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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The regular Session of the 99th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by the Reverend Senator Dave Koehler, the gentleman from Peoria, Illinois.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

(Prayer by Senator Dave Koehler)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Cunningham, would you please lead us?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Cunningham)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Thursday, April 21st, 2016.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Letter dated April 21st, 2016.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to Rule 2-10, I am scheduling a regular Session of the Senate to convene at 9 a.m. on Friday, April 22nd.

Sincerely, John J. Cullerton, Senate President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution 52, offered by Senator Link.
It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 696, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1052, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3239, offered by Senator Martinez.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3408, offered by Senator Cunningham.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4351, offered by Senator Biss.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4327, offered by Senator Althoff.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4362, offered by Senator Delgado.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4432, offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House Bill 4477, offered by Senator Harris.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4668, offered by Senator Harmon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4688, offered by Senator Syverson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5010, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5530, offered by Senator Van Pelt.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5576, offered by Senator Hutchinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5668, offered by Senator Harris.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5785, offered by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5907, offered by Senator Hastings.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5912, offered by Senator Noland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5973, offered by Senator Raoul.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 6041, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 6044, offered by Senator Rezin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 6093, offered by Senator Sandoval.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 6328, offered by Senator Collins.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Blueroomstream.com has requested permission to videotape the proceedings today. Seeing no objection, permission is granted. WICS requests permission to video and audiotape the proceedings today. Seeing no objection, permission is granted. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, it is our intention today to conclude the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We'll turn shortly to final action, Senate Bills 3rd Reading. It is our intention to resume the Calendar where we left off last evening and work our way through to the end of the Order. If you still have bills on 3rd Reading that you intend to call before the deadline for action on Senate Bills in the Chamber, I'd ask you to be at the Floor and ready to proceed. If all Members could be at their desks, we are turning shortly to final action, Senate Bills 3rd Reading. That will be final action. WICS requests permission to video and audiotape the proceedings today. Seeing no objection, permission is granted. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, on page 5 of your printed Calendar on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, resuming where we left off on our Order last evening, we're going to begin with Senate Bill 514. Senator Hutchinson. Senate Bill 514. Senator Hutchinson. Senate Bill 516. Senator Clayborne. Senate Bill 517. Senator Clayborne. Senate Bill 518. Senator Hutchinson. Senate Bill 519. President Cullerton. Senate Bill 549. Senator Morrison. Senate Bill 550. Senator Steans. Senate Bill 551. Senator Bush. Ladies and Gentlemen, at the top of page 6 of the printed Calendar is Senate Bill 565. Senator Lightford. Mr. Secretary, Senator Lightford requests leave of the Body to

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recall Senate Bill 565 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 565. Mr. Secretary, have there been any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 5, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lightford, on your amendment.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I ask for you to -- move to adopt, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lightford moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 5 to Senate Bill 565. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 6, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lightford, on your amendment.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. It's just a technical change. I ask for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lightford moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 6 to Senate Bill 565. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries. The amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, have there been any further Floor amendments approved for

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consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 565. Would you like to hold that for the moment, Senator? Mr. Secretary, let's take it out of the record. We'll come back to that in a bit. Continuing on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 572. Senator Manar. Senate Bill 573. Senator Tom Cullerton. Senator Koehler, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Well, as Chair of Environment and Conservation, I feel an obligation to wish everybody today, Happy Earth Day.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you for calling that to our attention, Senator. Happy Earth Day to everybody in the Senate. Glad to spend it here with -- in Springfield with you all. Continuing on the Order, Senate Bill 574. Senator Collins. Senator Collins requests leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 574 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 574. Mr. Secretary, have there been any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Collins.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Collins, on your amendment.

SENATOR COLLINS:

I move for the adoption and will discuss it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Collins moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 574. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries. The amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 574. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 574.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 574 creates the Illinois Muslim American Advisory Council to advise the Governor and the General Assembly on policy issues impacting Muslim Americans and immigrants.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 574 pass. All

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those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 43 voting Aye, 4 voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 574, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Continuing on the Order of Senate Bills, Senate Bill 575. Senator Bennett. Senator Bennett requests leave of the Body to recall Senate Bill 575 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 575. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Bennett.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Bennett, on your amendment.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would ask that we adopt the Amendment No. 1 and I'll discuss it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Bennett moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 575. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 575. Senator, do you wish to proceed? Senator Bennett.

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SENATOR BENNETT:

Mr. President, would you please pull that from the record?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Bennett, thank you very much. Please take that bill out of the record. Senate Bill 576. Senator Jones. Senate Bill 577. Senator Cunningham. Senate Bill 578. Senator Biss. Senate Bill 580. Senator -- or President Cullerton. With leave of the Body, we'll return to the next several bills if necessary. We'll jump ahead on the page to Senate Bill 602. Senator Hutchinson. Senate Bill 630. Senator Lightford. Senate Bill 631. Senator Muñoz. Senate Bill 633. Senator Sullivan. Senate Bill 634. Senator Silverstein. Senate Bill 911. Senator Radogno. With leave of the Body, we'll skip forward to near the top of page 7 on your printed Calendar, still on the same Order, Senate Bill 1041. Senator Althoff. With leave of the Body, we'll skip to the middle of the page, Senate Bill 1058. Senator Barickman. Senate Bill 1059. Senator Radogno. Senate Bill 2047. President Cullerton. Senate Bill 2138. Senator Nybo. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2138.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

Thank you, Mr. President, and good morning. This is an initiative of the Accredited Snow Contractors Association and the Landscape Contractors Association. This bill will create the Snow

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Removal Service Liability Limitation Act, which will provide that any provision in a snow removal services contract that requires the -- the contractor to indemnify the property owner or the property owners negligence will be against public policy, will be void, and will be unenforceable. It will apply to future contracts only. At this point, there is no opposition, but there has been some concerns raised. Anybody who's expressed a concern with this bill is comfortable with moving it forward to the House at this point. We're going to attempt to address all the concerns in the -- in the House, and if those concerns aren't addressed in the House, I'm confident that the bill will not be going forward. So... But I would ask for the Members' indulgence to pass it out of the Chamber today, and if there are any questions, I'd be happy to try to answer them.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2138 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2138, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2143. With leave of the Body, we'll return to that later. Senate Bill 2186. Senator Althoff. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2186.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. This Body actually has passed this bill once before. It is the famous zoning -- school zoning bill. The bill now does actually specify concerns that were addressed with regard to timing issues, curriculum, as well as the cost of running through the zoning process for all school districts. But simply what it requires is that school districts must go through municipal or county zoning when they are constructing or they're adding on to buildings. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2186 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2186, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2202. Senator Althoff. Senate Bill 2213. Senator - - I'm sorry, Senate... Senate Bill 2213. Senator Morrison. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Morrison requests leave of the Body to recall Senate Bill 2213 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2213. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Morrison.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Morrison, on your amendment.

SENATOR MORRISON:

I would ask the Body to adopt it and discuss on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Morrison moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2213. Is there any discussion? Seeing none. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2213. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2213.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2213, as amended, requires each circuit court clerk to report to the State Police every July 1st and December 30th if no person has been adjudicated as a person with a mental disability or if no person has been involuntarily admitted by the court. Currently, clerks are required to immediately report a mental disability adjudication or involuntary admission to the State Police. This

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provision will close the gap in data regarding the lack of reporting and allow the State Police to determine if courts are failing to report or simply have no adjudications or admissions to report. I know of no opposition to this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2213 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2213, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Morrison, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MORRISON:

A point of personal privilege, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Mr. President, in my efforts to move quickly this morning, I deleted an important fact that I would like to have read into the record regarding this bill, 2213. That -- that statement is that the State Police have committed to working with the circuit court clerk's in developing a form to accomplish this reporting and that the Administrative Office of the Courts have committed to develop training on which the adjudication to report.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

That will be part of the transcript of the proceeding today. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we're going to interrupt the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading for a few moments to turn to the Consideration of Executive Appointments. We will be returning to the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading thereafter. If you have bills still on 3rd Reading that you wish to call, we will turn to those after we consider Executive Appointments. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1781, offered by Senator Trotter.

And Senate Resolution 1782, offered by Senator Jones.

They are both substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

To fulfill our responsibilities under Article VI, Section 9 of the Constitution, we will now proceed to the Order of Advise and Consent. Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of acting on the appointments set forth in Appointment Messages {sic} 990190.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Muñoz moves that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of acting on the Appointment Message just read. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries. The Senate is resolved into Executive Session. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Message 1-9-0.

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Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate Do Advise and Consent to the following salaried appointment: To be a Member of the Illinois Human Rights Commission, Hermene Hartman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the appointment just read. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 49 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment just read. Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I move that the Senate arise from Executive Session.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Muñoz moves that the Senate arise from Executive Session. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries. The Senate has arisen from Executive Session. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we're returning to the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. On your printed Calendar at the top of page 8 is Senate Bill 2214. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2214.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Althoff, we've missed you.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2214 is the famous nurses' compact Act. It ratifies and adopts the Nurse Licensure Compact, which provides for the ability of RNs and LPNs in all Compact states to have their licenses recognized in other Compact member states. It provides - listen carefully - that nurses currently holding a Compact license would not have to undergo a background check unless they change their home state because the legislation grandfathered them in. Thus, they do not have to meet requirements of the enhanced Compact. This Compact legislation, however, mirrors current practice in Illinois that all new nurses just undergo a fingerprint background check and the nurses cannot be licensed if their criminal history shows a felony conviction. Additionally, a majority of nurses in Illinois will have experienced fingerprint background checks due to their Illinois licensure. However, even in Illinois, the fingerprint check was not part of the practice from the beginning. Illinois nurses licensed before 2001 did not get fingerprinted; they were grandfathered in current statute. As a member of the nurses Compact, Illinois will be able to influence the Compact to strengthen and enhance the application, the submission of fingerprints to obtain criminal history, and prohibit any nurse from receiving a Compact license if they have a felony conviction.

