We're talking about people, we're talking about human lives, we're talking about your mother, your sister, your grandmother, your wife. And that's why I want to ask a couple questions that are in this budget, because this budget isn't just dollar signs. This budget also provides for the people of Illinois, who it is our responsibility to take care of. So that was a very long preamble, Senator Steans, for me asking, what exactly does the breast and cervical cancer screenings program do?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

They provide free mammograms, breast exams, and pelvic -- pelvic exams and Pap -- Pap smear tests to eligible women. And if a woman's been already diagnosed with cancer, she can receive free

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treatment if she qualifies and roll -- generally then they can roll into the Medicaid program.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Yes, and how many women did this program serve last year?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

About twenty-five thousand.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

And my final question: Is it necessary to restore the Governor's proposed funding reduction? I mean, won't the Affordable Care Act make up the difference?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

So, we didn't -- we didn't restore to the current levels. We restored part of it. The Department says it has transitioned about thirty percent of its clients to the ACA/Medicaid, and that's good progress. It's not enough yet. The Department's estimated that under the Governor's proposed spending for the program, there's about thirteen thousand women who can be screened. That leaves a huge gap from the previous twenty-five thousand women, especially considering that early detection of breast and cervical cancer can save their lives, and if we wait too long, we miss that opportunity. So, yeah, we're trying to restore some of that

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funding until we fully transition everybody into the ACA programs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Yes, I -- I just want to say thank you and -- and, to the bill, I want to ask everybody on this Floor to vote Yes on this bill, because I want you to remember the reason we're here. We were elected by people to represent people. It is our responsibility to take care of people, and that's what this budget and that's what these programs do. So, remember, we are not a corporation just cutting and slashing dollar signs to make a profit, regardless of whose back were standing on when we do it. I urge you to vote Yes on this budget. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield for question. Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

You know, like others, Senator, you're -- you're a friend and I -- I, too, share in the concern we all have for you carrying this unbalanced budget bill before us here this afternoon - putting up with us Republicans, who might question where the money might come from - but I -- I -- I want to -- I want to go to some of the debate our -- my good friend, Senator Kotowski, and I had yesterday in committee, who's been notably silent here this afternoon. And I'm sure maybe that'll change here soon enough. I hope. You know,

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you -- you've -- Senator, you've referenced repeatedly that this is an investment and -- and I'm really lost on that word. Can -- can you explain for me how -- how this is an investment when we don't have the money to back it up?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, to that point, I think I've on a number of times indicated that this is a step in the process. I think what the Governor had put forth back in February was not balanced for -- for numerous reasons. I think we're now taking this to the next step, saying here's where we realistically, prudently, but still taking care of both of our core priorities, the things we have to do, our core priorities and -- and making sure that the most vulnerable are not getting left high and dry. And we still need to have that part of the conversation on where we're going to provide full funding for all of these investment priorities that we have as a State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

But I'm -- I'm -- I'm still lost on this notion and I -- and I've heard speaker after speaker from -- from your side of the aisle who've -- who've lauded the fact that, you know, these are important investments that we need to make, that these are promises that we're making to all the good people outside of this building who rely on our tax dollars to do the many things that they do. But how -- how in the world is it an investment when you openly and readily admit that the dollars aren't there? I mean, isn't it

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just a -- why don't we just call this a false promise? I mean, it's a -- isn't that all this is?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Think false promise was putting forth a budget that assumed we were going to get 2.2 billion dollars in pension savings that clearly don't exist. We have a Supreme Court that's made that very clear. You know, I think you can talk all you want on this. I think I've been very clear. We need to have the full conversation. This budget -- State of Illinois needs fiscal stability, fiscal certainty. We cannot continue to careen from fiscal crisis to fiscal crisis. And we here as a Body are compelled to make those hard choices on what we need to invest in and how we're going to fund that, and that's a conversation I think every single one of us in this room stand ready to have. I think we need to have those conversations and we're today beginning to engage in that conversation on how we're going to do this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Okay, so -- so what's -- what's the -- you -- you say this is a step in the process. What's -- what's the -- what's the next step here? Because I -- I'm missing something. Here's the way I see this, you know, and -- and we don't need to be lawyers or mathematicians to do this math. Thirty-nine Democrats, twenty Republicans. You've got more than enough votes in this Chamber, and, heck, in the Chamber across the street here, to do whatever you want. It doesn't matter what the guy on the second floor

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thinks. And, in fact, you've reminded us over and over that you don't really care what the guy on the second floor thinks. Governor Rauner has put forward his ideas and we Republicans have stood here and said "We'll work with you", "We'll work with you", "You want our cooperation, we'll work with you. Here's our ideas." And what do we see? Unilaterally, one after another - we just did one of 'em on workers' comp this -- this afternoon, this morning and afternoon - Republicans put forward their ideas, your response is, no. Yet you're asking the Republicans here to raise taxes, cooperate with you to raise taxes. Why don't you just do -- is - - is that your plan to just do that alone? You got all the votes to do it on your own anyway. And if you don't want to do it on your own, are you willing to really work with us and with Governor Rauner on some of these reform measures that we've put forward?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you. Yes, I think, you know, what I hear from my colleagues on these working groups is they've been heavily engaged in those and they were having conversations, put things on the table that sometimes our side took off, sometimes administration took off. I think it's an ongoing conversation. I think these issues are important and deserve, absolutely deserve, a hearing. We are here now, though, at the end of May and our priority needs to be on the budget. It is our obligation, as an entity, to pass a budget and to get that done. I know there's been times in the history here of Illinois, before my time, where we've had divided government - Republican Governor, Democratic Chambers - where they have passed budgets that have not gotten approved and they come

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back by Veto Session and get it done. I mean, these can be a process. And this is, as I say and will continue to say, I believe good faith movement forward in getting us to a place that we can fund our core requirements, things like the pensions, things like our statutory transfers out, things like our debt service, things like general State aid, and really show that we need to protect services, also the most vulnerable. And that is what we are working on today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

But where -- where's the ongoing conversation, though? That's where I'm -- that's where I'm lost here. How is it an ongoing conversation if, when we put our ideas forward, they're voted No. And, in fact, we can't even get a hearing on all of our ideas. Are -- should we plan to have hearings on, say, the Republican proposal for redistricting and the Republican proposal for term limits here before the end of the week?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

I -- I think both those items deserve -- deserve to be heard. I think they're important. We're talking, though, right now -- we are in May of 2015. The first time you can get a constitutional amendment on the ballot is not until 2016. I mean, this is just absurd to create an environment in which we're not providing and discussing the actual, upon us now, fiscal circumstances that we are in in Illinois, to distract away from. They may be important ideas and things that people feel very strongly about, but they're

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nothing that are going to have anything to do with dealing with our fiscal situation in the State of Illinois. And trying to hold hostage a budget to a lot of other agenda items is not the way to get our budget solved.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Barickman, to close.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Yeah, to close, Mr. President. Yeah, thank you -- thank you, Mr. President, and thank you to the sponsor for putting up with my questions. I mean, this is -- this is where the fundamental disagreement exists, though. You know, Republicans put forward our reform ideas, we're told no, and we're told, but let's continue the conversation. It's not a continued conversation when the absolute no comes from the other side of the aisle. And -- and here's the problem. Republican's put forward reform ideas, Democrats say, "Well, those aren't reform ideas to the budget", even though they absolutely are. Think of this, if we adopt workers' compensation reform, if we adopt the lawsuit reform measures that we've put forward, what do we do? We reform the Illinois economy so that we can -- put people back to work. Those people who work, pay taxes. More -- more than that, more than that, on the bills we can't even get a hearing on, everyone who's anyone knows that the reason Illinois is in the financial problem that it's in is because of the ridiculous financial decisions made by one career politician after another in this Chamber and in the one next door. If Illinois adopts a term limits bill, an amendment, what do we do? We get rid of the people who've put us in this mess. What has term limits have to do with the budget? If you start to acknowledge the fact that we're in this problem

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because of the decisions made by the career politicians here and next door, you realize that adopting term limits gets rid of the people like Speaker Madigan, who, quite frankly, has been in office...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Barickman, I have given a lot of leeway today. To the budget. Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

To the budget. The same politicians who got us in this mess are still here today controlling the budget process that we're voting on right now. That's why term limit legislation and the other reforms are necessary. I urge a No vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Will the sponsor yield for questions, several questions?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield, Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Senator Steans, I want to talk a little bit about the Community Care Program. Can you elaborate on how the Community Care Program is funded by comparison to fiscal year 2015?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

It's at the same appropriation level.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez.

