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Speaker Harris: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We'll be led in prayer today by Lee Crawford, the Pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and pagers, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Crawford."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Gracious and sovereign God, God of power, might, wisdom, and justice, through you, oh God, authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted and judgments are decreed. God, assist us today with your spirit of counsel and fortitude. We pray that your blessings would be upon this august Assembly, the Speaker of this House, all of its Members, their families, and all the staff that work and serve here. God, may they always seek the ways of righteousness to restore that which is right, the ways of justice to do that which is just, and the ways of mercy that they may be merciful, and the ways of compassion that they may operate in the spirit of being compassionate. God, I pray that they be enabled by your powerful protection and guided by your infinite wisdom to lead and to govern with great strength, with great honesty, and with great integrity. This we pray in your son's name, Amen."

Speaker Harris: "We'll be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Halpin."

Halpin - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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Speaker Harris: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Evans is recognized for any absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

Evans: "All right. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Leader Jehan Gordon-Booth is excused for the day."

Speaker Harris: "And Leader Welter is recognized on the Republican side... I'm sorry. Leader Batinick is recognized on the Republican side."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that all Republicans are in attendance and ready to go."

Speaker Harris: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 117 voting... 117 Members present, we have a quorum and we are ready to conduct business. And, Members, an announcement. This is a reminder of House Rule 51.5. Please remember to wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth, except when necessary for eating or drinking. This includes when speaking on the microphone at your desk. Again, please remember to wear a face covering, including while speaking on the microphone, as pursuant to House Rule 51.5. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on April 22, 2021: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 228. Representative Mussman, Chairperson from the committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculums & Policies reports the following committee action taken on April 21, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor

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Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 15, Floor Amendment(s) 4 to House Bill 102, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 219, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1162, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1975, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2748, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2789, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3099, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3114, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3461. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following committee action taken on April 21, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 861, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2590, Floor Amendment(s) 1, 2, 3, and 4 to House Bill 2777, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3277, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3712. Representative Mah, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on April 21, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 135, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2864, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3401, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3995. Representative Carroll, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection reports the following committee action taken on April 21, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3378, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3490. Representative Yingling, Chairperson from the Committee on Counties & Townships reports the following committee action taken on April 21, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 162. Representative Walsh, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken

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on April 21, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 415, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2379, Floor Amendment(s) 2 and 3 to House Bill 2380. Representative Halpin, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions reports the following committee action taken on April 21, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 232, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2523; Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3004. Representative Jones, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on April 21, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 33, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 240, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 295, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 317, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2739, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3308. Representative Ann Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy & Environment reports the following committee action taken on April 21, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 653; Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1291. Representative Lilly, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Human Services reports the following committee action taken on April 22, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3666. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action taken on April 22, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1539, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2061, Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 2411, Floor Amendment(s) 3 House Bill 3107. Representative Evans, Chairperson from the Committee on

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Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on April 22, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1160, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1204, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1207, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1811, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2521, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3437, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3582, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3739. Representative Robinson, Chairperson from the Committee on Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, & IT reports the following committee action taken on April 22, 2021: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 3966. Representative Moeller, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on April 22, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 110, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 341(sic-347), Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 591, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1965, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2433, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3195, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3592, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3918. Representative Hurley, Chairperson from the Committee on Police & Fire reports the following committee action taken on April 22, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3167. Representative Stuart, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on April 22, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 375, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 722, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2878, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2928, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3438, Floor Amendment(s)

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2 to House Bill 3950. Representative Scherer, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools reports the following committee action taken on April 22, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 7, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1158,0900 and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1874."

Speaker Harris: "All right, Members, I'd just like to explain what we're going to be doing now. We're going to be doing Order of Third Readings. We're going to be doing Order of Third Readings. These are in order of Members' priorities. And we'll be proceeding alphabetically through the alphabet, starting with A. We'll be doing this on the Order of Short Debate. And if we need to go to Standard Debate, we will certainly do so, and also use the timer. Some of them are Seconds that we'll move to Third. So, if you do see a second come up, it will eventually become a Third. All right. So, first Bill is on page 20 of the Calendar, is House Bill 3783, Leader Ammons. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3783, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. The Bill was read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Ammons."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ammons on Floor Amendment #1."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to adopt Floor Amendment #1 that does three things. Those who were in committee will recognize these, as we discussed them in committee. Changes to this is moving work requirements out of a subsection in the statute, which was really a technical change. Number two,

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removes duplicative language. And number three, clarifies the exemptions the U.S. Department of Labor training requirements for engineers and architects. And I move for its adoption."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no one indicating interest to speak, Representative Ammons moves that Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3783 be adopted. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Motion is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3783, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Leader Ammons on House Bill 3783."