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This has been a work of seven years, starting when -- starting with Representative Pihos in the House. I am happy to bring it to you. I have Representative Zalewski in the House now, who will be carrying this legislation for me, and hopefully it will appear on the Governor's desk for execution. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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

SENATOR HAINE:

To -- to the bill, Mr. President. Just I want to thank the sponsor for her dedication to achieving this bill. It's been in the Licensed Activities Committee I think since the Volstead Act was repealed and she's worked long and hard at it. And the -- I just want to emphasize to the Chamber, the Illinois Nurses Association and their director, Sue Clark, a venerable and expert observer of this bill, is in favor of this bill. And I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator Haine. Senator Tom Cullerton, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Sponsor indicates that she'll yield. Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Can you verify that the Illinois Nurses Association is actually in favor of this? Because on my screen, it's showing the Illinois Nurses Association is an actual opponent of this bill.

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No, it says Illinois Nurses Association - opponent.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

But...

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Yes, I -- I believe, Senator Cullerton, that that is correct. The ANA supports this legislation. The INA I -- I believe is in -- in opposition. I just believe that they have no particular position on the merits. That -- that may have been -- you know, we had problems with that yesterday with Senator Weaver's bill. All of those letters, they all get mixed up. It is -- Sue Clark is the ANA.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Tom Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Martinez, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. As Chairman of Licensing {sic}, let me just say that this has been a work in progress for many, many years. I've been there from the inception of when it started. I've worked with Senator Althoff on this bill. I know that not everyone, you know, at the end of the day was happy, but I think that overall, when you look at what -- what's -- what came together with everyone working -- I think when you look at the Illinois Nurses Association and maybe their opposition, I think it's because they're afraid that, you know, if you -- if we continue to open

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this up, we might find, you know, less qualified individuals coming into the Compact, and I think that that's their concern, I think it's a big concern. But I think that overall the work that has been done, meeting after meeting, year after year, has finally paid off and I want to commend Senator Althoff because she has been -- you know, her perseverance has been -- when days when we wanted to just trash the bill and start over again, you know, she kept on and on and on and I just want to commend her, and I encourage everyone to vote Aye on this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any further discussion? Senator Althoff, do you dare close? Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you. I would just ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2214 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 45 voting Aye, none voting No, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 2214, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2224. Senator Link. Senate Bill 2227. Senator Holmes. Senator Holmes requests leave of the Body to recall Senate Bill 2227 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2227. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Holmes.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Holmes, on the amendment.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Yes, I can explain it when I explain the bill on 3rds.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Holmes moves for the adoption Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2227. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the -- the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2227. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2227.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you so much, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2227 requires the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to publish a bi-yearly report of all mandates that became effective in the previous two years and a review of all State mandates every ten years, which are to be completed subsequently or within three months of DCEO's publishing of their catalog of State mandates. And the amendment, what it did, was this was to address a concern

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of DCEO and the bill now permits them to contract the responsibility of compiling the reports if it sees that as necessary. So they are now neutral on the bill. I do want to say, this is a result of the findings made by the Governor's Task Force on Local Government Consolidation and Unfunded Mandates. And I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2227 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2227, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2236. Senator Bennett. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2236.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Bennett.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thank you, Mr. President. 2236 is actually a -- a -- a bill that came through this Body last year. It was never called in the House. And essentially what it does is it removes the risk of an individual's professional license being denied, revoked, or suspended due to their default on a student loan that's guaranteed by ISAC. There's about thirty-nine professions, ranging from teachers to counselors to -- to roofers, that need professional

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licenses and this would -- this bill would mean they could not lose their license if they get behind and default on their student loans. An important point is - to remember - you cannot bankrupt yourself out of student loans and ISAC remains -- retains the ability to garnish wages and put negative ratings on credit reports as ways to get their repayments. I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2236 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2236, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we'll return later to Senate Bill 2237. Senate Bill 2261. Senator Haine, do you wish to proceed? Senator Haine requests leave of the Body to recall Senate Bill 2261 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 2261. Mr. Secretary, have there been any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Haine, on your amendment.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The Floor Amendment No. 2 becomes the bill. It incorporates some of the original language of the committee amendment. And this started out as a minor -- as a major issue just affecting my Metro

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East area, with mayors arguably - some mayors - arguably charging and abusing people with administrative fees. It is {sic} now, fortunately -- or unfortunately, mushroomed into the illegal towing and storage scandals in the northern part of the State, which is being addressed in the rest of the bill. It has many moving parts. It establishes a Statewide Relocation Towing Licensure Commission. This -- this -- these problems have been amplified by the Chicago press and the downstate press. And there are no -- no opponents to the bill. The Municipal League, the City of Chicago, the towing industry - the legitimate towing industry, the insurance industry are all on board. This is still a work in progress. This bill's going to have to be extensively reviewed in the House. We ran out of time and so there will be - it'll be amended in -- in the House consistent with the desires of all those stakeholders, excluding the road towers. And I would - - want to thank the staffer for the Transportation Committee and its distinguished Chairman, Senator Sandoval, for their -- their patience on this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator Haine, for a full description of your amendment. Is there any discussion of the amendment? Seeing none, all in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 2261. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2261.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Haine, on your bill.

SENATOR HAINE:

I repeat and reallege my previous comments, Mr. President, and I would ask for an Aye vote to keep this process going in the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2261 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2261, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2263. Senator Bennett. Senate Bill 2270. Senator Stadelman. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2270.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2270 limits the five years' length of a local government's contract

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with an auditing firm. After five years, local governments must then put out those services to -- for an RFP. Now, a local government can still choose the firm it's been using, but after that, that firm would be required to use partner rotation. In other words, another CPA in that auditing firm would be able to take over that account. The premise here is that another set of eyes, someone taking over the account, will lead to a -- a -- more of a quality audit. And there are also exemptions for local governments to use in case they feel like the process does not lead to a qualified applicant in the process. And over the years, we've heard of well-publicized incidents in Chicago and Dixon of government employees taking millions of dollars. In fact, in Winnebago County, in my district, there -- there's a county employee that's currently under investigation for embezzling funds. Moving forward, I believe this bill will lead to better government, create a greater independence between the auditor and local governments it -- it provides services to. This will lead to more accountability, more transparency, and -- and good government. This legislation has been the work of numerous conversations with the Municipal League and the CPA Society. They are comfortable with this language and they are neutral on this bill. I'm willing to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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

SENATOR HAINE:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

To the bill, Senator.

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SENATOR HAINE:

I express these concerns to my esteemed colleague. The -- the mid-level CPA firms in my district are opposed to the bill and they -- they all belong to the CPA Society. But they believe and I quote from a senior partner in one of the most venerable of these firms that the -- "these provisions in the bill really favor large accountancy firms, as most can meet the rotation requirement easily. We contend that the rotation of audit partners will have an adverse impact on audit quality and effectiveness." They do eliminate the exemption for small firms, but they believe that sufficient CPA firm quality standards are in place that -- and -- and the rotation requirement is unnecessary and, in fact, could be dangerous. And the CPAs are subject to regular peer review and review by numerous governmental oversight agencies to assure quality standards are met. Want to bring that to the attention of the Body. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor yield, please, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Sponsor indicates that he will yield. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Stadelman, not unlike in Senator Haine's district, my district is filled with these small mid-level CPA firms as well, who I'm not sure are able to, on their own, really drive the voice of the CPA Society. I'd like you to respond to what Senator Haine just outlined as the concerns with

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the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

As I mentioned, there are exemptions local governments can utilize through the Comptroller's Office that would allow them to be exempt from this -- these provisions. And one of those exemptions would include - and this would affect a lot of local governments in the southern part of the State, central part of the State, where there aren't a lot of options when it comes to CPA firms - the exemption would include if a firm does not have more than one partner for example, these smaller auditing firms. Local government could continue to use these firms and apply for an exemption with the Comptroller so they can continue business with this auditor. So, the argument that these smaller firms would be impacted by this legislation, there are exemptions that allow local governments to continue using these firms if they're not large enough to implement audit partner rotation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Righter. Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McCARTER:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR McCARTER:

This is the first time I've -- I've heard about this bill, but having an accounting degree, I -- I -- I know a little bit about audits and, you know, the integrity of the audit I'm not

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sure is going to be assured by which partner is head of the audit. I mean, the integrity of an accountant is really backed by the CPA Society itself. Now if -- if you doubt the Society, we've got a bigger problem. I -- I just, you know -- and to think that a -- a partner in any firm is going to do ninety percent of the work on -- on an audit, you've got it wrong. Junior -- the -- the juniors are going to do the work. The partner's going to sign off on it. I mean, the -- the -- the -- the solution here would probably be for people to start reading the audits, and reading the findings of the audit, instead -- and -- and if you have the same -- and I know in county government, we had the same findings every year. And when you have the same findings year, after year, after year, the problem is not in -- in the folks doing the audit; it's in the people that are supposed to be reading 'em and making changes in response to it. I mean, we get audits on our desks all year long from every school district. Right? I mean, how many -- how many of us have actually read the audits from our school districts? Very few of us, I'm sure. I -- I think the -- the -- the integrity is not in which partner actually does the audit. I think it's in -- really, the CPA Society backs that up. But the importance is for those to actually read the audit and make changes on what they see. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. A question for my fellow Rockford colleague.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Sponsor indicates that he will yield. Senator Syverson.