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SENATOR MARTINEZ:

And how does that compare to the Governor's proposed budget?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

The Governor's proposal had decreased it, the Community Care Program, by a -- about a hundred eighty-two million dollars, and I think was proposing to make a number of changes to ensure that people would actually not be able to receive the service.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you for that. How -- do you happen to know how many people that policy would have affected?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, I think he was -- one of the suggestions was to change the Determination of Need score, otherwise known as the DON score, from twenty-nine to thirty-seven and that would keep about sixteen thousand people in Illinois from receiving services.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

So you're telling me that the Governor's budget eliminated service to sixteen thousand - listen to that number - sixteen thousand seniors under the Community Care Program?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

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SENATOR STEANS:

That -- that's correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

And how this -- does this compare to the budget before us now?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Right, this budget restores the dollars there so that folks can continue to -- continue to receive services.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

...the -- to the bill. Let me just -- when we talk about seniors, we talk about one of the most vulnerable communities that we can have out there. I am almost certain that every Senator in this Chamber has a senior or two in their district. The Governor's proposed budget would have eliminated sixteen thousand seniors from a program. So, you know, when we talk about government, government is not a corporation. Government is about helping the most vulnerable. This budget that we are proposing takes care of the most vulnerable. It takes care of my ninety-five-year-old uncle, who's still in independent living, who depends on these programs while I'm down here working to make sure that he is taken care of so I don't have to put him in an institution. And I'm almost sure that many of you here have either parents or seniors in your lives, constituents, who right now need those services.

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Again, this budget is about taking care of those most vulnerable. We are not a corporation; we are government. So, for the sake of all those seniors that live in your district, vote Aye on this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Harmon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I'm not sure if I've ever spoken on a budget bill. There -- there are so many Members of our -- our Chamber who are willing and able to do that, I've not had to. But the hysterics surrounding this notion that what we're doing today is somehow unconstitutional has compelled me to rise. As an aside, I would say much of that wailing and gnashing of teeth has been coming from people with pretty sketchy records on predicting the constitutionality of what we do here. But let's turn to Article VIII, Section 2, subsection (b): "Appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that year." But let's read the sentence immediately before that: "The General Assembly by law shall make appropriations for all expenditures of public funds by the State." The balance of the budget, the constitutionality of what we're doing is not measured until all of the budget bills are passed and either signed into law by the Governor or enacted into law by an override of the Legislature. What we are doing now, as Senator Steans said and

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Senator Hutchinson noted, is exactly what it is, it's a step along the process. As the budget bills come together, as line item vetoes and reduction vetoes are offered, as revenues are added, we will evaluate this package when all is said and done and it is law. So no one need be worried about breaching their solemn oath to uphold the Constitution. We will be measured in the end and we will have a balanced budget.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator -- Leader Trotter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. A -- a couple questions and a -- and a comment, if I -- if I may?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates -- Senator Steans indicates she will answer some questions, Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much. Like Senator Harmon, Leader Harmon, I've been getting sort of confused, 'cause I thought this was a conversation on the budget and we've gone into some substantive things that we didn't need to bring up here today and address and I certainly will not. But there is certainly a division between the budget and substantive legislation. One -- one of my questions, because it is a concern of -- to -- of my community and many individuals throughout the State, Senator Steans, is this funding, that restoration that you're bringing that's for eighteen- and -- to twenty-one-year-olds, can you tell me what -- what that does exactly?

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Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Right, the Governor's proposed budget had eliminated all funding for DCF -- Department of Children and Family Services' wards of the State. They're by definition our responsibility. I found that, I think, probably one of the most problematic aspects of the budget. What we're restoring now will impact pregnant and parenting teens; it will provide funding for housing support, counseling and therapeutic services, placement alternative contracts for them to go and start living independently, educational support, vocational training, scholarships for them to attend educational institutions, and -- and numerous other services for that age group.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

As we try to juggle the dollars, the limited dollars, that we have, we certainly look for matching dollars from the federal government. It has been said by some that passage of this, or the restoration of these dollars and the restoration of the program, will, in fact, impede us from getting federal dollars. Is -- is there any merit to that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Absolutely not. To get the federal matching dollars, teens need to be in programs, educational programs, job or job training programs, or have a disability. This in no way impacts the ability to go and get those matching dollars for the -- for the teens that

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are doing all these services and, in fact, this should be helping teens find those jobs and get those educational services.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

How -- how many individuals will this impact? Do you have the number?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

I think it's about twenty-four hundred young adults that are in this category right now that would no longer be able to get any support. And, you know, just think about it, I -- I have a twenty-one-year-old and there's no way I'm going to kick him out in the street and not provide any help, housing, education needs for him. I think probably many of us feel, in this room, the same way, that we would not at eighteen kick our kids out the door and provide no other services. So these are twenty-four hundred young adults in Illinois who will no longer be kicked out on the streets.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you, again. Chairman Steans, I want to commend you, one, for doing what we are supposed to be doing as legislators, and -- and, one, is listening to the people who elected you to office; two, for reading their mail and understanding what their concerns are; and, number three, doing something about it. It's one thing to get on this Floor and -- and going to committee to rant and rave about how you want to see the State of Illinois to

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work. It's another when you deal with the collaborative effort of wondering and finding out what the concerns are -- are those -- of those individuals that we represent. We've heard from all parts of the Constitution. What I didn't hear is what I've been told when I first started this job, in that this was a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. So -- so I commend you for carrying that torch forward in this great democratic country that we live in and this great State of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Our last speaker seeking recognition, President Cullerton. For what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Yes, to the bill. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Just to the -- thank everybody for the debate on the budget, first budget bill. We have a number of others, hopefully that -- we can do 'em a little quicker. But just -- I just wanted to comment on the fact that I have had some experience in the General Assembly, institutional memory going back to 1979, when we had a Republican Governor and we had a -- differences with the Republican Governor. From 1979 to 1991, I was in the House. We would appropriate bills, the Governor didn't agree with them, but by the time we were finished with the amendatory veto process, we had a balanced budget. There were a couple of years, however, where we were just short of revenue, so Governor Thompson, twice, asked for temporary tax increases. He asked us if we would help him pass those bills, which we did, and we -- and we voted for 'em and they

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passed. In fact, when Governor Edgar was the Governor, he asked that one of those temporary income tax increases remain permanent. So we cooperated as a General Assembly, a majority of Democrats with Republican Governors, and we look forward to doing that now. This budget that we're talking about, it's been pointed out how much will be in it total. Just as Governor Rauner proposed a budget that was pointed out to him that it was perhaps a little out of balance by four and a half billion dollars, it's said that this one is out of balance, but it's the beginning of a process. But one thing we definitely have to do is give the Governor authority to spend money. It would be irresponsible for us to leave without doing that. So that's what the process is about. And so I appreciate everyone's comments and debate, but I think if you look at the actual product, this budget is going to be really, really close to the final end product. And for that reason, I would ask us to vote Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, to close.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I -- I -- I really do value this debate. There's nothing more important we do in -- in this Chamber than get to and pass a budget. Folks have mentioned they're saddened. I too am saddened. I -- I had hoped at this point in time that we would have come together as -- with across the Dome, second floor, that we would have gotten to an agreement on how to approach this. There is nothing more important in the State of Illinois right now than some fiscal stability, fiscal responsibility. Our credit ratings continue to drop. We've seen what's happened in Chicago. I think it's really

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sad that we're playing games on a whole bunch of other items that have nothing to do with the budget and distracting from what we really need to be doing here in this Chamber, and that is providing fiscal stability and fiscal certainty. That's going to be the most important aspect of driving the economy and job growth in this State, is that certainty. We're doing anything but that when we -- when we hold hostage this to things that have nothing to do with the budget. And budgets are, in fact, a reflection of priorities. They are moral documents, I do believe that. And when we have a budget that now -- before us that is, in fact, ensuring that we don't kick eighteen- to twenty-year-olds {sic} out onto the street, when the average kid out of the DCF {sic} (DCFS) gets -- has less than a hundred dollars in his or her pocket when they are out, and we're saying that we no longer should have any responsibility to provide any care for that eighteen- to twenty-one-year-old. When we have seniors across this State who are staying at home rather than going to nursing homes because of the Community Care Program, and the things that would have been happening if we didn't restore that funding in this budget is leading to that. It's very short-sighted. Would lead to much higher costs. I think it's incredibly important that we take these actions to ensure the ongoing operations of State government. I'm, in fact, very pleased to be able to present a budget that I think is, at the one time, making sure we protect our most vulnerable and, at the other time, is very restrained in the spending. Again, the overall budget packages that we're -- being put forward would retain spending at about fiscal year '15 level. This is not some crazy plan on how to spend our dollars. It's, in fact, only investing more in pensions, five hundred and thirty-five million

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more there. And everything else in discretionary spending is being held to this year's level. I urge an Aye vote and very much look forward to getting Aye votes on the rest of the budget and continuing our conversations and getting to some agreements in -- in this Chamber. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, we've had a healthy, civil debate. The question is, shall Senate Bill 2037 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 33 voting Aye, 25 voting Nay, 0 voting present. Senate Bill 2037, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, will all members of the Committee on Assignments please come to the President's Anteroom? All Members of the Committee on Assignments to the President's Anteroom. The Senate will stand at ease. (at ease) Leader Lightford in the Chair.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I am truly honored to have the opportunity to present to you Miss Black Illinois USA 2015. This is Miss Destiny Lee. She is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University. She earned a Bachelor's in Science. She's the ambassador of the Miss Black Illinois USA Scholarship Organization. I'm extremely proud. I've known her family for about forty years. She's from the Village of Maywood, or her family is, but she now lives in Senator Cullerton -- T. Cullerton's district. If you guys would please welcome Miss Destiny Lee to the podium, I'd appreciate it. Thank you.