Ammons: "Thank you. I just want to remind people that the underlying Bill deals with the issue of coal ash. Myself and Representative Marron worked on this in our last Session. We did pass that successfully. It is a Public Act. This is just cleanup language to Senate Bill 9. And I move for the passage of 3783 with an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "There being no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3783 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Omar Williams. Windhorst. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 117 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3783, having achieved the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 5 of the Calendar appears House Bill 653, Representative Avelar. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 653, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Avelar."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Avelar on Floor Amendment #1."

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment 1 is a gut and replace Amendment that does not retain any of the original language of HB653, and instead, increases the fees for permitted facilities accepting clean construction or demolition debris or uncontaminated soil."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Welter, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Welter: "It's... could we have the Representative re-explain that? It's a little difficult on our side to hear the Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Avelar."

Avelar: "Is this okay? Yes? Okay. Thank you. HB3653(sic-653), it is... in House Floor Amendment 1 is a gut and replace Amendment that does not retain any of the original language, and instead increases the fees for permitted facilities accepting clean construction or demolition debris or uncontaminated soil."

Speaker Harris: "Anything further, Mr. Welter? Seeing no further discussion, Representative Avelar moves that Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 653 be adopted. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Motion is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 653, a Bill for an Act concerning safety.
Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Avelar on House Bill 653.

Avelar: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 653 is the effort of environmental groups as well as the industry to make sure that we continue to protect our soil and our groundwater here in the State of Illinois. We have met with proponents of the Bill and opponents of the Bill. And I am happy to say that we have come to an agreed on Amendment that removes the opposition and there is no other opposition to the Amendment. So, I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote on HB653."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Welter."

Welter: "Will the speaker yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She indicates she'll yield."

Welter: "Representative Avelar, when this Bill initially came before the committee, in which I'm the spokes E&E, we were opposed to it. And at that time, as a new Legislator, you had discussed how you had started the process of negotiating with those opponents. With this Floor Amendment that we have just adopted, are there any opponents to this Bill at this time?"

Avelar: "Not to my knowledge, Sir."

Welter: "Thank you. So, you had worked diligently with them to try and come up with a compromise. And I'll remind this Body and those on this side of the aisle that this has been an issue that has come before this General Assembly, not just this year, but in previous General Assemblies. What was reached here with this compromise, I think, is fair for both the industry and also to protect the public health. What we're doing is, like the Representative said with this Amendment

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that was just adopted, replacing the Bill and changing the regulatory scheme and such that we're not requiring additional wells at this time and extra burdens in that sense. There is a fee increase, but industry has agreed to it. And what this fee increase will do is it would allow for additional inspectors to ensure that compliance is being met. I think this was a good strike and balance of compromise with both industry and those other stakeholders at the table. I will be supporting this Bill. And with this Amendment, I would encourage all of you to do so as well."

Speaker Harris: "This Bill, it being on the Order of Short Debate, we've had one speaker in favor. Mr. Walsh, do you rise in opposition?"

Walsh: "No. Is it on Short Debate or Standard Debate?"

Speaker Harris: "Short Debate."

Walsh: "Well, I was just going to talk on it, but I'm not in opposition."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Avelar to close."

Avelar: "I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote on this Bill."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 653 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'nay'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 100 voting 'yes', 16 voting 'no', and 1 voting 'present', House Bill 653, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 14 of the Calendar is House Bill 2777, Representative Burke. Representative Burke. Out of the record. On page 15 of the

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Calendar is House Bill 3004, Mr. Batinick. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3004, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Batinick."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Batinick on Floor Amendment #1."

Batinick: "What Floor Amendment 1 does, there is two parts to the Bill, we removed a kind of a complicated part. What the Bill does is it puts a 12-month ban on someone from a pension board going to immediately work for a vendor of that pension board or for that particular pension board. So, the Amendment takes it from five years down to one year."

Speaker Harris: "The Motion is 'Shall'... Representative Batinick moves to amend Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3004. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment 1 is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3004, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment... when I explained the Amendment, that explained the Bill. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3004 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?"

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Cassidy, McLaughlin, Tarver. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3004, having achieved the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Brady, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Brady: "Point of personal privilege please, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

Brady: "Yesterday, regarding House Bill 3697, I intended to vote 'no' on that Bill and the switch malfunctioned. So, I'd like to record to reflect my intention."

Speaker Harris: "The record shall so reflect. On page 3 of the Calendar is House Bill 102, Representative Carroll. Representative Carroll. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 102, a Bill for an Act concerning health. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #4 is offered by Representative Carroll."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Carroll on Floor Amendment #4."

Carroll: "Yeah, Floor... thank you very much, everybody. Floor Amendment #4 just cleans up the language on the Bill to make sure that... that we understand who is supposed to be implementing the policy. There's no objections. I just ask for its adoption."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no discussion, Representative Carroll moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #4 to House Bill 102. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 102, a Bill for an Act concerning health.
Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Carroll."