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SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. Senator, one of the things I -- I forgot to mention or ask -- ask you earlier about is, in this legislation, it talks about the requiring of competitively bidding this. How does this change the current practice when it comes to competitively bidding or how the process goes to select an accounting firm? Is there changes from what current law is on that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Syverson. Or, I'm sorry, Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Right now, I don't think there's any requirements as far as what local governments need to do. I think each local government handles it differently. Some already put 'em out for RFPs. Some already have policies that require them to turn over the contract after a certain specified period of time. This I think simply sets the baseline that after five years, make the process more transparent, put out an RFP. Local governments do not need to take the lowest-bid requirement; just simply put out RFP, see what's out there - that opens up the transparency and I think makes the whole process more transparent. And a lot of local governments are already practicing this policy. And I think the federal government actually requires public accounting firms to practice partner rotation every five years, because it also believes this is good government policy - simply that puts another set of eyes on the -- on -- on financial transactions that a government may undertake.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Syverson.

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SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. And, yes, in -- being involved in a couple of boards myself, we -- we have some of these things done. But, a couple of things: To what Senator McCarter was talking about, usually we find the biggest problem is it's not in the accounting firm; it's the fact that the board and other people that are involved in those never ask questions or never read the reports. But I -- on this here, so this doesn't change the rules regarding how competitively bidding -- you're just saying what it does, it just -- it forces them to go out to bid every five years, but it doesn't change any of the requirements of how the bidding is done, or requiring changes -- lowest bidder or anything like that. So, none of the rules regarding how competitively bidding is done has changed; it just requires that every five years that they have to go out for a -- a new bid now. And so, under current -- under current law, when it comes to these or any -- any government services, do they not have rebids every five years? I mean, they may just -- they may just reaffirm that -- the board can reaffirm that, but is there a current law in place now regarding how often you have to renew a contract or can contracts go in -- be put in place for -- forever?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Not that I'm aware of and that's why I thought this legislation needed to come forward. Right now, local governments could handle it however they wanted to handle it. And there are no requirements. I think this is very reasonable, does -- it's not restrictive. This is five years. Just put 'em out for an

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RFP, see what's out there. You can keep your firm, but after five years, just practice audit partner rotation. So I don't believe there is any State statute that deals with the bidding process when it comes to auditing services.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Syverson. Is there any other discussion? Senator Bivins, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BIVINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR BIVINS:

Thank you. I rise in support of this bill. You know, a lot of small communities have the same auditor for years at a time and cozy relationships develop. Fundamental principles are ignored, like not allowing the same person to pick up the mail, the checks, sign the checks and deposit the checks, without any accountability or another set of eyes. In the case of my hometown, which unfortunately became the national news, this went on for years. Another auditor that I know, looked at this and, within less than a half an hour, could see what was transpiring. This -- CPAs will tell you that you should change every five years. Unfortunately, cities, counties, municipalities will go on for years with the same auditor and basic principles are ignored. So I rise in support. I think it's a good bill. It's an accountability bill for all of government and will prevent what happened to us, hopefully, to someone else. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator Bivins. Is there any further discussion?

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Seeing none, Senator Stadelman, to close.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

I think Senator Bivins articulated as best as possible what the intent of this legislation is. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2270 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 37 voting Aye, 15 voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2270, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Continuing on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2279. Senator Harris. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2279.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2279 is a...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator -- Senator Harris, could you hold for a moment, please? Senator, we're going to take this out of the record for a moment and we'll come back to you in a little bit here.

SENATOR HARRIS:

All right.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, with leave of the Body, we're going to turn back to page 6 on your printed Calendar. Earlier in the Order, Senator Lightford adopted the amendments to Senate Bill 565, but held it on 3rd Reading. We're turning back to that at this moment. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 565.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 565 is an initiative that I've been working on for about a year and a half with the mental health community. Senator Hastings brought a bill to the Exec Committee and established the AnnMarie's Law. It was when a young girl, middle-aged {sic} student, committed suicide and the signs weren't recognized. So I began working in an effort to come up with a better system for us to detect -- early detection for a mental illness. The Berwyn Township, the Community Mental Health Board of Oak Park, the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership, Proviso Township Mental Health (Commission), Livingston County Children's Network, Loyola School of Law, NAMI Metro-Suburban, Ounce of Prevention, Pillars, and Riveredge were all involved with helping me shape how we can better improve our system. So what this bill would do -- the current law mandates that students secure a physical examination at entry into kindergarten, sixth and ninth grades for

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their vaccination shots and we believe that a child's mental health is just as important as their physical or dental health. We're asking that the Department of Public Health require an age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate social and emotional screening in addition to the physical screening in its rules for health examinations. I'd be happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just some questions of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Sponsor indicates that she will yield. Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Senator. Couple questions. We talked a couple - about a couple of these things in -- in committees, and first question was just - let's talk a little bit about the screening - what is -- what's required in this screening of this survey that has to be done?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

So what we were hoping to accomplish is that across the State there's a variation of tests that are administered, providing that they were certified. We included that the Ages and Stages Questionnaire be used as an assessment tool or the Pediatric Symptoms {sic} (Symptom) Checklist, but those are just suggestions. They can use whatever certified model that they use in their county. Livingston County has a model that they use

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currently, and we wanted to originally adopt their model, but we thought that we'd leave it general enough so that whatever form the pediatrician's already using at that location could be now assessed to that student -- to that child that's getting their physical exam.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

That survey, let's -- and I guess we can talk about the one sample, one in Livingston County. How many questions are on that survey or how -- what's the length of time it takes to go through that survey with that -- with that child?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Senator, they vary. There's no one set test. Some of the questionnaires have only two questions or three questions and some may have up to ten questions or more. It depends on the tool that they use. But what I was told by the pediatrics -- the Academy for {sic} (of) Pediatrics is that there is no test that takes longer than twenty minutes and that it -- it depends on the screening. I'm looking off the notes that they sent me directly. It says most physicians like to do the screenings that are only two or three questions. Sometimes it could trigger more questioning and that it depends on how long the doctors perform the screening.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

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In this -- in this time period of fifteen to twenty minutes, whatever that would be, under this legislation then, how is that paid for then if -- because normally, as you know, a physical, the -- the doctor or the person performing the physical may be spending about five minutes with the individual. If we're going to be having this fifteen-, let's say, to twenty-minute idea, will they be able to bill for that under the -- under the insurance policy, or in the case of Medicaid, will Medicaid reimburse for this as well?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

So let me answer that in a -- two parts. The first part is that I didn't say fifteen or twenty minutes. The Pediatrics Academy said it could take up to twenty minutes depending on if it's two or three questions or if it's more than ten questions. And so, right now the way the Department of Mental Health - they have the physical exam form - there is currently a question on that form already that says, "Is the child normal? Yes or No", which is already a -- a -- a flag, if you will, in terms of stigmatizing mental illness. We'd like to change that and have the words to reflect the child, saying -- regarding social and emotional screening - yes or no. And then if it's that they feel that they need to ask more than the two or three questions, then they may have to extend it so that they can give the parent direction on what they should do next. And then, as it relates to the insurance, it was noted that sometimes it could trigger separate -- separate billing and insurance companies comes in depending on how the -- the doctor decides to bill the screening.

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So if -- if it -- if they don't go beyond the child being normal, then it's a part of the questionnaire that's already there. Assuming if they have to extend the questions, then the doctor has the discretion if it's still a part of the same screening or if he'd like to bill for a -- a separate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. And -- and that would trigger, I guess, a whole number -- whole series of issues that we don't have time to deal with now, but if there is -- if it allows them to trigger -- to do another billing, then -- then the problem is, if it's not required under ACA, then it's how that billing is going to be done, who's going to pay for that -- that billing. Under ACA, if we have a - - if we add a new covered service, as you know, then the State would be required to reimburse the insurance companies for those costs and then I'm not sure, again, on Medicaid, how that would be covered. So there is a number of issues regarding how that's going to work. The -- the other question is, under Illinois law, I think, to allow -- school physicals can be done by a variety of medical providers, not necessarily pediatricians who may be trained for those things. But, currently, I think for school physicals that can be done by nurse practitioners, can be done by chiropractors. There's a number of medical individuals that are under that -- licensed under medical and all its practices. So under this, we would also then, if, in fact, chiropractors can do school physicals, we would have chiropractors completing this mental health assessment and then reporting based on that. Is that correct?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

I don't know that it's fully correct. I think I was following you in the -- the beginning. I -- I -- I believe what -- what's -- what's happening here, Senator, is that the Department of Public Health already have a form that second grade, sixth grade and ninth grade -- or fifth grade are required to get physical exams, so there's already the form. The question is already there. It's just -- it's stigmatizing the way it's written on the form. We'd like to change that to social-emotional screening, and then from there, if there's questions that that individual needs to ask so that we can know whether or not their parents should consider additional efforts, then that's what happens. I haven't had any opposition from -- that I didn't remove in this bill. I -- I believe everyone is on board with this bill. I talked to the Department. The Department seemed to be okay with it. They did not slip in opposition to it. And I know that mental illness is -- is really relevant and alive and it's amongst young people today and suicide is at an alarming rate. And so when your child goes to get a physical exam, we want to make sure the child's emotional state is just as well as their physical state. A couple years ago, or maybe -- maybe even ten years ago now, we established that the child had to do a dental screening as well. So we decided that physical was important, we decided that dental was important, but we haven't acknowledged that mental illness is -- is -- is on the rise and a big concern, and it creates a lot of violence as well. So I -- I -- I'd be happy to answer further questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. Dental and vision are -- are, you know, are easy to identify. Unfortunately, when we get into emotional, it -- it's much more complicated for someone that may not be trained to know how to ask or how to perceive that. And a student can be having a bad day or a good day, depending how they answer that question, so it's a -- I think it's a lot more difficult when we're getting into asking people that have no training at all in emotional or mental health services to be making that judgement. Is the report that is completed then by this -- the person giving that physical, is that report including these -- this -- the medical -- the mental health survey, does that then get transferred to the school district as well? So does the school get that report as well as the parent or parents?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