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MISS BLACK ILLINOIS USA 2015 DESTINY LEE:

(Remarks by Miss Black Illinois USA 2015 Destiny Lee)

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Miss Black Illinois Destiny Lee. Okay, Senator Sullivan in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Agriculture Committee - Motion to Concur on House Amendment 8, 10, and 11 to Senate Bill 44, Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1422; refer to Criminal Law Committee - Floor Amendment 3 to House Bill 2569, Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 2919, Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 627, Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 844; refer to Education Committee - Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 100, Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 226, Motion to Concur on House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1340, Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1793; refer to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 455, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1046, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3237, Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 3497, and Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 636; refer to Higher Education Committee - House Bill 3593; refer to Human Services Committee - Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 653; refer to Judiciary Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 142, Floor Amendment 3 to House Bill 4006, Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 57,

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Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 90, Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 159, Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 202, Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 374, Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1335, Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1547; refer to Local Government Committee - Floor Amendment 4 to House Bill 735, Senate Resolution 584, Senate Joint Resolution 28, Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 650, Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 791, and Motion to Concur on House Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1252; refer to State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3686 and Senate Resolution 587; refer to Transportation Committee - Senate Resolution 576; Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Bills 2039 through 2048, Senate Resolution 413, Senate Resolution 583, and House Joint Resolution 52. Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-8(b-1), the following amendments will remain in the Committee on Assignments: Committee Amendment 2 to House Bill 229, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 500, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3497.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, if I can have your attention for an announcement, committee announcements - if I can have your attention, Ladies and Gentlemen. This afternoon the following committees will be meeting: Executive in -- at 5:30 this afternoon in Room 212; Licensed Activities and Pensions at 5:30 in Room 400; State Government and Veterans Affairs at 5:30 in Room 409; Local Government, this afternoon at 6:30 p.m. in Room 409 - that is a room change for that committee, Room 409; Criminal Law at 6:30

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this afternoon in Room 400. Also this afternoon, Education will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 212. Tomorrow morning, Agriculture will meet bright and early at 9 a.m. in Room 409. And also tomorrow morning, Judiciary will meet at 10 a.m. in Room 400 and Higher Education will meet at 10 a.m. in Room 212. I'll run through 'em again real quick. This afternoon: 5:30, Executive; 5:30, Licensed Activities and Pensions; 5:30, State Government and Veterans Affairs; Local Government at 6:30; Criminal Law at 6:30 this evening; at 7 p.m. this -- this evening, Education. Tomorrow morning: 9 a.m., Agriculture; at 10 a.m., Judiciary; and at 10 a.m., Higher Education. Senator Raoul, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RAOUL:

Mr. President, I move to waive all notice and posting requirements so that House Bill 2919 can be heard today in the -- Senate Criminal Law Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul moves to waive all notice and posting requirements so that House Bill 2919 can be heard today in the Senate Criminal Law Committee. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and all notice and posting requirements have been waived. Senator McGuire, for what purpose do you rise? Senator McGuire.

SENATOR MCGUIRE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I move to waive all notice and posting requirements so that House Bill 3593 can be heard tomorrow in the Senate Higher Education Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Thank you, Senator McGuire. Senator McGuire moves to waive all notice and posting requirements so that House Bill 3593 can be heard tomorrow in the Senate Higher Education Committee. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and all notice and posting requirements have been waived. Senator Bush, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move to waive all notice and posting requirements so that Senate Resolution 576 can be heard tomorrow in the Senate Transportation Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Bush moves to waive all notice and posting requirements so that Senate Resolution 576 can be heard tomorrow in the Senate Transportation Committee. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and all notice and posting requirements have been waived. Senator Jacqueline Collins, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move to waive all notice and posting requirements so that Senate Resolution 587 can be heard today in the State Government Committee -- Senate State -- State Government Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Collins. Senator Collins moves to waive all notice and posting requirements so that Senate Resolution 587 can be heard today in the Senate State Government Committee. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and all notice and posting requirements have been waived. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're back to the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading.

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Next up, we have Senate Bill 2036. It's on page 18 of your regular Calendar. Senator Steans seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2036 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no -- objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2036. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

As on the previous bill, President Cullerton has asked Senator Steans to present the amendments. Senator Steans, to present Floor Amendment 1.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, this becomes the bill and we'll discuss it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, we have Senate Bill 2036. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2036.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

All right, thank you, Members of the Senate. This is another bill in -- in the budget. And this appropriates funding for the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission, the Department on {sic} (of) Human Rights, the Human Rights Commission, the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission, and the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities. In total, it's appropriating 34.9 million, representing an increase of eight hundred and five thousand dollars over the fiscal year '15. The total is broken -- is 22.3 million in GRF, and the total GRF portion is a decrease from the current fiscal year. I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR NYBO:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

So -- so, Mr. President, like Leader Harmon, I didn't anticipate speaking on the budget bills at all, but -- but Senator Steans, you know, has used this phrase, "holding hostage", you know, that somehow someone is holding someone hostage, and I think she's implying that the Governor is attempting to hold the budget hostage until he gets some of his demands. But, you -- you know, we pass hundreds of bills each year in this Chamber and in the other Chamber. The Governor has proposed five proposals. One was thoroughly voted down today. I suspect the other two that are set

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to be heard in committee will -- will face the same fate, and two haven't even been discharged from Assignments. So I think the question is, who's holding who hostage? I'm going to urge a No vote on this, but I'm going to make a prediction here - it's going to be a bold prediction - I think it's going to pass anyways. I think you guys are going to be able to pass whatever you want to pass and all we're asking for and all the Governor is asking for is fair consideration of five proposals that have already been compromised down, taking into account very serious concerns that have been raised. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

Questions of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield for questions. Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

First of all, Senator Steans, the next time Senator Kotowski offers, let the lady go first, don't take him up on it, okay? Let him present these... Yeah, don't -- not quite the gentleman today, Senator Kotowski. Senator Steans, of the three- to four-billion-dollar deficit that your budgets have proposed here, exactly how much of this will really be cut because there's no revenue to justify the expenditure?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

As we discussed on the previous bill, I sort of reject the premise of the question. This is a step in the process and I don't

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think we're done yet.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Well, as it is, we're once again going to send yet another bill with no way to pay for the -- the promises that are extended in it off to the Governor. So I would urge a No vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harris, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARRIS:

Move the previous question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RAOUL:

To the bill. I urge an Aye vote..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill.

SENATOR RAOUL:

But there was mention made to the Governor's proposals and holding hostage and fair hearing, and I assume the reference was to a bill that was heard today on workers' compensation. It was the intention of the Chairman to have an hour dedicated to that debate. Instead, we dedicated two hours and I had to redirect conversation to the merits of the bill, because I think in giving fair consideration, we ought to be talking about the merits. And, as I did that, we talked about the merits, and the No votes and the Positive votes were delivered after a fair debate of the actual merits of the bill, and the bill failed. I don't know about other issues that may be considered in other committees, but with --

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with regards to that, that one issue, which I took time four years ago to work every day of the Session on, it received a fair hearing and it failed, fairly. So I urge an Aye vote on this matter, based upon a fair hearing on this matter, in isolation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Bivins, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BIVINS:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Bivins.