Carroll: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the chamber. Today I present to you HB102, also known as Elijah's Law. This legislation was brought to me by an individual from New York whose son was at a day care center, who had an allergy to dairy, who was given, on his first day, a grilled cheese sandwich which the boy was allergic to. The boy passed away, and part of the reason for that was there was not proper policy in place to train staff on how to deal with food allergies. This legislation will create better training around that issue. I know of no opposition to this Bill, and I ask for your support. And I'm happy to answer any questions. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no questions, 'Shall House Bill 102 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Robinson. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', House Bill 102, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 14 of the Calendar is House Bill 2777, Representative Burke. Mr. Clerk... Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2777, a Bill for an Act concerning government. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1, 2, 3, and 4 have

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been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Burke."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Burke on Floor Amendment #1."

Burke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 1 is a gut and replace and becomes the Bill. It is an extension of the sunset of the Cemetery Oversight Act. And it contains other updates and clarifications that were negotiated with IDFPR. It came out of committee unanimously, and I know of no opposition. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall'... Representative Burke moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2777. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment #1 is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Burke."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Burke on Floor Amendment #2."

Burke: "Floor Amendment #2 makes a technical change labeling a subsection that was letter 'l' and turns it into subsection #1."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Burke moves to adopt Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 2777. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Motion is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Burke."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Burke."

Burke: "Floor Amendment #3 is a page and line Amendment that clarifies some provisions about a cemetery manager. It was

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drafted after our initial committee hearing to address a concern of one of our Members. And again, it came out of committee unanimously and has no opposition."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Burke has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 2777. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #4 is offered by Representative Burke."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Burke."

Burke: "Floor Amendment #4 changes the original extension, which had been a 10 year extension, and it takes it down to 5 years. Again, passed committee unanimously. I know of no opposition, and I ask for the adoption of House Floor Amendment #4."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Burke moves to adopt House Amendment #4 to House Bill 2777. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2777, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Burke."

Burke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe I described the Floor Amendments that become the Bill in our previous discussion. Again, it passed committee unanimously. I know of no opposition, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2777 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Halpin, Mah, Walsh, West. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2777, having achieved a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 24 of the Calendar is House Bill 2542, Representative Cassidy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. And could we move the Bill back to the Order of Second Reading for an Amendment, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2542, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Cassidy."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Cassidy on Floor Amendment 1."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 1 addresses concerns raised by the Press Association concerning publication waivers and the process by which that gets handled. And it removes their opposition. And I ask that we adopt the Amendment."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Cassidy has moved to adopt Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 2542. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Representative Cassidy on... please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2542, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Thank you. Illinois is one of a very small handful of states with an absolute barrier to name change for anyone with a felony background. This removes that barrier and allows the judge to determine if someone's circumstances should allow it. Very specifically, this has a particularly dangerous impact on people who have survived human trafficking, people... certain survivors of domestic violence, folks who are transgender and are seeking to get their documents lined up with their identity. This puts this back in the hands of a judge who can determine if somebody meets those standards. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She indicates she'll yield."

Batinick: "Representative, I had somebody send me some important questions about this Bill that I wanted to ask and get clarification on."

Cassidy: "It's handy to have somebody important in your life."

Batinick: "What... what safeguards are there in place to ensure that someone with a past criminal record or who is on the registry cannot change their name to avoid accountability? So, the whole idea..."

Cassidy: "That's a great question. Really well-written question. The state's attorney will be notified in these cases and has the opportunity to file an objection that the judge will hear and ultimately decide based on the facts of the case. And

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both old and new names, or even unofficial aliases, will follow a person in the criminal records database and on their registry."

Batinick: "Okay. So, that kind of leads to my next question. How will victims know if someone changes their name?"

Cassidy: "I'm sorry. I... what was that?"

Batinick: "How will victims know if someone changes their name?"

Cassidy: "So, under existing law, a person who's eligible to change their names after the 10-year bar ends is not required to notify victims or other entities of their name change. Nothing about our Bill changes the current notification practice and process for victims. I want to be very clear. If somebody is still serving their sentence, that... that is different. They can't... they cannot change their names during that time. And that is when victim notification happens, when people are still in custody. The legislation does add a requirement that someone notify the registry of a name change, which is now not currently required. So, we're adding that extra layer. And organizations that represent survivors such as The Network and Chicago Alliance against Sexual Exploitation are supportive and helped us draft this legislation."

Batinick: "Okay. And for the publication waiver, how are you defining a hardship? What prevents anybody from saying they have a hardship?"

Cassidy: "The hardship exemption is requested under penalty of perjury. And while there is a presumption that it is granted, the judge makes the final determination based on the facts of each case. We wanted to keep the waiver provision broad enough

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to allow for the difference in hardship circumstances for those who may seek the waiver, including the survivor of domestic violence or trafficking is looking for a clean state.. clean slate, the immigrant mother who needs correct paperwork quickly to visit an ill relative overseas, or a transgender individual who fears for their safety if required to be publicly outed. The standardized forms created by the court will give examples as a way of further defining the exception, including financial hardship, language or disability access issues, time sensitive requests that if delayed would put someone at risk of legal, financial, health, or safety concerns, health, safety, and risk of discrimination or physical or emotional harm. It's important to note that many of the folks we're talking about here exist in a space where they are more likely to be murdered than to get a paying job. And we need to do everything we can to allow people to live safely."