So if I could turn your attention to page 7 of the bill, line 4, 2.5. "With respect to the social and emotional screening portion of the health examination, each child shall present proof of having been examined by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches within the previous year, in accordance with this Section and the {sic} rules adopted under this Section, before October 15th of the school year." So it's already that they have to be a physical {sic} licensed practice -- practicing medicine. It can't be just any -- anyone. I recognize that dental and vision you say are easy to dictate {sic}; there's still an examination whether or not it's easy to dictate {sic} or

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not. It's a -- it's a -- an additional examination. It's requiring -- actually, then it's -- it's requiring machinery, because they have to use that to check their teeth, or they're using an actual examination for their eyes, so then that is a little further, in my mind, of asking two or three relevant questions to determine whether a child is on a spectrum that perhaps they need additional resources.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Syverson, further questions?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Sure. That brings up a -- a couple things. The dental screening has to be done by a dentist. However, under this, we'll have a -- we could have a chiropractor doing a mental health screening. So, I think there's a little difference with how we handle the -- the -- the dental -- how we handle the dental portion of it. But the -- the original question I asked was, does this mental health screening, does that get transferred to the school for the -- to students' records, as well as to the parents? Does it go to both?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

No, it doesn't. They just have to submit the form that shows that they had the test done, which is the same form they have to submit for their physical examination. The question is on the physical examination form that's currently used at the Department of Public Health. And what we're asking is to change the way the language is written because we feel that it stigmatize mental illness, and then if there's any additional questions that the

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physician believe that they deem necessary, then they will go on to the questionnaire that they're using in their facility, which varies from across the State. There's no reporting back to the school, other than the response on the physical examination form. The information is to empower the family, to make the parents aware that their child could be experiencing some mental health challenges and that they may want to go get additional help.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. Just last question, I -- just to verify. So when -- if -- if a -- if -- if a doctor asks the question and that leads to additional questions to be asked about that and there are some concerns raised with that report, he doesn't send that report or she doesn't -- they don't send that report to the school at all, so the school doesn't know that there's a problem. They just notify the parents that there is -- that they answered yes to some emotional issues, that they -- they may want to seek additional help, but nothing goes to the school that says this child has emotional issues. So they don't -- nothing is on that report that goes to the school. Just that they had the screening, but not the results of the screening. Is that -- that's correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Any further discussion? Senator -- or, Senator Righter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

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SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Sponsor indicates that she'll yield. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senator Lightford, I was listening to the conversation that you were having with Senator Syverson and this is a difficult issue, and I don't think anyone knows that more than you do, because these days we see troubling things happening in our schools and more often than not, after the dust has settled and we learn that, at least to some extent, the trouble that existed or the incident that happened was driven by someone who had deep-seated emotional psychological issues. I am curious about the -- the -- the use of the term -- terms "social and emotional screening" and what -- what is it that the person who will be doing screening on -- for social or emotional issues, what are they looking for? What -- I mean, I envision a kindergartener being very upset with a parent and coming there and demonstrating some serious emotional issues, a child who is a teen who is struggling with gender identity issues. I mean, what -- one, what -- what is it that these people are looking for?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

They're looking to see if the child is doing drawings - drawings perhaps that are not happy, fun drawings perhaps. They're -- it's not the sunshine; it's -- it's more like the rain or clouds or -- or -- the family that testified in our Exec Committee a couple years ago for their daughter, to establish the AnnMarie

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Law, the mother said that her daughter would draw caskets and scenes and she thought she was just depicting Halloween. She just thought she was just drawing. And so I know that's one of the signs and the symbols. And then they want to know, are you suicidal? They want to know how you feel about living or dying. And these are some of the questions that I would imagine they create in a stage to get at facts. Since I'm not a -- a physician, I don't know what they're actually looking for to determine what end of the spectrum that child may be on, but there are tools that are used. One is called the Ages and Stages Questionnaire and the other one is called the Pediatric Systems {sic} (Symptom) Checklist. So they'll -- those are the two more popular forms across the State, but there are other forms that can be used, provided that it's certified -- it is -- it's a certified tool. So I'm not exactly sure what all else or how the doctor determines that level, but what I'd like for the doctor to do is to be able to tell the parent that, perhaps, your child scored in this fuzzy category, perhaps, and maybe you ought to take him or her for additional testing to make sure that if there are some mental health challenges, that you're seeking the right support system for your child at a early age.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator, so let's walk through a hypothetical here where a child, whether it's a -- a kindergartener or the next age at which this -- this testing or screening would be done under this bill, demonstrates an issue - and let's just leave it at that - an issue, what's -- what a -- what a doctor, or whoever has talked to the

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child or evaluated the form, has deemed has an issue, talks to the parents. In -- in -- under this legislation, does -- does the person acting on behalf of the school have the ability to tell the parents there is a certain course of therapy or there is a certain -- something that needs to be done with this child and, if it's not done, the child won't be permitted to go to school? I mean, I know that's true -- I mean, that might be true in a -- in a physical context. It -- would that also be true for the judgment that has been made about the child's social or emotional well-being?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

On the form with the Department of Public Health that parents take their kids to get their physical exam no matter what in kindergarten, sixth and ninth grade, already has a question and the question says, "Is the child normal? - Yes or No" We'd like to change that to say social and emotional screening - "Has the child had his social and emotional screening?" They're going to check Yes or No and that's what the school is going to see. Now if the parent is told that their kid needs help, then it's up to the parent to take their child for additional services. If that parent wants to notify the school that their child is having some challenges, that will be the best thing to do. After the parent goes and get this additional help, finds out their child has challenges, perhaps the school district have some support systems that they could give the family while the child is either in kindergarten - it could start as early as awareness there - the sixth grade or the ninth grade. So all of those services in

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special education and those services and counseling that are in some school districts across the State, then the kids may be able to receive that help, but that's if the parent decides to inform the school that their child needs additional help. That's not what this Act is asking for. We're not -- we're not telling the doctors to tell the school the results of what took shape.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Other than the...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

I'm sorry, Senator Lightford. I thought you were done. Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Other than the Yes or No, have they been screened - Yes or No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Righter, you have further questions?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

I -- I do, but I'm bringing it in for a landing. Thank you, Mr. -- Mr. President, for your indulgence. So, the only thing the school will be -- will be advised on the social and emotional issue is whether or not the screening's been done, and regardless of what the provider sees, the -- the doctor, the school will not be advised of more than just the fact that the screening has been done, regardless of what the medical professional sees from the screening process. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lightford.

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SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

The -- the current law says that this screening has to be done by someone who is licensed to practice medicine in all its branches. Are you changing that at all? And the reason I ask that is because there's a -- I mean -- there -- I mean, chiropractors, not to beat up on chiropractors here, but chiropractors, I think, fall into that description. Are we going to be in a situation where chiropractors are evaluating young children for -- in terms of their social or emotional status?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

I just don't know for a -- just why would a parent take their kid to a chiropractor to get their physical examination? It is the Department of Public Health required physical examination form, so they already have to take their child to a pediatrician to get their physical exam. On that form, this question would appear. We're changing the way it's currently worded. If you look at it now, it's a little insulting. We're changing that. And if the -- if the doctor notifies that there is a little bit more there in a spectrum area on the mental health spectrum, then they notify the parent at that very moment and the parent can seek additional resources. It's empowering the family to know that their child is having some challenges. When the -- the part on the form that the kid need their dental exam or vision exam, then

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they'll probably take their kid to a dentist or an -- an ophthalmologist for their eye exam. So the chiropractor thing, does not make sense for a parent to take a kindergartener to a chiropractor for their physical exam. One of the things I just want to bring up is that there will be some additional rulemaking that will take shape with the Department and all of the mental health community is invited to participate in the rulemaking process.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Righter, have you any questions that Senator Lightford hasn't already answered?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

I can't think of any more, Mr. President, so maybe to..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

...the bill, if I might. Thank you very much, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I appreciate -- Senator Lightford, I think, is taking on a very difficult issue here that is -- that is made more difficult by the history we have seen in recent years of violence in our schools and is also, I think, unfortunately soaked in the -- the concern about - and I'm going to use this phrase - "political correctness". The -- the -- the -- the word on the form now is "normal". Now, I appreciate that there are some who are concerned with or, perhaps, offended by whether or not someone is deemed to be normal or not, but I think that we kind of need to pierce through that and ask ourselves, is the current terminology that's used on the form, does that shed some light on the child's condition or maybe issues for a school

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official or for a parent? And I think the answer to that is, yes, it does. And that's why -- I mean, changing the terminology to social or -- or emotional status, while it may ease up for some that feeling of, wait a second, my child is being characterized as something other than normal, provides much less clarity. And, I mean, we have a choice to make here, it seems to me, and that is to provide more clarity about the child's condition or to -- or to change it to the use of words that probably provide less clarity, but may make people feel a little -- little better about their child. And I don't -- not sure that's a step we should go, Mr. President, particularly in this day and age when we all recognize that there are troublesome issues in our schools. With -- with that, very reluctantly I rise and urge a No vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Any further discussion? Senator McConchie, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Sponsor indicates that she'll yield. Senator McConchie.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