SENATOR BIVINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Thirty-two billion in revenue, thirty-six billion in proposed spending. Vote No. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, to close.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, I -- you know, I urge an Aye vote. I think we all know what we are doing on these bills. Thanks.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2036 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 33 voting Aye, 25 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2036, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 2031. It's on page 18 of the regular Calendar. Senator Steans seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2031 to the

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Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2031. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

President has given authorization for Senator Steans to bring the -- to present the amendment. Senator Steans, Floor Amendment 1.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you. Yes, once again, the amendment becomes the bill and I'll discuss it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on the amendment? Senator Murphy, on -- very good. Seeing no discussion on the amendment, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, we have Senate Bill 2031. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2031.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

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SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2031 appropriates a total of a 143.4 million in GRF, 48.4 million in other State funds, and 6.5 million in federal funds for the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the Judicial Inquiry Board, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Department of Labor. You know, in -- generally speaking, we've held these things to the Governor's requests. Department of Juvenile Justice is the area where we have a significant increase and that's to support their request for the increase. We're not doing quite as much as what the Governor's budget had requested, but close to it. They're under two new consent decrees - the R.J. versus Jones and the M.H. versus Monreal and Jones {sic}, so they need to provide additional support to the kids in -- in the juvenile detention facilities for education and mental health and substance abuse treatment. I would -- I would urge an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield for a few questions?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield for questions, Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senator Steans, I have listened carefully to the debate on the first couple of budget bills and one of the -- one of the themes that I hear recurring in your responses, in all fairness, is that you have rejected the

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premise that this is a deficit budget. Every time that issue has come up thus far on this Floor, you've treated it like it's not a reality. So let's go with that premise for a moment. Now you are an articulate, respected Member of the side of the aisle that has a substantial majority. So I have no doubt that your crystal ball is far more clear than mine. I want you to walk through with me how you see this plays out, how you see this budget going to the Governor and somehow, between that moment and when a budget becomes law, that -- that gap in revenue is filled. Explain to me how that happens.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Well, as we heard from the Senate President, when this is -- in other situations, there's been a variety of ways that that's come to be. There could be that the Governor decides to make amendatory vetoes. There's also times that Governor has come and suggested that we do additional revenue and that's been done. There's a number of different ways that we could get to that point.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Well, I appreciate that and -- and it was interesting to hear what the Senate President had to say about history some years ago and that was, of course, before either you or I arrived in this Chamber. And I don't think that he was suggesting that there's any guarantee that that's going to happen. You talk a little bit about line item vetoes, so you've laid out a couple three possible scenarios. But really what I'm asking you to do, Senator, is to

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kind of zone in on really what you think is going to happen. Because -- and it's a pretty strong thing to reject out of hand the premise of a question that is based on the math that is plain as could be in front of everyone, which is that, if this became law as it's being put up on the board, we will run short by between three and four billion dollars. So tell me how you really think this plays out -- I mean, specifically, if you can.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Well, of the skills you referred to of mine, one is not clairvoyance. I cannot -- I don't have a crystal ball. I cannot predict the future. I don't know how this is going to all play out. I can certainly tell you that my -- my hope will be that the Governor and the Leaders come together and get to an agreement on how they would like to ensure we provide fiscal stability and continuation of State operations into the future.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Well, I was fearful that you would tell me that, Senator, that you would not be able to give me a good feel for the path down which we will walk in the next few days or few weeks or few months to where, when this spending package becomes law, it's no longer a multi-billion-dollar deficit budget. But since you can't do that, then I -- I don't know that you can have it both ways, Senator. I don't know that you can totally reject out of hand the premise that this budget is a deficit budget, but on the other hand, really not articulate any specific plan you might have for

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how it's going to become something other than a deficit budget. So, if it does become law the way it's up on the board, how will the shortfall -- how will the deficit be financed? I mean, you've been handling budgets for some -- a number of years now. When you pass a budget -- you enact a budget that has a deficit in it, how was that deficit financed?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

As I thought I suggested, that there are options for amendatory vetoes that could happen or there's options that we may come together and decide that we need to do the revenue to help support this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

So one of the suggestions - and I understand that the Senate President laid this out as an example earlier - one of your suggestions is, is that your party and the General Assembly do the easy thing: Don't vote for the tax increase that you want -- that -- that funds the spending that you want to go home and tell your constituents you voted for and just let the Governor do the dirty work. I mean, is that the -- I mean, is that -- is that the plausible strategy that you're putting in front of the Chamber?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

You know, to be clear, I think everyone in this Chamber knows that we have, in fact, voted for the -- we passed the temporary

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tax increase on this side of the aisle in the past and it was with Democrats over in the -- in the House. I think we've all -- are a party {sic} of that. The fact of the matter is, when it -- after it had gone away, the -- the Governor asked us not to take it up in Veto Session last year. He -- he specifically suggested he did not want that to happen until he was put into office. So we did not act on that at that point in time, and now we are where we are and I look forward to having that conversation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

I'm impressed, Senator, with your and your party's willingness to abide so quickly to a -- to a request from the incoming Governor. If you showed half that degree of cooperation during this Session, we would be in a far, far different place. To the bill, if I might, Mr. President. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen, there isn't anyone - there isn't anyone who has the ability to get elected to the General Assembly, there isn't anyone who has the equivalent of a high school degree, there isn't anyone who can count - who cannot figure out the tragedy that is this budget. And I'm not talking about - I'm not talking about the -- the -- the political -- the political unwillingness to say we're going to pay for that which we spend, which is a pretty important ideal and staple and one that we require local governments to abide by. I'm talking about the way this will be financed. There's a lot of rhetoric every day of every week that we are in Session about the kids - about caring for the kids, about looking in the outyears on behalf of the kids. The problem is, is that when you do things like this, the price is

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paid by the very same kids for whom you are voicing such concern, because they get to pay - they get to pay. The kids who are in the schools today will get to pay for what it is you say you want to spend on programs today and that is the height of irresponsibility. That is the height of irresponsibility. I -- there are degrees of irresponsibility and we've seen lots of degrees of irresponsibility in this Chamber for years, but perhaps the worst is the unwillingness to pay for that which you say you are going to spend. Let's reject that degree of irresponsibility and vote No. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Collins, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. May I ask the sponsor a few questions?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield for questions. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

First, I would like to thank the sponsor for her perseverance and her hard work on the budgetary process. But because this deals with the Department of Juvenile Justice, I just have a few questions in reference to the intent and the impact it will have dealing with that Department. So the first question is, how much does this bill appropriate to the Department of Juvenile Justice?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

It's in total a 149.6 million dollars.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

And how does this amount compare to the past fiscal year?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

It's -- it's about sixteen million dollars General Revenue Fund compared to last year's budget.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

And what level did the Governor's budget propose to fund the Department for this fiscal year?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

He -- he proposed it at a 151.1 million all funds, so a little bit higher than the amount that we have done here. Ours is about 1.4 million dollars less than what the Governor's proposal is. It's only one percent less, though. It's not a huge distinction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Why does the Department of Juvenile Justice need such a significant increase over the past fiscal year?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

As I mentioned in my introduction on this, there's two consent

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decrees that the Department's under now, M.H. versus Monreal and R.J. versus Jones. So they require increasing staffing levels so -- you know, to provide educational services and to ensure that each juvenile who's in the system, when they have to go to get heard, that they have an attorney present as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

So, if I hear you correctly, it does enhance training with regard to LGBTQ youth and conform with federal PREA mandates, and implement policies and procedures for coordinating psychiatric, mental health, and substance abuse services, is increase the education staffing to ensure full-time, full-day school in all facilities, and so on. So I think the last question I have for you then, what happens if we don't fund the Department of Juvenile Justice at this level? Or what happens if the Department does not meet the requirements of the consent decrees?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

The consent decrees have a court-ordered timetable that dictates the deadlines that are required. If DJJ doesn't make real progress, they'll just fall out of compliance with the consent decree. The court's refused thus far to allow deadline extensions except for some minor issues at this point. So if we fall out of compliance, the State would probably be under a court monitor. That's the most likely outcome, which tends to be more costly and offers less flexibility to the State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

I thank you for that, and that -- and because of that explanation and the impact, I would urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MURPHY:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield for a question. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Senator, we've gone at this a couple different ways and I'd -- and I'd like to try another one, on the constitutionality. If, in fact, we pass this collective budget out of both Chambers and the Governor vetoes it, and there is no subsequent tax increase to raise more revenue, would you -- would you commit that you would not seek to override that veto in light of the fact that to do so would create an unconstitutional budget?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

I -- you know, I -- I really cannot say what kind of action I'm going to take pending what kind of action the Governor may or may not take. I'm just not prepared at this point to give an answer to that question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Well, let me ask it this way. Would you agree if we got to

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that point and there were no additional revenue and it really were going to be the thirty-three and we were at a point where this budget had been passed and vetoed by the Governor and an override motion were brought, would you believe that it was constitutional under that circumstance to pursue a veto override and implement a budget that spends 36.3 billion when we only have thirty-three in revenue?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy, that question has been asked and answered multiple times this afternoon. Do you have any other questions? Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

There is absolutely no way that specific question has been asked and answered. There -- well, are you going to duck this question all day or are you going to actually answer it once? I mean, just give us an honest answer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

You know, I -- again, you're posing sort of hypothetical situations here that I'm not going to say what I am prepared or prepared not to do and may take some action to some future course. What I'm prepared to say is that we aren't at the end of the process on putting in place the -- the full budget. And I don't believe taking these actions today is an unconstitutional action. I think we have to see where we end up. And I did use the figure of speech, "at the end of the day". I didn't mean today literally. That was a figure of speech. At the end of our collective action around the budget.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

To the bill, Mr. President, rather to the pains..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill.