Batinick: "Right. And I think we talked off the record about this. Sex trafficking victims often fall under this category, correct?"

Cassidy: "Absolutely. We are talking about folks who frequently have records from crimes of survival based on their experience."

Batinick: "Okay. And then... lastly, this all goes in front of a judge for final... this just allows a judge to do the process?"

Cassidy: "Absolutely. Everything goes through a judge who... who is able to hear all of the facts of the case, including if a state's attorney has objected."

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Batinick: "Okay. I really appreciate you indulging me in the questions. I don't know, we'll probably get a little mixture over here. But thank you for answering those questions for our side."

Cassidy: "Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Cassidy to close."

Cassidy: "I just ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2542 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 85 voting 'yes', 27 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2542, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 24 of the Calendar is House Bill 2595, Representative Conroy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, please return House Bill 2595 to Second Reading for purposes of an Amendment."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2595, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Conroy."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Conroy on Floor Amendment 1."

Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. Floor Amendment 1 was adopted in committee today unanimously, and it basically makes a technical change as well as adds nutritionists and dieticians to the Bill, and also early intervention."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Conroy has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2595. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes'

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have it. And the Motion is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2595, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Conroy on House Bill 2595."

Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 2595 requires health plans to cover medically necessary treatment for mental health and substance use disorder. We are facing two public crises right now, COVID-19 and an ongoing mental health and addiction crisis that has been made worse by the pandemic. I have seen and heard, first hand, from my constituents about the challenges they are facing and their increased need for care. However, too often, we see that when people attempt to access treatment, they are wrongfully denied care because their insurance... insurer will tell them it is not needed and not medically necessary, rather than covering the treatment that people need to treat their underlying mental health or substance use disorder that will lead to long-term recovery. Health plans often limit coverage to short-term treatment to stabilize their immediate crisis and then cut care off. When health plans don't cover the mental health treatment Illinoisans need, taxpayers pick up the cost, as people move on to Medicaid, lose their jobs, and sometimes even become homeless. It is time we stop forcing people to descend into crisis before health care coverage kicks in. HB2595 will put in place strong standards about how plans determine what is medically necessary and will require insurers to cover all

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levels of mental health and addiction care. It will increase access to mental health treatment, giving people living with mental illness and substance use disorders the ability to access treatment sooner and get on the road to recovery. Colleagues, Illinois is at a critical juncture. Our communities are experiencing a mental health and addiction crisis that is only worsening by the day. The negative psychological and social dimensions of this pandemic will be felt by Illinoisans for years to come making the need for reforms of insurance coverage obligations that much more imperative at this time. House Bill 2595 will significantly increase access to medically necessary health care, giving people with mental health and substance use disorder the ability to access treatment sooner, get back to... get back on their feet, and move forward with the support they need. I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote, and I'm open to questions."

Speaker Harris: "There being no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2595 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Davidsmeyer, Wheeler, Omar Williams. Have all voted who wish? Wheeler. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present', and having received a Constitutional Majority, HB2595 is declared passed. On page 27 of the Calendar is House Bill 3928, Mr. Bennett. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3928, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Harris: "Representative Bennett on House Bill 3928."

Bennett: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. This Bill creates a Thirty-By-Thirty Conservative Task Force that will make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the conservation of Illinois land and implementation of strategies to conserve and protect 30 percent of the land in Illinois by 2030. This task force idea was brought to me by three constituents in our district, a high school environment science teacher and two high school students, who will also be a part of this task force. There is no opposition, and I move for an 'aye' vote, please."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no questions, the Motion is, 'Shall House Bill 3928 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'nay'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Chesney, Frese, Reick. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3928, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 24 of the Calendar... I'm sorry. On page 26 of the Calendar is House Bill 3277, Representative Costa Howard. Mr. Clerk, could you move this back to the Order of Second Reading for an Amendment?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3277, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Costa Howard."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Costa Howard on Floor Amendment 1."

Costa Howard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 is a... provides some technical changes in the language. It increases

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the age limit for our volunteers from 18 to 21. And it also acknowledges the requirements making sure that people have enough advocates in their communities. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "And Representative Costa Howard has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3277. All those in favor say 'aye'; the opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Motion is adopted. Anything further?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3277, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Costa Howard."

Costa Howard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Whether their age, children who have experienced abuse or neglect face a frightening, profound unknown, court rooms, foster care, new schools. Court Appointed Special Advocates or CASA are volunteers from our community, and they ensure that children never face these circumstances alone. 3277 recognizes that fact and provides the expansion and, more importantly, the clarity around what our special advocates can do for children. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3277 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Evans. Sommer. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3277 is hereby declared

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passed. On page 26 of the Calendar is House Bill 3461, Representative Crespo. Mr. Clerk, please move this back to the Order of Second Reading for an Amendment. Representative Crespo."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3461, a Bill for an Act concerning education. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Crespo."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Crespo on Amendment 2... Floor Amendment 2."