Is there -- forgive me for -- if I don't follow this completely, but is there any obligation for the parent to follow up on the recommendation that they get from the form that's filled out?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

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No, it's not in the bill. We specifically stayed away from that. It was discussed earlier on in negotiations. And we wanted to avoid, not only the school district being informed, but that the parent has total, total, total control over the direction that they want to go in. We would like to make sure that they're informed and -- and that they're provided resources, referrals of the next steps by the doctor. It's not stated in statute that they have to do anything.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator McConchie.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

And the other question is, why kindergarten? I understand, you know, targeting the older ages, but is -- is there something particular about very young ages, especially kindergarteners, that's -- they think that they can identify and address early on? Why -- why are we going that young?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

The current law already asks for kindergarten, sixth and ninth grade. We're just sticking with the same statute, not making any additional changes, and the Ounce of Prevention has a significant amount of data to show that that is age-appropriate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator McConchie.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

And is there any ability of parents to be able to opt out, to say I don't prefer to have, you know, pediatrician or someone to do this screening of any sort? Are they required then to have

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to get this screening done?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

We have locked in a waiver process, so there is a -- a waiver process -- I've lost my spot here, just one second. There it is. On line 17, on page 7, Section (2.5) - "...a waiver for children who show an undue burden or a lack of access to a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches who provide social and emotional screenings." So there is a waiver process in place.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator McConchie.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

I would -- have to say that I agree with Senator Righter in that, you know, I -- I appreciate very much what this is trying to do. I'm very -- I'm just concerned. I think there's some ambiguity in regards to the social and emotional questions. And I also reluctantly urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Further discussion? Our last speaker seeking recognition, Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

The sponsor indicates that she will yield.

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SENATOR HASTINGS:

Senator Lightford, I'm going to walk through a series of questions for you to answer. The first question that I'd like for you to answer is, is anyone in opposition to this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

No, not that I'm aware of. All opposition, we worked really hard for about a year and a half to remove.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

So that would mean that the Governor's Office and the Department of Public Health are not in opposition to your bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Let me walk through another question with you to make sure that I'm clear on this process. Would this debate be approximately five times longer than the process in which a doctor would examine a student for their social-emotional survey?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Yes.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

...the bill, Senator.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Senator Lightford had mentioned the family that struck near and dear to my heart and to a lot of hearts throughout the Senate and the House of Representatives. They're parents that were model citizens in our community - a father who was a deputy chief of police and a mother who was a nurse. They have a model family in which their son is a police officer and their daughter works for small business and is an aspiring entrepreneur; however, they missed every single sign they could have caught - even while they were involved parents in their daughter's life, they missed every sign. And to this day, they live with the fact that they missed every sign in which caused and led to the death and the unfortunate suicide of their daughter. The rise of social media and the effects of social bullying have drastically impacted our vulnerable youth. Teen suicide and other social-emotional issues are rising and parents, not only in the great State of Illinois, but across the country, are missing these signs and it requires responsible legislators to act and not belabor the point. But I would hope that everyone in this Chamber would recognize that this is needed and, according to the sponsor of this legislation, that there is a waiver process if you do not feel as if your child should be subject to this survey. The bill requires screenings that are reasonable, similar to screenings like our wives that may

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have went through the birthing process that have to go through postpartum depression surveys. If you've ever sat through one of those, like I had in the past six months, I will tell you that the approximate survey takes about five to seven minutes. It's not a very long process. I want to commend the sponsor on this very responsible piece of legislation. I think what you're doing is right and it would be irresponsible for you to take a position against this bill. And I urge an Aye vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Lightford, to close.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate the debate. I'd like to walk with Senator Hastings on any occasion and I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Question is, shall Senate Bill 565 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 35 voting Aye, 18 voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 565, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. WCIA Television requests permission to videotape the proceedings. Seeing no objection, permission is granted. Senator Link in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senate Bill 514. Senator Hutchinson. Senator Hutchinson seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 514 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading,

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Senate Bill 514. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Hutchinson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hutchinson, on your amendment.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'm happy to discuss the amendment on the bill on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 514. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 514.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hutchinson, on your bill.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 514 becomes the bill. This is a Department of Revenue bill. It's an omnibus technical cleanup

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bill. There's no opposition to it. It adjusts the deadline for the Unified Economic Development Budget, raises the cigarette use tax penalty, and makes various effective date revisions. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 514 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 514, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

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

Senate Bill 2059.

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

House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 2059.

Passed the House, as amended, April 22nd, 2016. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Will the Committee on Assignments please meet in the President's Anteroom immediately? Will the Committee on Assignments please meet in the President's Anteroom immediately?

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Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1783, offered by Senator Collins.

It is substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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 2047, Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 and 3 to House -- to Senate Bill 2059. Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-8 (b-1), the following amendments will remain in the Committee on Assignments: Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 518.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

On Supplemental Calendar No. 1, Senate Bill 2059. Senator Trotter will be presenting for President Cullerton. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill -- motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 2059.

Signed by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Trotter, on Senate Bill 2059.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Okay. We have to concur on House Amendment 1 and 2. Would like to adopt the amendments. Amendment No. 1 basically just cleans the bill out and Amendment No. 3 becomes the bill. We don't

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have to...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is something that we've been talking about, not just this week, but all year, and that is trying to address the crisis in our university system. What we have come up with in Senate Bill 2059 is a program that will help our universities, give some assistance to our community colleges, as well as find money for the Illinois Math and Science Academy, and also, a very important part of this, also find dollars for the MAP grants. Those breakdowns have come to six million dollars a year for the IMSA program; community colleges receive 74.1 percent {sic} for their universities, which constitutes about twenty-seven percent of their funding received; for Chicago State University, will receive about sixty percent of its funding; the other remaining eight universities will get thirty-one percent of their funding dollars. And we can discuss it more in detail as we go further.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Leader Radogno, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you. To the bill. It's been a long time coming. I know a lot of people are very concerned about higher ed. I'm happy that we're going to be able to address this issue, at least partially right now. And I certainly intend to support this, but we all need to keep in mind that we have a lot more work to do. We have human services, and I hope we have the opportunity to vote

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on something that might address that as well. But the stopgap measures relieve some pressure, but we still have a lot of work to do and we shouldn't break our arms patting ourselves on the back with this measure. We still have prisons to worry about, feeding prisoners - that's going to be a huge pressure. But I do think we deserve some legitimate credit for coming together in a bipartisan fashion. I certainly appreciate the communication that we've had with the Senate Democrats and hope this is the beginning of a more fruitful avenue that we go down in terms of solving the entire problem. Thank you. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Murphy, what purpose do you rise? Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McCARTER:

To the amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the motion.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Motion. Ladies and Gentlemen, there's a -- I mean, you look at this and some of this may not be appealing to some of us, but we -- we know we're doing the best we can to help the universities out. The way I look at this may be a little different. Some -- you know, somebody may have the -- the opinion that Chicago State gets more. You know, they get sixty percent of what they've asked for versus thirty-one percent. But, again, I look at it numbers-wise, and that's only 4.7 percent of this bill. So it's not a big deal to me. What's a big deal to me is that thirty-nine percent of it goes to the U of I - that's forty-three percent of what the Governor suggested they get. Eastern gets just enough to survive

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after they've laid off four hundred people. Some of these folks haven't laid anybody off. You know, we -- we need to get to performance-based funding instead of this last minute negotiations. And there's ways of telling whether people that -- in determining whether people have been good stewards of the money we've given 'em. You can look at graduation rates. You can look at how many are employed after they graduate. You can look at the scholarships given. You can look at the first-year retention rate, the cost per student, the cost per degree, the -- the cost of attrition, the student loan default rate, the ratio of student loan payments, and, yes, you can go to CollegeMeasures.org and that's how they rate colleges. When a university has a budget of 5.6 billion dollars, more than many small countries, and their effort is to cut twenty-two million dollars of that. I'm not sure that's a really good grade that they're given. They could do more. And so, is this perfect? Is it fair? No, not at all, but maybe not for the reasons we think. We need -- we need to be looking at what these universities do and what they produce, and if they do what we've asked them to do and they've been good stewards with the money, we need to reward them by funding them a hundred percent. And if they haven't done that, they shouldn't be funded. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

To the gentleman's motion, if I might, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the motion.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I first want to echo the comments of the Republican Leader in that there should be, at least to some degree, a -- a collective sigh of relief here that we have actually been able to, in at least one Chamber, come -- come together and get some drink of water to some people who have been crawling in the fiscal desert for some time. I would be remiss, however, on behalf of those I represent, not to also echo the comments made by Senator McCarter. There has been always, always in the years that I've served in this building, Mr. President, talk of rewarding performance and the allocation that is set forth in Senate Bill 2059 reflects a number of things, but rewarding good performance is not on that list. Eastern Illinois University comes out first when you look at the metrics that were agreed to by this General Assembly years ago with regards to performance-based funding. Institutions that are getting a much larger percentage don't come anywhere near the top of that list. The people at Eastern Illinois University have laid off almost four hundred citizens in a very small community in order to just barely crawl to the point that we are right now, and I wish I shared Senator McCarter's optimism that this is barely enough to get them through. Now I don't know how long this is supposed to get them to, but I don't know whether that'll get this done or not. In the conversations that I have had in this building over the last two or three days about Eastern's performance relative to what's going on is this bill, the most common response I've heard is, "Well, you know what, it's just the way it is." That's the problem: It's just the way it is. We cannot do better by the young people who decide to invest thousands and thousands of dollars into higher education here in Illinois, we can't do

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better by them, as long as we continue to be satisfied by, well, it's just the way it is. I rise in reluctant, very reluctant, support of the gentleman's motion because we are, once again, left with no other choice but what is largely the status quo. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the motion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the motion.