SENATOR MURPHY:

...the pains to which you and your -- and your -- your colleagues who have carried -- carried these budget bills in committee with you go to avoid admitting the plain, obvious truth, that this doesn't add up, really just sort of underscores our point all along that this is really a sham. So, you know, I wish we could get an honest answer on this. I understand, for political reasons, you can't level with us, but, nonetheless, I think we still have to urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, to close.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you. And, you know, it is a shared sense of pain on this. I wish we were in a very different position. I wish we were actually having conversation around the actual budget and getting to an agreement on it. That's what we should be doing. It's our highest priority. I would also say that, you know, it's not just talk, I think it's true, that we don't know where we're going to end up when all is said and done with this. So I do believe we're going to get to a -- a -- a constitutional plan here and I certainly look forward to continuing to have productive dialogues with all -- all Members at -- at play here. Thank you. And I urge an Aye vote.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the question, is shall Senate Bill 2031 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 33 voting Aye, 24 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2031, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, we have Senate Bill 2032. Senator Steans seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2032 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, we have Senate Bill 2032. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Once again, President Cullerton has given the authority for Senator Steans to present the amendment. Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Once again, I will -- this is -- the amendment becomes the bill and I'll discuss it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, we have Senate Bill 2032. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2032.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

And I will just say as an aside first here, that I appreciate my colleague and Co-Chair on the Approps, Senator Kotowski, continuing to be a gentleman and letting me get through all of my bills first. Thank you. This, Senate Bill 2032, does the appropriations for the Law Enforcement and {sic} Training and Standards Board, the Prisoner Review Board, SWIDA, the State Police, the State Police Merit Board, the Metro Pier, Military Affairs, Sports -- Sports Facilities, and the IPA for fiscal year '16. It appropriates a total of 836.7 million all funds. It represents an increase of a hundred and {sic} (point) nine million above the appropriations. For the General Revenue Fund, on the other hand, it's 509.8 million dollars -- excuse me, of that total, it's only 269.5 million that's from the General Revenue Fund. And the General Revenue Fund increase is about 7.3 million, a total of about 3.7 percent. And most of that increase is in the area of State Police. There's some increased funding for that agency and there's some also in General Revenue Fund to the State Police Merit Board. And the other agencies, there's not -- and the Prisoner Review Board, excuse me. And the Prisoner Review Board, as was the case with the Department of Juvenile Justice, is being driven

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by consent decree, which is why we had to increase General Revenue Fund there. It's -- again, they're under -- under the consent decree Monreal, which requires them to have attorney presence when they hear the cases of the juveniles in front of the Prisoner Review Board. I would urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR RAOUL:

A question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield for a question. Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

I'd like to ask questions about the Metropolitan Pier and Expo Authority. Can you walk me through this a little bit -- take a walk with me and -- what is Choose Chicago?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Choose Chicago is the marketing organization for the City of Chicago. It markets Chicago as a tourism destination and a place to hold business conferences and helps recruit conventions and trade shows. It's accomplished through the sales and marketing of McCormick Place and Navy Pier as venues for major events. It also promotes Chicago as an exceptional destination to tourists. I know we've had increased rise in tourism over the last several years. It also markets it to corporate meetings -- for corporate meetings as well. It works in partnership with the Metropolitan Pier and Expo Authority, the City of Chicago, and the Illinois

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Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Bureau of Tourism. Mayor Emmanuel had launched it in 2012 as Chicago's new tourism organization. The goal was to restructure all the tourism sales and marketing activities under a single, streamlined agency. And we are now funding that here in the Metro budget.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Now -- now walk me through this a little bit more. How is Choose Chicago funded?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Choose Chicago receives about thirty-five percent of its funding from State grants. The other sources include grants from -- City of Chicago, the Metropolitan Pier and Expo Authority, and from private sources.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

What does Choose Chicago do with its funding?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

It -- it attracts conventions and large trade shows to come to Chicago and advertises the City as the -- a tourism destination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

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Now -- now what economic benefits does Choose Chicago have both to the State of Illinois and -- and to the City of Chicago? Can you walk me through that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, we have been very successful in driving numerous conventions and tourism to the City of Chicago. Chicago's visitor industry by -- we have shown that the direct tourism spending of 13.7 billion dollars occurred in 2014. We had a hundred and thirty-three thousand jobs related to the tourism industry in 2014. This is the latest year we have the data for. Ninety-four hundred -- ninety-four -- yeah, nine thousand four hundred jobs were added to the Chicago's hospitality and tourism industry since 2010. It's been continuing to grow. Generated tax revenues of eight hundred and seventy-one million in 2014 alone, and the hotel tax revenue generated a 113.5 million of that total in 2014.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

How much will Choose Chicago receive in the fiscal year '16 budget?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

It receives 8.9 million in a line in MPEA's budget annually. In addition, it is receiving 2.6-million-dollar line, which is typically appropriated through DCEO - so it's just a movement. These funds are not GRF; they come from the hotel tax revenues.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

To the bill. I'm thoroughly walked out, Mr. President. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, to close.

SENATOR STEANS:

Great, yes, now I would urge an Aye vote, continuing to put our investment plan in place here. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2032 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 33 voting Aye, 24 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2032, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Bush, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BUSH:

I apologize, Mr. President. I didn't get here quickly enough and it was my intention to vote No. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Record will so indicate that was your intent on the previous bill. Next up on the Calendar, Ladies and Gentlemen, we have Senate Bill 2034, also on page 18 of the Calendar. Senator Steans seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2034 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2034. Mr. Secretary, are there

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any committee or Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Once again, President Cullerton has given that designation to Senator Steans. Senator Steans, on your amendment.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, thank you. The amendment becomes the bill and I'll discuss it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2034. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2034.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you. Yes, this appropriation bill makes the appropriations for the Department of Revenue, the Executive Ethics Commission, the Executive Inspector General, the Procurement

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Policy Board, the Property Tax Appeals Board, and the Racing Board for fiscal year '16. Total appropriation authority is nine hundred and eleven million in all funds, including a hundred and eight million in General Revenue funds. That total in General Revenue Fund is a decrease of about one percent. The overall budget for all funds is an increase of about eight percent. And -- and that is driven primarily for the Executive Ethics Commission, where there's a new appropriation out of the Road Fund, Capital Development Board, and the Illinois Power Agency. They had done an audit and they're doing work for those agencies, and thus believe that that was the appropriate way for them to be accounting for their services. The other agencies in here are generally at the Governor's requested levels with the exception of the Department of Revenue - we're about 1.6 million dollars less than what the Governor had suggested. In the Department of Revenue, I'll also note that there's an increase in other State funds, reflecting an increase in the sales tax distribution that's going to local governments 'cause the sales tax revenue has been coming in higher than had been expected. I would urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Bivins, for what purpose might you rise?

SENATOR BIVINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Bivins.

SENATOR BIVINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to thank Senator Tom Cullerton for correcting me. We have thirty-three billion dollars

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of revenue, but unfortunately we're proposing spending thirty-six billion dollars. Vote No. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Seeing no further discussion, Senator Steans, do you wish to close? Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2034 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 30 voting Aye, 28 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2034, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, next on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 2035. Senator Steans seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2035 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no -- excuse me, Senator Kotowski. My apologize {sic}, Senator Kotowski. No respect. Mr. Secretary, Senator Kotowski seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2035 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2035. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Been informed we have a letter from President Cullerton allowing Senator Kotowski to present the amendment. Senator Kotowski, on your amendment.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

I would like to present the amendment on 3rd Reading. By the way, thank you for acknowledging me. That was the highlight of my day today, Mr. President. Permission to address the bill on 3rd

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Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2035. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2035.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I appreciate, I'm grateful, and just for the record, I've received a fair number of heckles today. Senator Steans really wanted to take on the great Senator from Palatine today and I think she did quite well. I wanted to abide by that request. She's obviously a far more superior intellect than I am. So it's good that she led, because I'm just a guy from the neighborhood. So Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2035 makes fiscal year '16 appropriations to the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, Court of Claims, Board of Elections, Supreme Court, Supreme Court Historic Preservation

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Commission, State Employees' Retirement Systems {sic} (System) and the General Assembly Retirement Systems {sic}, and the Judicial Retirement Systems {sic}. In total, Floor Amendment No. 1 to 2035 appropriates 1.05 billion all funds to these agencies for fiscal year '16, which represents an increase of 15.9 million all funds compared to a total fiscal year '15 appropriation of 1.04 billion all funds. Of this total, 528.99 million is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund, 517.28 million is appropriated from other State funds, and 10.13 million is appropriated from federal funds. This represents a decrease of 3.78 million GRF compared to the fiscal year '15 enacted appropriation of 532.78 million General Revenue Fund. Be more than happy to answer any questions that anyone may have.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR MURPHY:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for a question. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

I would -- I would first like to welcome the Rusty Lisch of the Senate Democratic budget caucus to the -- the debate. It's time, put me in, coach. We got the third-string quarterback ready. We had Trotter go first, then we get Steans, now we got Rusty Lisch. Senator, we touched on this a little bit in committee yesterday and I just found it striking that you guys put a budget together that cuts all of the Republican statewide constitutional officers and leaves flat the Democratic ones. And I think you

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acknowledged for me yesterday that that is in fact what this budget does. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

I have to say something. The previous speaker couldn't even show up for a softball game this year. I mean, there are out of shape people who drink a case of beer a day who can show up and play softball. He could've at least showed up this year. He was worried about his knee gettin' hurt in the game.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski, I'm going to ask you..