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 make some technical changes to replace the term 'teachers' with 'school personnel' to include all the employees in a school district. It also provides methods on how to report grooming, and it provides that the policy should be implemented not later than January of each year. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Crespo has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3461. All those in... Representative Bourne, do you rise for the... I'm sorry. So, Representative Crespo has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3461. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment #2 is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3461, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Crespo."

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. Currently, today, schools may adopt and implement a policy addressing

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sexual abuse of children that might include age appropriate curriculum for students in pre-K through 5th grade. This is known as Erin's Law. House Bill 3461 provides that each school district shall adopt a policy that includes evidence-based curriculum for students in pre-K all the way through 12th grade. It also requires the school district to update its policy and all training materials and instruction regarding grooming behaviors, and it also requires them to report these behaviors to school authorities. This is a recommendation made by the Make Safe Task Force. I wanted to take a moment and thank Representative Keicher who's very involved in that task force, attended every meeting, and was able to contribute to this effort. And I ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3461 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3461, having achieved the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 9 of the Calendar is House Bill 1839, Representative Croke. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1839, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Croke."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Croke on Floor Amendment 1."

Croke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment makes numerous technical changes to the underlying Bill and removed opposition."

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Speaker Harris: "Representative Croke has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1839. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1839, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Croke."

Croke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HB1839 is a Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity initiative that would establish the good corporate citizen requirement for businesses that are recipients of state tax incentives or exemptions. It would allow for the Department of Commerce to suspend any credits or exemptions that were earned or used during a time when a business was not in compliance with the good corporate citizen requirement. Specifically if a business commits fraud or activity that poses a substantial threat or persistent nuisance to public health, safety, or welfare. The Amendment moved the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce to being a proponent of the Bill and IMA to neutral. There are no opponents at this time that I'm aware of. Happy to answer any questions the Members may have."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Sosnowski, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Sosnowski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a quick question of the Sponsor. As you just mentioned, the opposition was removed. Could you just touch on a little bit of detail on what their

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original opposition was and why they went neutral and/or supportive of your measure?"

Croke: "So, one of the concerns was the use of the term 'investigations'. So, we removed that. There have to be actual charges or complaints that led to a judicial proceeding. And we also changed it from 'revoking the exemption or credit' to 'suspension'."

Sosnowski: "Thank you very much. I appreciate it."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no further questions, Representative Croke to close."

Croke: "I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1839 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Ugaste. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present', House Bill 1839, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 23 is House Bill 453, Representative Davis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 453, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Davis."

Davis: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 453 amends the Property Tax Code by requiring taxing districts to make good faith efforts to collect and electronically publish information about its vendors and subcontractors that do business with that particular taxing district. This will apply to only those taxing districts that have an aggregate

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property tax levy greater than \$5 million in the applicable... excuse me, in the applicable assessment year. The effect of House Bill 453 is to encourage taxing districts to provide more information and transparency to its property taxpayers and the interested... and interested constituents. This contains an immediate effective date but would not begin to apply until levy year 2022. The Bill especially seeks the following information from taxing districts about vendors and subcontractors doing business with it and being paid by it. And whether their contractor... vendor or contractor is a minority-owned, women-owned, veteran-owned business, and whether the vendor or subcontractor holds any certifications for those categories, or if they are self-certifying. I'll be more than happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Harris: "There being no questions, House... Representative Davis moves the... I'm sorry. There being no questions, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 453 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mussman. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 110 voting 'yes', 5 voting 'no', and 1 voting 'present', House Bill 453, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 25 of the Calendar is House Bill 3114, Representative Delgado. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, could you please return this to the Order of Second Reading for the purposes of an Amendment?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3114, a Bill for an Act concerning education. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Delgado."

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Speaker Harris: "Representative Delgado on Floor Amendment #1."

Delgado: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3114 finalizes the members who are going to be serving on this committee. And it also clarifies that members may be reimbursed for expenses, not shall be reimbursed for expenses."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Delgado has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3114. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3114, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Delgado."

Delgado: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3114 is an initiative of the Illinois State Board of Education. This legislation repurposes the At-Risk Advisory Council to create the State Education Equity Committee. This committee will be tasked with considering potential policy changes that further promote equity in all aspects of birth through 12 education. The committee will be guided by the principles and goals set forth in ISBE's strategic plan. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "There being no on seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3114 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. I'm sorry. Did I miss you, Representative Butler? All those in favor vote 'yes'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all

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voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 111 voting 'yes', 5 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3114, having achieved the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Butler, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On House Bill 2542, I was recorded as a 'no' vote... or excuse me... as an 'NV', and I meant to vote 'yes'."