SENATOR ROSE:

I'm going to come around and conclude on something positive. But, as one of the original sponsors of the performance funding resolution half a decade ago - more than half a decade ago - when I was in the House with Senator Maloney, your former colleague, it is pathetic that despite the entire higher education community having agreed on that metric - and by the way, a very painful process for the community itself, but all the universities, community colleges agreed on the metric - it's pathetic that the most that this General Assembly has ever been able to dedicate to performance funding was half of one percent. And I don't think we've done that in a couple years. I would take absolute -- frankly, when you look at what Senator Righter just said and you look at what's reflected in this bill, you can't say there's any metric of who does the best job for the taxpayers' dollar, the students' tuition dollar and their families' tuition dollar. Now I'll take exception at another colleague who said a minute ago that, you know, some universities should be cut more. One way of

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looking at that university is the State of Illinois invests six hundred million dollars in it and gets a six-billion-dollar asset that employs an entire region of the State, not to mention all the wonderful technologies they spin off and create. But that's the problem here. We are arguing over the destruction of the most important asset we have in this State, which is the future of our kids, of our children. You cannot have a vibrant economy, you cannot have a peaceful, frankly, economy without an educated workforce and yet here we are today with this. So I'm not patting myself on the back, although I do want to say right now and I'd be remiss if I didn't say a thank you to the Senate sponsor, Senator Trotter, Leader Trotter; Leader Steans; Senator Hutchinson; Senator McGuire. A lot of people on your side and our side have spent the last three weeks holed up in a room - I'm operating on three and a half hours sleep right now and that's on top of the four hours I got last night -- or the night before. See, can't - - can't even keep it straight in my own head I'm -- I haven't slept. But we're not patting ourselves on the back, because this cannot be the final piece of the equation for '16. These assets, these institutions, are way too important. The future of the kids that have chosen to go, whether it's Chicago State, Eastern, Western, Northeastern, I don't care, Urbana, UIC, whatever, Western - Leader Lightford is a Western graduate - those kids today that want to be Leader Lightford, maybe they want to be the head of Google or I don't know. The U of I, itself, had the YouTube founder back as their speaker. Think about all the things that have been created here. By the way, Al Gore didn't invent the Internet. The computer wasn't invented -- it was invented in Urbana at the U of I. The truth of the matter is, this is too

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important to let this be the last bite for any kid, whether it's -- whatever school it's at. So I'm going to vote for it, but the conversation must continue.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Biss, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BISS:

To the motion, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

...motion.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President. You know, we've -- we've heard during this discussion already a lot about how badly our higher education infrastructure needs money now, about the many institutions that are being starved. We've not actually heard so much about the urgent need to fund MAP grants, but that need is urgent as well and is in this bill. But I do have to say there's definitely not enough in this bill, not enough for any one of our institutions, not a single one of them, not enough to fund MAP grants that students have been told they can rely on. And in that vein, I am also standing as the Chair of the Human Services Committee, speaking for a sector that is being shredded, speaking for a sector that cares for the most vulnerable, speaking for a sector that carries out that core function of government of doing that which we only can accomplish together, and to see us voting on this motion without a dime for Human Services is pretty painful to me, I have to say. And so in thinking about that, I thought maybe I should just vote No. Maybe I can create some hostages. Maybe I can hold higher education and our cherished institutions hostage to get what I want. Then I realized that's why we're here

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today. It is crazy that we are in this situation. It is crazy that we find ourselves unable to just sit down and work out a budget. It is unhealthy. It is unnecessary. There have been numerous efforts for many months to just pass a clean budget bill that could put the many people who rely on these dollars to rest and allow them to sleep more easily at night. So I'm going to vote for this bill. I think everyone should vote for this bill because we have an obligation not to play some kind of multidimensional chess game, but to do what's needed for our communities, for our institutions. And the lesson that I hope we can learn from this is not just in general we need to come together in a bipartisan way, but we need to figure out what our communities rely upon, what services they demand, and we need to fund those services without games, without hostages, without conditions, and I hope we can do that real soon. Please vote Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Trotter, to close.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Let me begin by just saying thank you, everyone, for understanding how real this is, how important this is, not only for the institutions, but certainly for those individuals who matriculate through those institutions and -- and continue to build the State of Illinois. Surprising thing is, everyone is so positive - surprising because that has not been the -- the nature of this Chamber or the one across the hall. So the surprise is, is that I'm not fighting for nothing now. We all realize that to really accomplish something, we have to fight together to get things done. So thank all of you for what's going on, because it's not my Chicago State, and this we

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talked about in -- in caucus yesterday, and it's -- it's not Kim Lightford's Western Illinois or -- or -- or U of I. These are our schools that prepare our children that are there, that also is the -- the economic engine for the communities here in the State of Illinois that makes us the great State that we are. Right now, just for those who know and those who did vote on the last bill, there is a bill sitting on the Governor's desk today, 2046, that fully funds education. There is a bill there. But we have to do this piecemeal action because we have come now to that -- that point, an emergent juncture that something has to be done now or our whole system collapses, all of our universities collapse. The first thing to go is -- yes, were some of those employees. But for the universities themselves, then goes the accreditation. Once the accreditation is gone - and we -- we talked about this with our museums - you don't just get it back because you find some money. You have to establish that to these accreditation boards that you are capable for {sic} preparing individuals for the workforce, for the jobs, for the world that they're going to inherit. And it doesn't come overnight. So thank you all for embracing what's here. We all know it's -- it's coming out of the Education Assistance Fund. This is six hundred million dollars. Could the proration have been better? Certainly we would have loved if it had been better - been better because it'd have been fully funded. So we still have a lot of work to do. Thank you all for that, and there's going to be addressed -- hopefully we finally pass a full budget and we're going to deal with Human Services, because that's part of the fabric of our State. We're going to deal with our infrastructure issues. We're going to deal with those things, public safety, because that is Illinois. Let's

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continue to vote for our citizens, our communities, our State, and I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall the Senate concur with House Amendments 1, 2 and -- 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 2059. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate concurs with -- in the House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 2059. The bill is declared passed. Back to the printed Calendar, page 12, Senate Bill 3412. Senator Barickman. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3412.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman, on your bill.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 3412 is a supplemental appropriation bill. This legislation provides approximately twelve million dollars' appropriation to DCEO from the DCEO Energy Projects Fund for certain expenses and grants connected with energy programs. It's important to note that this is a federal pass-through of dollars and these dollars will go to projects all around the State of Illinois in many of our districts. I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3412. {sic} All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3412, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2047. President Cullerton. President Cullerton seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2047 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2047. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Steans, to address the amendment.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yeah, I ask for the adoption and I can talk about it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2047. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Bill 2047.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Steans, to present.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This -- this bill does what the -- the bill we just passed for the Education Assistance Fund, it does the exact same things as that, and then we also are appropriating four hundred and forty-one million out of the Commitment to Human Services Fund. And there's no GRF in here. This is also -- as was discussed when we talked about the education bill, we also have a human service infrastructure that is crumbling across the State. This is also a bridge; it's not fully funding everything. It's what's available in that commitment to Human Services Fund without touching General Revenue Fund. It's a bridge, like it is for the universities, for our human service organizations who have signed contracts, who have been making -- doing the work that they were engaged to do and they're not getting paid. So it's providing funding in the Department of Human Services for the programs that are not covered by consent decrees and are not getting funded. It's providing similar funding in Department of Public Health, including our local public health grants for all of our local health departments that are struggling right now, similar things in the Department of {sic} (on) Aging and Criminal Justice Information Authority and the Department of Military Affairs. Again, I really do want to just note and really appreciate Leader Radogno, the Spokesmen on -- on the Republican side and the Appropriation Chairs, Senators Murphy

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and Senator Rose, and many of the Republican Senators too for working with us on this. I do believe there -- this is -- while it's not getting us where we all need to be, I think we've been working incredibly well here in this Chamber to try to get to an agreement and try to also help provide the bridge for human services as well as the educational funds. I would certainly urge an Aye vote and, again, hopefully this means -- it's just a step forward towards getting to a broader budget agreement where we can fully fund all of our commitments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

We will -- we will be starting the timer on this and for every bill forward. So, Leader Radogno, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill. As many..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

As many speakers have raised previously, we have wanted to include human services in some sort of funding package. This does it. Very importantly, the -- every bit of spending in this bill is paid for - both higher ed and human services. That is the model we're trying to achieve. That is sort of the reset in budgeting that we need for this State. We have the money for this. We should be confident and we should vote for it. However, I want to be very clear, a lot of the spending in the human services area and universities, it's programmatic. The administration is still going to need operating funding. So what does that mean? That means, while we're funding mental health and -- and some other programs, the mental health facilities need money to feed the