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Sorry.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

...to keep it to the bill here. I have to be fair on both sides here. Senator Kotowski, please answer the gentleman's question.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

I just wanted -- hey, I just wanted to state it for the record that he was too soft to play this year. Anyways, so, thank you for letting me state that. But in reference to the budget, we did state -- I did state that yesterday. Every single constitutional officer asked for -- we gave them what they asked for. It was the -- the request is consistent with what they asked for and we abided by those requests. The one area, the Treasurer's Office, this is the Secure Choice Program. That's going to provide, you know, retirement services for 1.2 million people in the State of Illinois. Any of the money that's spent on this, it's from another State fund. Any money that's brought in is going to pay for this

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service. It's going to be revenue neutral. It's going to be paid for. But you're accurate in pointing it out. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

So, first of all, the reason I wasn't at the softball game is 'cause I was working diligently in good faith at a working group.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Was that a secret working group?

SENATOR MURPHY:

Not to you guys.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Not to you guys. I do think it's worth noting, too, though, it's just kind of ironic and kind of fits the theme of the day. The Republican statewides were willing to have their budgets cut and cut spending and the Democratic statewide said, no, don't cut me. Kind of inconsistent with the overarching themes of the day. Another reason I think to justify a No vote. But, Senator, welcome, welcome to the scrum. We're really glad to have you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Cunningham, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

A question for the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for question. Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Senator Kotowski, I see that, this bill, there is not a

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specific line item appropriation for probation services under the Supreme Court's appropriation. Is this bill attempting to cut out probation services completely?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Yes, I just want to clarify, this budget is not the one that focuses on constitutional officers, but I did indulge the previous speaker because it does seem like he wants a fair amount of attention today. So, not at all, we're trying to do the exact opposite of cutting probation services. The Court is appropriated a lump sum in this budget of 344.8 million, which gives them ability to appropriate as much as possible to keep probation services level with fiscal year '15. It works like this: The Court system first has to fund all of its judges' salaries - that's a constitutional mandate that can't be changed - then what remains post-mandated salary funding is for operations and probation services. In order to keep probation services level with fiscal year '15 at 117.15 million, the Court plans to reduce its operations. It is going to do everything it possibly can to keep probation services level. That's the priority after funding judges' salaries.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you. So how would this compare to the Governor's proposed budget?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

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SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Appreciate -- appreciate your question, Senator Cunningham. The Governor also proposed a lump sum for the Supreme Court; however, it was less than what's in this bill. The Governor's proposed fiscal year '16 budget result -- would result in a reduction in the total amount of reimbursable salaries for probation services provided to local courts.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

Questions of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for questions. Senator Oberweis.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

First of all, Senator, before I go into depth on a question, I want to point out that on the date and time that you were questioning my esteemed colleague from Palatine, the great Senator Murphy, I was with him, working on the people's business, trying to get compromise from our Democratic colleagues. And you might -- your answer might be, "Well, why were you wasting your time? There was really no chance to get compromise from the Democrat colleagues anyway", and you'd probably be right in making that point. But we felt that it was more important to try to work on the people's problems than being out there having a good time as you were on the baseball game -- or softball game. In any event, to get to the bill, I'd just like to know, are we taking care of ourselves with this bill? Have -- have we gotten good, solid, extra funding in for our pension retirement system for ourselves?

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Oh, oh -- oh, wait a minute, I -- I better say for you, for yourselves, since I have declined any retirement benefits.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

I -- I addressed the -- that this covers the State Employees' Retirement Systems {sic} (System), the General Assembly Retirement System, the Judicial Retirement Systems {sic}.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Oberweis.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

But you didn't ask -- answer the question. My question is, are we taking good care - not of ourselves - of yourselves? Have you made sure that there's plenty of funding in there for the General Assembly Retirement System? Is there an increase in the funding for that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

I -- I believe I answered that question, sir. And this provides the funding necessary to address those pressures in the budget. Indicated that in part of our discussion today. I just stated it before - State Employees' Retirement System, General Assembly Retirement System, Judicial Retirement System. So it's the certified amount. It's required to be paid by law. It's constitutional. So that's what we're doing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Oberweis.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

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Well, apparently I'm not very good at asking questions, so I'm going to make it just as basic, plain, simple as I possibly can. What are the numbers? Are we increasing the funding for our -- I mean your retirement system? Are we putting more money into it than we did the prior year? Are we putting more money into it than the Governor asked in his proposal?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

How much are we...

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Yeah. It's -- as -- as you know, it's good fiscal practice. This money is going to be spent anyways because it's required to be spent by law, so that's what this budget here -- that budget proposal is doing here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Oberweis.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

Senator, apparently you just don't want to answer the question. I'm going to ask it one last time. If you refuse to answer it again, I'll sit down. The question is, how much money are you putting into the system? Is it an increase from last year and is it an increase over what the Governor asked for?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

I'm sorry, finally I -- I got some specifics from the question. I appreciate it. You had asked some general questions and -- which weren't necessarily specific. It provides for what's

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required by the certification and that -- as indicated before, we have more pressures in the budget. In the pension side, it's -- overall in the aggregate, it's about a five hundred thirty-four-million-dollar increase from last year to this year. So, yes, it does; it's a pressure in the budget. It's one of the things that was referenced earlier by Senator Steans, is that this budget is held level, except we've had some cost pressures in it. So, yeah, it reflects pension costs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Oberweis.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

Senator, I did ask you specifically three times for those numbers, which you didn't give me, now you've said it's a five-hundred-million-dollar increase over last year. And how much does it increase over the Governor's request?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Well, the Governor's request didn't address what's required by law, what's certified, so the -- the -- the budget that we have allows for -- ensures for the 2.2 billion dollars that we're required to pay by law, which the Supreme Court determined that we have to make that payment. So, it's good, smart, wise fiscal policy to do that. It's above the line cost pressure, which you've indicated before. To be quite frank, I -- I kind of resent your tone, because you didn't ask a specific question. I understand if you're frustrated by this process and that you had a little party of two with Matt Murphy, but the point is, I -- I've answered your question and there's -- you know, we're being as transparent as we

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possibly can. We've talked about the above the line costs. We've talked about these pressures. This is a pressure. It's in the budget. We're appropriating it. It's going to be spent anyways.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Oberweis.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

To conclude: Thank you, Senator, for attempting to answer the question. I realize you don't want to answer those questions and I asked it very specifically three times before I got any answer from you. Thank you for finally giving us a partial answer. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

Question of the sponsor, if I may.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for a question. Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Good evening, Senator Kotowski. It's good to see you. I have a question about the Supreme Court budget, if I may. You stated in response to a previous Senator's questioning that there's an increase in here for -- ostensibly, for probation services. Is that what you said?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose.

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SENATOR ROSE:

As -- as you know from testimony in committee, our State's seven Supreme Court justices already make more than all -- eight of the nine U.S. Supreme Court justices and all of the judiciary is slated for a pay increase this year. Do you know how much of your 34.482 - that isn't really there because this is a unbalanced budget - do you have any idea how much of that's going to go to cover these judicial pay raises?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

The question that you have - I am sorry, someone was talking - question's, at what percentage of the dollars that's allocated for the Supreme Court are going to go for the judicial pay raises?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

It's about a hundred ninety million. What's that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

I don't -- I don't have an answer for you right now on that. I'm trying to get it for you. Okay?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose, do you have other questions while they look for

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that answer? Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you. Senator Kotowski, so, as the entire judiciary is set to have a pay raise, even though we have justices that make more than the U.S. Supreme Court justices and we have other judges in our State who make more than many federal judges, given the fact that this is anywhere from 3.3 to four billion dollars unbalanced, is this thirty-five million dollars really going to go to probation services after you back out the pay raises for the judges?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

That -- that's the intent.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

But you would agree - you'd have to agree, just a matter of math - that the mandated increases will come out of that thirty-five million dollars, right? So, right there, it's not going to all go to probation services.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Well, I would agree that the -- the priority is to put the money towards the judicial salaries because of what's required by law, but the intent is to -- to try to address the -- the funding for probation as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

So the -- the priority is one, but the intent's the other. But, I guess, let's get back to the more fundamental question. Of the -- how much of the 3.3 to four billion you're short will come -- will come back to revisit this budget in the form of a cut?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