Speaker Harris: "The record will so reflect. On page 23 of the Calendar appears House Bill 642, Representative DeLuca. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 642, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative DeLuca."

DeLuca: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen. House Bill 642. What an honor to be the Sponsor of this Bill. This is a big moment for reform in the State of Illinois. House Bill 642 is Leadership term limits. It amends the General Assembly Operations Act. And basically what it says is, term limits for Legislative Leaders, no person may serve more than 10 consecutive years in the position of Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the House, and Minority Leader of the Senate. And it becomes effective in January of 2023. The Bill has about 62 cosponsors. It's a significant structural reform here in the State of Illinois. I'll go to questions if there's any questions or comments, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Harris: "There are no questions. Representative DeLuca to close."

DeLuca: "Just give me a minute here, Mr. Speaker, if you would."

Speaker Harris: "Are you ready to vote, Representative DeLuca?"

DeLuca: "Well, I see we have Speaker Welch here on the floor, and you have to give credit where credit is due. I think we have to compliment Speaker Welch. All of us here know how things work here in Springfield. You know, we included Leadership term limits in our rules and that in itself was very historic. We used the word historic many times when that happened. This takes it to an entirely new level. And it would not have happened without the support of Speaker Welch, who is also a cosponsor of the Bill. So, I want to give a round of applause to Speaker Welch. Thank you very much for your leadership on this issue. Please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 642 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 1 voting 'present', House Bill 642, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 23 of the Calendar appears House Bill 731, Representative Evans. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 731, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Evans."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can we confirm that Amendments were adopted, I believe?"

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Speaker Harris: "What's the status of the Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been adopted."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Evans."

Evans: "Great. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is an agreed Bill between the Community Manager Association Licensing and the department. I request your support."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 731 pass?' All those favor vote 'yes'; all opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Collins. D'Amico. Collins. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 731, having achieved the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 25 of the Calendar appears House Bill 2891, Representative Frese. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2891, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Frese."

Frese: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2891 amends the Environmental Protection Act. It allows for incidental sales of finished compost. And originally there were some opponents on this Bill. I thank Chairwoman Ann Williams and the cochair, Mr. Didech, and Representative Welter also helped. We got all of those agreements made, and they will be attached to this Bill in the Senate. It will limit the amount to 300 cubic yards of sales. I'll answer any questions."

Speaker Harris: "And there are no questions to answer. So, 'Shall House Bill 2891 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish?"

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Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Grant, Kifowit, Mazzochi, Nichols, Yingling. Yingling. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2891, having achieved the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 6 of the Calendar is House Bill 738, Representative Flowers. Flowers. Representative Flowers. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 738, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I would first like to thank..."

Speaker Harris: "Representative, I believe I made a mistake here. Mr. Clerk, is this Bill on the Order of Second Reading?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 738 is on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading."

Speaker Harris: "Are there any Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No Amendments... no Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 738, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "I'm sorry, Representative Flowers. Now to you."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would like to, first of all, thank Representative Gabel for sharing this wonderful piece of legislation with

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me. Most of you may have remembered last year that I wanted... I wanted clinics all over the state to address the issues of infant and maternal mortality and morbidity. And, of course, everyone said that it cost too much, but I was thinking about the costs of the women's lives as well as the babies. But Representative Gabel had this wonderful Bill, and she decided to share it with me. And so, now... as soon as I put on my glasses, I'll be able to tell you. House Bill 738, as amended, is... it is creating more birthing centers on the South and West Side of the City of Chicago as well as East St. Louis. And the total number of possible birthing centers could be now 17. And I know of no opposition to this Bill, and I would be more than happy to answer any questions. But in the meantime, I would appreciate an 'aye' vote'."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. An inquiry of the Clerk. What is the status of Amendment 1?"

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Amendment #1 was tabled."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Flowers: "Yes."

Demmer: "So, Representative Flowers, you described Amendment 1, but Amendment 1 was tabled?"

Flowers: "Amendment... is there another Amendment on the Bill?"

Demmer: "I don't believe so. I see Amendment 1 was filed, but, as indicated, it was tabled on March 23."

Flowers: "Can you take this Bill out of the record for a minute?"

Speaker Harris: "At the Sponsor's request, we'll take the Bill out of the record. And we'll come back to you. On page 25 of

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the Calendar is House Bill 2775, Representative Ford. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2775, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ford."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 2775 is an initiative of HOPE Fair Housing Center and Illinois Coalition for Housing. House Bill 2775, source of income. Despite the fair housing rights provided in the Illinois Human Rights Act, many Illinoisans face housing discrimination that locks them out of opportunities due to exclusive use of source of income... the exclusion of source of income. Several municipalities in Illinois, as well as 19 states, the District of Columbia, and more than 100 cities and counties outside Illinois have successfully implemented source of income protections. I want to repeat. Several municipalities in Illinois, as well as 19 states, the District of Columbia, and more than 100 cities and counties outside of Illinois have successfully implemented source of income protection. However, in Illinois, landlords in areas without source of income protection can legally deny housing to individuals simply because they choose not to accept an applicant's legal source of income. Unfortunately, this is common. There are approximately 99 thousand federal housing choice participants and more than 575 thousand households earn non-wage income, such as veteran's benefits, Social Security, or rent subsidy, often confronted by stigma, misunderstanding, and outright willingness... unwillingness to accept their forms of income. This limits their housing