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people that they're serving, they need maintenance, they need utilities. Those things are a real issue. Similarly, prisons. Many of you have prisons in your district. Again, we have to get those food trucks in there. They need to eat, they need utilities, and they are truly at risk unless we include the operations. Again, I think we deserve credit, but let's not celebrate too much just yet. We have a lot of work before us. And I want to stress again the importance and the urgency of the things that we still have not done, even though these things are -- are very good. And I would urge an Aye vote on this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Steans, to close.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, thank you. I very much agree with the sentiments just expressed. This is only -- really is only one more step. We are not done and we should not take the pressure off getting to a final -- final and complete budget. But urge an Aye vote. Think this is the right step forward and really appreciate everyone here working together.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall... Question is, shall we pass Senate Bill 2047. All those in favor, say -- vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Aye -- the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Aye, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2047 is declared passed. Senate Bill 2279. Senator Harris. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2279.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Harris, on your bill.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. 2279 is a measure for universities and community colleges to implement a policy statement declaring that student athletes may not have their academic or athletic scholarship revoked expressing their First Amendment rights.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This bill came through our committee and I'm -- and I'm convinced that the sponsor sincerely means to do good things with this bill, but -- but I also believe that it's a much more important bill than it looks on the surface. This, again, I -- I think it's an attempt to -- from the -- from the legislative standpoint, we're -- we're going to try to solve some of the problems at -- at those universities and we think we know how to do that. Think about the problems that this creates. Who is to say who makes that determination as to whether you have -- you're stepping on someone's First Amendment rights? It takes -- it takes an awful lot out of -- you know, if -- if I'm the coach of a program, I have to be extremely careful. You know, it -- student-athletes could -- you know, we ought to be able, for instance, to say, you're not meeting what -- what -- you know, you didn't show up

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for practice; you know, you didn't -- you didn't come to the game. Or, as has happened at the University of Missouri, they decided they weren't going to play the game. And -- and, again, this is an issue that I think should be dealt with at each university and then let each university take responsibility. If -- if it -- if it doesn't work, you're going to see -- you're going to see problems at the university, you're going to see less -- less people interested in going there, and things like that. This determines -- and -- and again, I'm -- I'm going to get -- you know, everybody's talking and I'm -- and I'm sure that it's going -- it's likely going to pass and it's likely going to -- maybe be even a partisan rollcall. But -- but we -- we had several questions at -- at the committee. And -- and, again, I don't want to take away the sponsor's true beliefs that he's trying to help something. But, again, I say to the sponsor, "Who would determine what a student-athlete's expression of First Amendment rights are?" That's not easy. Let the university make those decisions. Let's don't -- let's don't tell 'em how to do it. And -- and -- and again, Senator, would you -- would you answer that question, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

He indicates he will yield. Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Currently, the law requires each State-supported institution of higher learning to adopt a policy on demonstrations, which they have. Each individual university already implements a policy on demonstrations. This -- this new -- or amendment to this policy just reduces the -- the right to revoke their scholarship based on their expression of their First Amendment rights. We have many

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institutions and many different advocates who come down to Springfield all the time to express their First Amendment rights. And if we don't vote on certain issues that their privy to or that -- that affects them, we don't tell them they can speak up on it. This is another opportunity to make sure that our First Amendment rights are being protected.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Luechtefeld, to wrap up.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

But -- but, again, Senator, you say we -- each university should have -- have a program like this, but then you are saying, "But you can't do this." There are situations where maybe a scholarship should be taken away. You know, I'm sure you went to -- to university on a free ride. I did too. You -- you can't beat that; it's -- it's a great way to go to school. But there are student -- student-athletes who -- who go too far..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Luechtefeld, please wrap up. Your time has expired.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Well -- Well, again, I -- I -- I don't think this is a good bill. And I'm -- it sounds as if many of you don't care enough about it to make a difference, but I really believe we're going too far. Once again saying "we know better". We're going -- we're going to give you some more bullets to the university. So again, thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Anderson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ANDERSON:

To the bill, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

I, too, rise in opposition to this bill. Being a student-athlete in college myself, I think we're going down a slippery slope with this bill and it's -- this bill is very broad. We are saying that there are no repercussions for speaking out. The First Amendment that we hold near and dear does not mean there are not repercussions to our actions. You can yell "fire" in a crowded room; it doesn't mean that you're safe from -- from recourse. There are -- there are penalties for that action. As with this, if you are a student-athlete that is having his college paid for and you don't show up to practice because you were out protesting or out doing what you see as your First Amendment right, doesn't mean that there shouldn't be any consequences to that action. And I understand, and another thing that I want to address that we've heard here a lot in the last few days especially is -- and I'm sure we're going -- we might hear it here is, the intent - this is not the intent. Well, isn't that our job as lawmakers to clarify intent through language? I understand that what I'm -- what I'm talking about may not be the sponsor's intent, but we have to be very clear as lawmakers that that is our job to clarify in language. Again, I -- I -- I rise in opposition and I -- I -- I just think that we're going down a very slippery slope with not having our First Amendment right have consequences to their actions. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Harris, to close.

SENATOR HARRIS:

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I believe it's clear that each university has the opportunity to implement their own policy on demonstrations. That is why no university is in opposition. I repeat: No university is opposing this legislation. I've -- I've met with a few of these universities, who have talked to me about the bill, and they let me know and assured me that they have -- with this bill, it still gives them the opportunity to outline the parameters of the policy on discipline or whatever through the act of demonstrations. So I -- I humbly request an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2279 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 32 Ayes, 17 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2279, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2282. Senator Collins. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2282.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Collins, on your bill.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 2282 allows individuals who are on parole, aftercare release, or mandatory supervised release to be able to associate with other individuals on parole, aftercare release, or mandatory supervised release while engaging in activities related

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to community programs, worship services, volunteering, or engaging families without prior required written permission. I know of no opposition. I would ask for an affirmative vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2282 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 50 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2282, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2283. Senator Rezin. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2283.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Out of the record. Senate Bill 2300. Leader Trotter. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2300.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Trotter, on your bill.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Mr. President, Members of the Senate, Senate Bill 2300 is one of those bills that is a very important bill, but it caused some unnecessary controversy -- controversy in committee. The bill

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itself deals with the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act, which declares that an owner of a regulated facility who has received a mitigation notice must, prior to negotiating a -- a new lease agreement for the dwelling, to mitigate the hazardous concern. There was -- this is an initiative that was brought forth by the Cook County Department of Public Health. It has been endorsed and supported by the Illinois Rental Property Owners Association. There was some language that caused -- that -- that was a little unclear which confused the intent of this bill and we're going to address it, after talking to the Department, when it goes to the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor yield, please, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

He indicates he will.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Senator Trotter, at the end of your comments there, you referenced some confusion about the intent on the bill and perhaps a fix. Can you be more specific about that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Certainly, it -- one, it involved -- the bill in the beginning dealt with the -- not only rentals, but also the selling of houses. So the Illinois Rent -- Realtors' Association had concern that they were included, that in fact that you could not sell a home unless the mitigation -- mitigation was done, which in some cases

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would have been too onerous. So we took them out of the bill, but they were -- so then we went forth with the renters. Even though the Rental Association is on board, were confused - did it have to do with those who were renegotiating a lease or actually a new lease that the mitigation work had to be done as we -- they went forward?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

So if mitigation still needs to be done, Senator, and someone is in the property pursuant to a lease and they want to renew the lease - so I'm not talking about a new leaseholder, I'm talking about renewing a current lease - will they be -- if this becomes law, will they be allowed to do that even though the mitigation is not complete?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

And as -- as you know how I usually am, the answer is yes, and the confusion -- because, one, the mitigation or the -- had already started or there's already notice that the work had to be done. So there would be follow-up no matter if they re-signed a lease or a new lease became available. So, yes, to your -- to your question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Okay. Sorry, I...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Leader Trotter, to close.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Again, I look forward to an Aye vote, and if there's still some confusion, they're going to try to address it when it gets to the House. And I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2300 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 35 Ayes, 17 Nays, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 2300, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2301. Senator Koehler. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2301.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler, on your bill.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. The bill, as amended, is now a compromise between the Alzheimer's Association and various other organizations. What this does is devise minimum training standards for all resident and community-based programs that hold themselves out to offering Alzheimer's or dementia care. I know of no opposition at this point and happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing

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none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2301 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2301, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2306. Senator Steans seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2306 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2306. Mr. Secretary, please read the -- is there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Steans, on your amendment.

SENATOR STEANS:

The amendment becomes the bill and I will discuss it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2306. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Bill 2306.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Steans, on your bill.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, we had passed this bill unanimously last session. It did not get sent to the Governor for signature. We are now doing it again. It creates quality metrics around which auto-assignments to MCOs can be used. I want to just note for legislative intent that quality is an important consideration when auto-assigning Medicaid patients to MCOs, but not at the expense of severing existent provider-patient relationships. HFS's intent is to assign Medicaid patients to the MCO with the highest quality and operational metrics in which the beneficiary's current provider is enrolled. This will prevent patients from losing their providers and medical homes, but will ensure that they are enrolled in the highest quality MCO possible. I don't know of any opposition to the bill and look forward to your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2306 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2306, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2314. Senator Rezin. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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Senate Bill 2314.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2314 simply -- is an initiative of the Department of Insurance. It extends coverage options for temporary employees and their -- this Act will actually bring us in compliance with the federal Affordable Healthcare {sic} (Care) Act. There is no known opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2314 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2314, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2321. Senator Syverson. Senator Syverson. Senate Bill 2323. Senator Tom Cullerton. Senate Bill 2333. Senator Syverson. Senator Syverson. Senate Bill 2340. Leader Lightford. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 2340.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Lightford, on your bill.