I -- I don't have an answer for you on that question on that, but I'll get it to you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

To the bill. Again, look, the hour is late, but you can't set up spending priorities or intentions and be three to four billion dollars in the hole and then pretend somehow all these priorities and intentions are going to get funded. There's absolutely no way that all these priorities and intentions will get funded. Because this ballot -- this budget is so woefully unbalanced, it needs to be voted down and I would urge a No vote on this one as well. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Would the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for questions. Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

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Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, you were asked some loaded and misleading questions earlier today. I just want to make sure that we all understand. On the topic of funding for the five pension systems, I know only two are being funded in this bill, but all five of the State pension systems are being treated proportionally and equally in our budget package. Correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

And if there were not an appropriation included in this budget, the certified amounts submitted by all five pension systems would be paid pursuant to a continuing appropriation. Correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

That's correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

This -- this red herring that we are somehow treating the pension systems differently from one another is just that, a red herring. Correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

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Agreed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

...you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Seeing no further discussion, Senator Kotowski, to close.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

...want to clarify something to a question that was posed earlier. I want to restate what I had said before. We're appropriating a lump sum to the courts in this budget, 344.8 million, which gives them the ability to appropriate as much as possible to keep appropriation services -- probation services level with fiscal year '15. It works like this: The Court system has to fund all the judges' salaries - that's a constitutional mandate, as I indicated, that can't be changed - then what remains post-mandated salary funding is for operations and probation services. So that's -- you know, the point was, they have to fund the constitutional priority before, like we have to fund consent decrees first, like we have to fund -- mandates first. In order to keep the probation services level with fiscal year '15, at a 117.15 million, the Court plans to reduce its operations. It is going to do everything it possibly can to keep probation services level. That's the priority after funding the judges' salaries. That's the dialogue we had with the Supreme Court. Just wanted to restate that. Thank you. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2035 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed,

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Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 32 voting Aye, 25 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 2035, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Patti Vasquez with WGN Radio requests permission to take still photos. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Ladies and Gentlemen, next up on our Calendar, we have Senate Bill 2033. Still on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. It's on page 18 of your regular Calendar. Once again, we have paperwork giving the authority to Senator Kotowski to present the bill and the amendment. Mr. Secretary, Senator Kotowski seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2033 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2033. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski, to present the amendment.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Permission to explain the bill on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Senator Kotowski seeks the adoption of the amendment. Is there any discussion? 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?

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No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2033. Please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2033.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. This is Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2033. Makes appropriations to the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, and the State Employees' Retirement System for fiscal year '16. In total, this bill appropriates a total of 4.25 billion all funds, which represents an increase of 252.9 million above the fiscal year '15 enacted budget. Of this total, 1.3 billion is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund, 2.9 billion from other State funds, and 9.7 million from federal funds. As it -- specifically, this budget will include a -- a focus on IDOT, and Amtrak, RTA operating assistance, RTA reduced fares, Pace Paratransit, downstate transit, State Employees' Retirement System, and Illinois' Workers' Compensation Commission.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR MCGUIRE:

Questions of the sponsor, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator McGuire.

SENATOR MCGUIRE:

Thank you. Senator Kotowski, a pair of questions about passenger rail, if I may. Thank you. Senator, earlier this year, the Governor proposed a budget which would reduce Amtrak funding by sixteen million. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Yes, sir, that is correct and it's below the level required to meet the 2008 federal PRIIA Law. A side note: When Governor -- when George Bush signed this into law -- George Bush signed this into law prior to President Obama taking over in office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McGuire.

SENATOR MCGUIRE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Kotowski, in both the Appropriations Committee and the Higher Education Committee, Amtrak officials, mayors, university leaders, and business leaders testified that a cut this severe, forty percent, would jeopardize service on the fifty-six daily trains we fund, across all three downstate routes. Senator Kotowski, how much is appropriated for Amtrak service in the budget bill you're introducing?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you, Senator McGuire. In this bill, we are appropriating forty-two million for Amtrak, which would ensure the

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same level of service we currently have across all the routes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McGuire.

SENATOR MCGUIRE:

...questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski, to close.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

I simply ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2033 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 32 voting Aye, 25 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 2033, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 2029. Once again, Ladies and Gentlemen, there's paperwork been received that gives the bill over to Senator Kotowski and the amendment. Senator Kotowski seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2029 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2029. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski, to present the amendment.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

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Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senate Amendment No. 1 -- oh, permission to -- sorry, permission to speak to the bill on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Kotowski seeks the adoption of Floor Amendment 1. Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 2029. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2029.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2029 makes appropriations to Chicago State University, Governors State University, the Illinois Community College Board, and Northeastern Illinois University for fiscal year '16. In total, the bill appropriates 486.7 million all funds, which represents a decrease of 6.4 million below the fiscal year '15 appropriation. Of this amount, four hundred thirty million is

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appropriated from the General Revenue Fund and 56.6 million is appropriated from other State funds. The universities reflect a 6.5 percent reduction. Funding for the community colleges remain level to fiscal year '15. Just wanted to state for the record, I think it's important to note, that in the State of Illinois right now, we educate, through our investment in community college students, about two hundred and forty-four thousand students in community colleges, two hundred and forty-four thousand, and a hundred eighty-eight thousand six hundred sixty-nine students who attend public universities. This represents part of that commitment to investing in public education. It's a very important component of that. One of the issues that had been raised yesterday is why one of these universities weren't cut more, cut to the level of 6.5 percent, and they were. It's just that there's a financial services component within Chicago State University, which serves a lot of kids, gives 'em an opportunity to be able to access school in an affordable way. Simply, I'd love support, but I'd be happy to answer any questions you have.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR ROSE:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Senator Kotowski, I appreciate that last explanation about a financial services center somehow accounting for not treating all universities equally, 'cause the idea was it was going to be six and a half percent across the board, but apparently only one of

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our institutions has a financial service center need?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Actually, thank you for raising that. It's inaccurate. SIU has a -- a component, the cancer center, that's receiving support within the budget as well. And the reason why this looks as if it's more is it's smaller -- smaller budget, a smaller size of the budget. For the universities that have larger budgets, you're not going to catch it as well. So, we thought it was important to fund financial services within that budget, make sure these get students get an opportunity to access an affordable education, achieve the American dream. So that's an important component of this budget.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

...of our institutions of higher education, don't they all have this service or that center, or this component or that component? So, I ask again, what sets -- why -- why are we treating these guys differently?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

I believe the answer, we have a -- a separate line within that. We've addressed that, and I talked about this yesterday. With the students who are attending the university, there's a disproportionate number of students who are -- they're -- they're working moms, a lot of students who have a -- a very low economic

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level, makes it very difficult for them to attend schools elsewhere. Think that was a very important, essential component of this budget to make sure we had the funds available to do that. It reflects a priority, a commitment that we have to invest in these students. So that's why.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Working moms at Chicago State more important than those who were cut more at Governors State or Northeastern Illinois University?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

You know that's not true. And -- and -- and I think -- think the point I've already addressed that these are key areas within the budget. You know that's not true. I think it's important. There are different students that have different needs across the budget. I've talked to you about the average student population - Chicago State is twenty-eight years. The length it takes to graduate is significantly longer because many of 'em are single moms working hard, work a couple jobs, taking one or two classes at a time. You know that's just fundamentally untrue. I mean, what we're trying to do is be as fair, equitable as you possibly can. The fact is some universities have greater challenges than other ones. So that's -- that's why that area of funding was included in this budget.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose.

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SENATOR ROSE:

...as the product of a single mom who went back to school and got a four-year degree while raising a son and also an MBA in the process, I know what you're talking about, and I don't think that it's right to treat one school differently than the others in this context. And you're coming up -- I mean, you -- you have a distinction without a difference here. I mean all these campuses have financial aid centers. All these campuses have outreach programs. It makes no sense to do what you're doing here unless you're just going to go ahead and admit that you're going to prioritize one or two campuses to the exclusion of everybody else.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

I don't believe there was a question in that, Senator Rose. Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

So, what is the six-year graduation rate of this campus?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

I think we've addressed that in committee. I think it's -- it's somewhere in the -- like twenty-something percent. But I -- I talked to you about this before, but the graduation rate is significantly higher when you looked at six to beyond -- six to eight years to ten years. You know, look, we have two different schools - one, SIU, which is a major economic engine downstate, employs thousands of people who work there, graduates thousands of students, is significantly larger university. We're not treating different universities in a unfair way. SIU had an opportunity to get funding for a cancer center. This had an opportunity to fund

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financial need and services. Fact is SIU has a great research component within that. It was looked at as an important area. And then we looked at Chicago State as providing support and funding for people who were -- had financial challenges. The fact is, we're treating -- you can't, just like in a family, you can't treat every kid the same. You can't treat necessarily every component within the State budget the same and there's some areas that need a greater amount of focus and a greater amount of service, and that's what we're attempting to do here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