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choice. The Bill affirms that rental property owners across Illinois must treat prospective renters without discrimination or prejudice. Landlords evaluating a potential tenant will go through the same process and procedure they normally would while bearing in mind that veteran benefits, Social Security, alimony, child support, a housing subsidy such as a federal housing choice voucher, often used by veterans, families with children, and people with disabilities, should be treated just like any other form of income. Landlords will retain the right to refuse a unit to any prospective tenant who does not meet their eligibility requirements. I repeat, landlords will retain the right to refuse a unit to any prospective tenant who does not meet their eligibility criteria. House Bill 2775 is not a mandate. It is not a mandate to prioritize a specific type of renter, rather it is a mandate to give each applicant a fair and equal review. Several jurisdictions in Illinois, such as Cook County, Urbana, and Naperville, already have laws prohibiting source of income discrimination, leaving renters in other parts of Illinois without the same protections. Research by the national real estate entity Zillow demonstrate that source of income protections help, not hinder, the housing market by expanding housing choice without any measureable negative impact. The benefits are clear. This is something we should all support. House Bill 2775 would not only create more free and open housing market, but would help prevent displacement and homelessness by ensuring that the state's emergency COVID response has the intended impact by putting in place safeguards to incentivize the acceptance of

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emergency rent relief instead of filing evictions. We will make sure that Illinois' COVID dollars help the families who need it most. Illinois needs to catch up with states like Massachusetts, which, since 1971, has had the protection like those created under House Bill 2775. And just last week, Rhode Island passed a statewide source of income protection. And this is somewhat like... we always talk about we need a task force and we need to study. We have proof, it's in law in many states. We don't need task force for this. We have proof that it works. We need to be honest when we discuss what's at stake here, and that's the human rights of people of Illinois. This is not just about certain types of income. It's about the people that use certain types of income. This is about how certain types of income have been stigmatized because of the prejudice against those through the benefits of rental assistance programs. When a landlord discriminates against a legal source of income like vouchers, it's the family and not the income that has been harmed. Research has proven that discrimination based on source of income is often a proxy for the other forms of illegal discrimination, such as race and disability discrimination. Furthermore, without source of income protections, landlords can discriminate against veterans, voucher holders, people with disabilities, and older adults by refusing to accept their non-wage income. And those Illinoisans will have no recourse unless we act together to pass House Bill 2775. I yield for questions."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mazzochi."

Mazzochi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "Indicates he'll yield."

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Mazzochi: "All right. Representative Ford, if you can take a look at the second page of the Bill, subpart (e), which starts on line 21. It says, 'Program staff, to the extent practicable, shall endeavor to lessen any administrative burden on landlords receiving assistance payments under this Act.' What... why is that provision there?"

Ford: "The goal is to make sure that we do everything that we can to make sure that landlords give a fair shot to all prospective tenants. The intent of the Bill is simple. That's the goal. That's the intent. And that will be the answer to your question."

Mazzochi: "Right. Well, I'd like to understand how you can square the notion that you're going to lessen the burden... the administrative burden on landlords receiving assistance payments under the Act when we then go to all of the administrative burdens that you are going to impose on landlords that you have actually carved out of the definition of administrative burden. So, let's take a look at some of those on page four. 'The owner or the agent of the owner can overcome the affirmative defense.' So, you're basically saying that the landlord who wants to try to provide the housing is going to get taken into court. He can be trying to get possession of his unit because a tenant hasn't paid rent. It could be a condo association who is trying to gain possession because the individual who has not been paying their homeowners association fees. You've given those individuals an affirmative defense to say, but I think I am going... that the landlord didn't actually make enough effort to apply for housing assistance on my behalf. That's... that's

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the... that's what you've got in subsection (c), 'A defendant may assert an affirmative defense if the defendant, a social services agency, or government agency offered'... not can actually provide... 'offered the owner or it's agent an application for emergency housing assistance and the owner or agent refused to complete the process.' And the only things that you're letting the... and the things that you're saying is not an administrative burden... if this is a private entity and the landlord doesn't want to have to deal with them, you're saying that it's not a burden to submit a Social Security Number, taxpayer ID number, complete a W-9, talk... tell them your bank information by providing a voided bank account check and deposit slip, submit your bank account number, submit proof of ownership, proof of payment, allow the agency to inspect the premises to determine that the property meets the prevailing building code requirements. So, you are... right there, isn't it true you're basically forcing the landlord to allow an outside agency to come in and inspect their property?"