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SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 2340 amends the Public Aid Code and increases the TANF pass-through. We'd like to line ourselves up with the federal government. I'd be happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Just to advise the Body that the Fiscal Impact Note on this is between two and six million dollars. It's interesting, about twenty or thirty minutes ago, we talked about financial difficulties and we talked about the fact that we can't tap GRF because we don't have any more money, and -- and now we are having the opportunity to vote on a bill that would once again drive up expenses for us. I think that's a bad move. That is not to say that there aren't people out in the State who are in need, but we do not have the money to write the checks. I would reluctantly urge a No vote on the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Lightford, to close.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

I'd like to correct the number that Senator Righter just said. In fact, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services slipped

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a message that it will cost the State 1.2 million, not six million - 1.2 million. This is an initiative that passed the Senate Floor last year. The House failed to call the bill. I ask for an Aye vote, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2340 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there's 29 Ayes, 16 Nays, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 2340, have not -- having not received the required constitutional majority, is declared failed. Leader Lightford, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Mr. President, I request Postponed Consideration on Senate Bill 2340, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Lightford requests that Senate Bill 2340 be postponed. The bill will be placed on the Order of Postponed Consideration. Senate Bill 2355. Senator Holmes. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2355.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Holmes, on your bill.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Yes. Ah, there we go. Thank you so much, Mr. President. This was Senate Committee Amendment 1 and it deleted all, became the

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bill. It provides that insurers who grant access via an assignment or lease to a dentist's services to another insurer must notify the dentist within thirty days of such assignment or lease. There is no opposition. Thank you so much to the Chair of the Insurance Committee, who did a marvelous job helping work this out. I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2355 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2355, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2356. Senator Holmes. Senator Holmes. Senate Bill 2370. Senator Van Pelt. Senate Bill 2393. Leader Harmon. Leader Harmon seeks the leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2393 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2393. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Harmon, on your amendment.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just to clarify with the Secretary, there are two pending amendments. Is that correct? Thank you. Amendment... Amendment No. 2 becomes the bill. I move for its adoption.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Harmon, on Floor Amendment No. 3.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 3 addresses concerns raised in committee and it's come straight to the Floor. I move for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2393. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2393.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Harmon, on your bill.

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SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 2393 requires all school districts with eligible students in excess of seventy percent to take full advantage of federal funding available for the Breakfast After the Bell Program. I ask for your Aye votes. And I'm happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR REZIN:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. I'd like to commend the sponsor of this bill. I know we had some discussion in the committee about it. I know at the last minute the -- that the Alliance -- School Alliance slipped in in opposition. However, after having much discussion with everybody involved on this issue, I am comfortable with the process for school districts. They have the ability through the waiver process to opt out of it if it's too onerous or burdensome or costly to them. So, thank you again for carrying this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

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Thank you, Mr. President. This is -- I just want to advise the Body and maybe Members on this side of the Body who are more particularly sensitive to some of the mandates that we place on our many school districts, although I commend the sponsor on his work to try to diminish the impact this will have on school districts, certainly this is just another mandate. And they -- Members may want to take that into consideration with their votes. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Harmon, to close.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. And I'd like to thank the -- the last speaker. I would also point out to folks, this is one of those rare funded mandates, with federal money available and being left on the table by the school districts that don't take advantage of it. As Senator Rezin said, we now have a waiver program identical to the other waiver programs related to school food programs, and I think there's little to no risk for any school district and enormous amounts to gain for every student who otherwise would not start the day with breakfast. I ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2393 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 38 Ayes, 14 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2393, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2404. Senator Rose. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2404.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rose, on your bill.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you. I'd like to admonish {sic} the Chamber that this bill simply provides for -- amends the DNR Law of the Civil Administrative Code to allow the DNR to assess fees of less than five hundred dollars, which they can already do, but they don't get them -- they -- they are required to assess five hundred, but nobody collects them, so it allows them to assess less than five hundred, which they hope to collect and raise more revenue for the State. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2404 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2404, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2527. Senator Rezin. Senator Rezin seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2527 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2527. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Rezin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rezin, on your amendment.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. I believe there's another amendment as well? Coming? Thank you. Yes. And I would like to adopt that. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Rezin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rezin, on Amendment No. 3.

SENATOR REZIN:

Again, thank you, Mr. Chairman {sic}. I'd -- Senate Bill 2527 requires IDOT to develop and adopt and implement a system, a safety program. It's compliance with the FAST Act, a federal program. We need to, as a State, comply by July 1st. There is a Amendment No. 3 that is the exact language to help with -- it's actually the Trial Attorneys' exact language that we all agreed upon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion on Amendment No. 3? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2527. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2527.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rezin, on your bill.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. And again, I thank God, this is an agreed-upon bill and it's just allowing the State of Illinois to comply with the FAST Act at the federal level. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2527 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 50 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2527, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we'll go back to Senate Bill 2567. Senator Sandoval. Senator -- Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2567.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Sandoval, on your bill.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is a Jesse White bill. I'd ask a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor yield, please, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Senator, I am as big a fan of Jesse White as anybody in this building, but could you tell us just a little bit about what the bill actually does?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Sandoval.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Senate Bill 2567 eliminates the repeal date of the Section of the Vehicle Code concerning the verification of liability insurance policies. Currently, the repeal date for this action is December 31st, 2016.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2567 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted

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who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 50 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2567, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2585. Senator Laura Murphy. Mr. Secretary -- Senator Murphy seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2585 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2585. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Murphy.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Murphy, on your amendment.

SENATOR L. MURPHY:

Thank you. The amendment becomes the bill. I request passage.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2585. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2585.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Murphy, on your bill.

SENATOR L. MURPHY:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2585, as amended, makes changes to GOMB's annual economic and financial reports. SB 2585 requires now a four-year forecast - currently, it's a two-year; requires GOMB to include the rate assumptions and categorization key for agencies; and requires GOMB to outline any potential remedies for a budget shortfall in the current or proceeding years. The date of the report now will be changed to August, based upon consensus with staff, GOMB, and Budgeting for Results. So, if there are no opponents, I would ask for an Aye vote and can entertain any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2585 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2585, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we're going to page 11 of the printed Calendar, Senate Bill 2989. Leader Clayborne. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2989.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Clayborne, on your bill.

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SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and -- I mean Mr. President and Members of the Senate. This -- this represents an agreement between the proponents and opponents who introduced this bill. It requires a winery shipper's license to include all addresses from the applicant where he intends to ship the wine, includes any location of any third party authorized to ship wine on behalf of the manufacturer. And the amendment requires the application to form -- application form to include acknowledgement that the wine manufacturer is not prohibited by law from holding such a license. There are penalties in here if you do not comply with the law. It just assures that we know whose shipping wine into our State and making sure that we're able to track it. I would ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rezin, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I have a -- two questions to the sponsor for purposes of legislative intent.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your questions.

SENATOR REZIN:

Per Section -- per Section 5-1(r), winery shipper's license, on page 20 in Senate Bill 2989, is it the intent of the legislative language that a winery is able to ship from any of their licensed operations regardless of where the wine was manufactured as long as those addresses are listed in the application to the Illinois Liquor Control Commission?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Leader Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Yes. As long as they have a shipper's license, that's correct.

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Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. My last question is, so to be clear, as defined in the legislation, a winery in my district would be able - August Hill - would be able to ship wine from their offsite retail location and from their licensed winery as long as both locations are designated on their winery shipper's license.

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Leader Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR M. MURPHY:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR M. MURPHY:

The -- I -- I appreciate that the sponsor has indicated he's going to continue to work on this. Many of us on this side feel that this does continue to need some work and we are looking forward -- did I mishear that we're going to work on this? I hope that, as part of a broader conversation, the administration will be engaged by the sponsor and whoever picks this up in the House.

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But, in its current form, I don't think this bill is soup yet. I think we can do a lot better and a lot broader approach to this issue and, in the interim, encourage a No vote.

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Leader Clayborne, to close.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you. I would ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2989 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 33 Ayes, 18 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2989, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we'll go back to page 2, Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Senate Bill 2613. Senator Bertino-Tarrant. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2613.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant, on your amendment.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

Thank you, Mr. President. I ask to move for its adoption and

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I'll explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3020. Senator Sandoval. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3020.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate -- on page 16 of the printed Calendar is Senate Resolution 1715. Leader Radogno. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate -- Senate Resolution 1715, offered by Senator Radogno.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Radogno.

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SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Mr. President. This resolution designates April 25th, 2016, as "Illinois REALTORS Day". The Illinois Association of REALTORS was officially incorporated one hundred years ago on April 25th, 1916. We all support Realtors and the work they do in this State and this is intended to honor Realtors, their staffs, and what they do for Illinois in making our communities great. So I would ask for your favorable consideration. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall -- Joint -- Senate Resolution 1715 pass. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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

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

House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 36.
Offered by Senator Haine, and adopted by the House, April 22nd, 2016. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House. It is substantive, Mr. President.

Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

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

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

House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 5.

Offered by Senator Brady, and adopted by the House, April 22nd, 2016. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House. It is substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

We will now proceed to the Order of Resolution Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all resolutions read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have there any -- been any objections filed on any resolution on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No objections filed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carriers. And the resolutions are adopted. Messages from the House, Mr. Secretary.

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 adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 146.

Offered by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 146)

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Adopted by the House, April 22nd, 2016. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

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Senate Bill 3284. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3284.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Hutchinson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hutchinson, on your amendment.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you. This is an agreed amendment language that made it okay and I'd like to adopt the amendment and we can take care of it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. On the Order of Resolutions is... On the Order of Resolutions is the House Joint Resolution 146. Mr. Secretary,

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read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution 146, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Lightford moves to suspend the rules for the purposes of immediate consideration and the adoption of House Joint Resolution 146. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Lightford moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 146. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. There being no further business to come before the Senate, pursuant to House -- pursuant to House Joint Resolution 146, the Senate stands adjourned until 12 noon on the 3rd day of May, 2016. The Senate stands adjourned.