To the bill and I'll be -- I'll bring it home here. I -- I think the reality of the situation is that those single moms are just as important at any campus. Those folks trying to go back and better themselves are deserving at every campus. Every campus has specific programs, whether it's cancer research or post-genomic institutes, or whatever it is. Certainly all twelve have financial aid offices - that seems to -- ring very hollow. But here's the reality, and I go back to my opening comments earlier today when the first batter in the lineup was up, here we are trying to pretend that this is going to be a relatively small cut to higher ed, when everybody knows you're three to four billion in the hole. Where do you expect that money to come out of? It's going to come out of this and it is absolutely - I think at the end of the day - irresponsible to sit here and pretend you're at six and a half percent with no way to pay for it, because what's going to happen, it's going to be just like years past under Quinn or under Blagojevich, where you made a promise and then some of

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these reserves go in and they never get what they were promised. Schools wait. Universities wait. They don't get any of their funds. They're at six months behind, three months behind, nine months behind. That's what's going to happen when you pass an unbalanced budget. So, again, with urgency, I would urge an Aye -- a No vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicate he will yield for a question, Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Senator Kotowski, what was the Governor's proposed cut to higher education?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thirty-one percent.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

So the Governor proposes thirty-one percent cuts to universities and we talk about single moms and moms that have to send their kids to child care. Thirty-one percent cut in my

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district shuts down the university. Is that responsible for all those single moms out there trying to get a higher education? No, it's not responsible at all. You're going to -- said you want to create jobs? You want to keep people working? Shutting down a university isn't the answer. Thirty-one percent - I can tell you, the Governor -- this Governor right now has done more to cripple the south suburbs of Chicago than any Governor. This is another example of this stupidity on behalf of the Governor - thirty-one percent cuts, shut down a university, where it puts all these people to work, allows moms to go to school. That's not the answer. The answer is to be responsible, to invest in our kids' future, and that's what we're doing. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Trotter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. To the -- to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Leader Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Yes, thank you. Thank you very much, Senator Hastings, one, for talking about the disparities in how we fund our institutions of higher learning. But what really caused me to rise on this occasion was just the misinterpretation and misrepresentation of -- of our universities, as if they're all the same - they are not. Chicago State University for the past hundred years has mostly been underfunded or unfunded. Just till a couple years ago, which every university had in our system, they had a convocation center, where kids can graduate out of the gym. They did not have a auditorium; they did not have a financial aid center; they just

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had a financial aid room. The graduation rates, which also were brought up by the good Senator on the other side, if he knows the formula of how you look at graduations, you cannot count individuals that transferred into your school as part of your graduation force, 'cause you have to calculate their four-year term there. Most of the individuals who attend Chicago State University are transfer students who have come back to go to school, and as -- as a neighborhood school, as a community school, it provides that service. Just as you can't compare to Governors State, which just became a four-year institution, so you can't look at their graduation rates and compare them to the U of I, to SIU, to ISU, or any of those other universities. So anytime that we use numbers and -- and put them and categorize them as the norm, we're doing ourselves a disservice and certainly those individuals that are matriculating through those institutions. And I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski, to close.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much, Leader Trotter. Eloquently stated. Let's keep in mind what we've been talking about here. I just want to be clear, over seventy percent of the people who attend Chicago State are single moms - seventy percent - and that's not the same across the spectrum in the State of Illinois. The proposed cut by the Governor in his budget sadly disinvests about three hundred and sixty-eight million dollars, a three-hundred-and-sixty-eight-million-dollar reduction in higher education at a time in the State of Illinois when we know, mathematically, when we invest in higher education, people are going to get the jobs

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that are out there. If you don't have higher education of a degree or an advanced degree or certification, the unemployment rate is twenty percent. But if you got a college degree, advanced degree, a certificate, an associates, it's close to six percent - six percent. It's a fourteen percentage point differential. So we need to invest in education. We did the best we could here to live within the means provided by taxes, but to make a decision to invest. We're not going to run a budget that doesn't invest in higher education. We're not going to run a budget that abandons people who need the help to get access to education. We're not going to pretend like these challenges don't exist. So support this budget because it gives us an opportunity to get people educated so that they can secure the jobs that are out there, so they can be productive and be taxpayers and grow - as you often mention - grow the economy. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2029 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 32 voting Aye, 26 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2029, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, we have Senate Bill 2030, again on page 18 of the regular Calendar on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We've received paperwork that transfers the - leadership over to Senator Kotowski that allows him to run the bill. We have paperwork that allows Senator Kotowski to run the bill and the amendment. Senate Bill 2030. Senator Kotowski seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2030 to the Order of 2nd

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Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2030. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski, to present the amendment.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you. Like to address the amendment on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on the amendment? Senator Kotowski seeks the adoption of the amendment. Is there any questions on the amendment? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The amendment is adopted. Are there any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 2030. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2030.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2030 makes appropriations for the State Universities Retirement System, the

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College Insurance Program, and the State Universities Civil Service System. The total appropriation authority in Senate Bill 2030 is 1.607 billion all funds. This includes 1.417 billion GRF for the operation of the SUCSS and the pension payment for SURS. Bill also includes a hundred and ninety million OSF, which is the transfer from the State Pension Fund to offset the GRF contribution. This bill includes no federal funds. When compared to the fiscal year '15 appropriation level, GRF appropriations are increasing by 57.3 million. This is wholly attributable to the rising SURS pension costs. That's what it's attributable to. So, those of you who are paying attention, there's a reason why the costs are increasing. OSF appropriations are down seven million from a decrease in the appropriations from the State Pension Fund. More than happy to answer any questions you have.

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 2030 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 voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 33 voting Aye, 24 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 2030, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to go to Supplemental Calendar No. 1. It has been distributed. We have House Bills on the Order of 2nd Reading. House Bill 4146. President Cullerton. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4146.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4147. President Cullerton. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4147.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4148. President Cullerton. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4148.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4153. President Cullerton. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4153.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4154. President Cullerton. Mr.

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Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4154.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4158. President Cullerton. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4158.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4159. President Cullerton. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4159.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4160. President Cullerton. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4160.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4165. President Cullerton. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4165.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Kim Geiger with the Chicago Tribune requests permission to take photos and Tony Arnold with WBEZ requests permission to take photos. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Ladies and Gentlemen, I have some announcements on committee times. I believe I'm going to run through 'em all again just so that we're clear. Executive... Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, again, this revised committee schedule: Executive will meet immediately upon adjournment in Room 212; State Government and Veterans Affairs, immediately upon adjournment in Room 409; Licensed Activities and Pensions has been canceled - Licensed Activities and Pensions has been canceled; Local Government will meet at 6:30 in Room 409; Criminal Law, at 6:30 in Room 400; Education, at 7 p.m. this evening in Room 212; Agriculture will meet bright and early at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow morning in Room 409; Judiciary will meet tomorrow at 9 a.m. in Room 212 - that is a room change - Room 212; Higher Education will meet at 10 a.m. - also a room change - in Room 400. Ladies and Gentlemen, additionally committee-wise, tomorrow morning, Human Services, 10 a.m. in Room 409. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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

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

House Bill 1.

Passed the House, May 27th, 2015. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

House Bills -- Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1, an Act concerning -- offered by Senators Kotowski and McGuire.

(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 12 noon on the 28th day of May 2015. The Senate stands adjourned.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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

Communication from the President. Letter dated May 27th, 2015.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to Rule 2-10, I am scheduling a perfunctory Session to convene on May 27th, 2015.

Sincerely, John J. Cullerton, Senate President.

Committee Reports.

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Senator Jones, Chairperson of the Committee on Local Government, reports Motion to Concur: House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 650, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 791, and House Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1252, and Senate Amendment 4 to House Bill 735 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Landek, Chairperson, Committee on State Government and Veterans Affairs, reports Senate Resolution 587, House Joint Resolution 4 Be Adopted; Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3686 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Noland, Chairperson of the Committee on Criminal Law, reports Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 627, Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 844 Recommend Do Adopt; House Bill 2919 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Amendment 3 to House Bill 2569 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 455 Recommend Do Adopt; House Bills 175, 217, and 813 Do Pass; Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3237 and Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 3497 Recommend Do Adopt.

Messages from 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 concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 379.

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

House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 379.

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We have received like Messages on Senate Bill 679, with House Amendment 2; and Senate Bill 731, with House Amendment 2. Passed the House, as amended, May 27th, 2015. 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 4151.

We have received a like Message on House Bill 4166. Passed the House, May 27th, 2015. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

House Bills 1st Reading.

House Bill 4151, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4166, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

There being no further business to come before this perfunctory Session, pursuant to the directive of the Senate President, the Senate stands adjourned until Thursday, May 28th, 2015, at the hour of noon, or until the call of the President. The Senate stands adjourned.