Ford: "Come on now. You know that that's true. And so..."

Mazzochi: "Of course, it's true. You don't have a problem with that?"

Ford: " ...and so, we're not... we're not trying to hide it. It's in the Bill."

Mazzochi: "You don't have a problem with..."

Ford: "But let me tell you what's true too. That this has been proven by 19 states to work."

Mazzochi: "Okay."

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Ford: "Now, that's what we have to recognize. That, in 19 states and the District of Columbia, it's working well. And we're protecting people with disabilities, we're protecting people with limited income but still qualify just like a regular tenant that may apply with regular income."

Mazzochi: "Well, you may believe that it's working, but actually..."

Ford: "Well..."

Mazzochi: "...in Illinois our State Constitution actually guarantees private property owners more rights than a lot of other states in the nation."

Ford: "Wait. You say I may think it's working or do you have proof that it's not?"

Mazzochi: "Do you have proof that it is working?"

Ford: "Yes."

Mazzochi: "Because in all of these states that you're talking about, there's all... the affordability for housing hasn't gone away. Actually, the Chicago market has been one of the better markets relative to our peer states statewide in terms of actually getting affordable housing. And what this Body seems to keep wanting to do is impose more burdens on the landlords. And I'd really like to know in what universe you get more affordable housing by making affordable housing harder to do."

Ford: "But this is not about affordable housing. This is about source of income."

Mazzochi: "This is not about a source of income because this is also breaching landlords' property rights and also breaching landlords' contracted rights. So..."

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Speaker Harris: "Representative Mazzochi, could you bring your remarks to a close?"

Mazzochi: "No, I'd like to ask for Unlimited Debate, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Harris: "We'll move this to the Order of Standard Debate. We will continue the use of the timer. Representative Mazzochi has spoken. Next would be Representative..."

Mazzochi: "No. I'd like to continue, please. I've asked for Unlimited Debate."

Speaker Harris: "We are on the Order of Standard Debate. You've had your three minutes. It's Representative Chesney. Morrison donates his time to Mazzochi. Three minutes."

Mazzochi: "All right. One of the... one of the objections to this legislation... and if you... is that... well, you agree that you are... that if a landlord does not accept a Section 8 housing voucher, they can be sued for civil liability and penalties, correct?"

Ford: "No. Absolutely not, and you should not say that."

Mazzochi: "That is... that is..."

Ford: "You're a lawyer, and you know better than to say that... that this..."

Mazzochi: "I am a lawyer. And I've read this..."

Ford: "...well then, you know that's not true."

Mazzochi: "All right. You know what? Since you're going to filibuster, to the Bill. It is clear that you are... you have on page 15, 'A landlord commits a civil rights violation if the landlord does not comply with the requirements of this Section.' And one of the things that you are requiring is that they must accept a housing voucher, including under subsection (8). Let me talk about what the housing assistance

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payment contract specifically says 'Use of this form. Use of this HAP contract is required by HUD. Modification of the HAP contract is not permitted. The HAP contract must be word-for-word in the form prescribed by HUD.' So, if a landlord does not want to accept this contract, you are forcing the landlord to accept every term of this contract. The contract also specifically says, 'The PHA may terminate program assistance for the family for any grounds authorized in accordance with HUD requirements. The PHA may terminate the HAP contract if the PHA determines, in accordance with HUD requirements, that available program funding is not sufficient to support continued assistance. The PHA may terminate the HAP contract if the contract unit does not provide adequate space in accordance with the HQS because of an increase in family size. If the family breaks up, the PHA shall not be obligated to pay any late penalty fees if HUD determines that late payment is due to factors beyond the PHA's control.' Over and over and over again, mandatory contract terms that we do not require in the State of Illinois, you are imposing it on landlords. And to say that, oh, well the landlord just has to accept the voucher or... and that's the only way to avoid civil penalties, that is a mandate. And to say otherwise is to abuse the language that you have put in here. If you wanted to strike the civil penalty, then maybe you could argue that there wouldn't be a mandate. But when you are telling a landlord, you either accept this Section 8 voucher or you've committed a civil rights violation where, under the terms of our statute, you can be liable for up to \$70 thousand in damages, injunctive relief, attorney fees. You can't say that

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is not compelled. And for you to say... and to also not even limit it to just the federal but to give our state agencies the same authority to go in and demand that a landlord turn over their tax forms, permit an inspection..."

Speaker Harris: "Representative, your time has expired. Your time has expired."

Mazzochi: "You have... with no warrant. I urge a 'no' vote. This is..."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ramirez."

Ramirez: "Thank you, Speaker. Does the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He indicates he'll yield."

Ramirez: "Thank you. So, I want to follow up on this passionate debate here, and I want to ask a question to the Sponsor. Just for clarification, does this legislation not create a preference for any type of renter or household? Not."

Ford: "It absolutely does not."

Ramirez: "So, that means that if a landlord has eligibility criteria that they apply equally, and the application doesn't meet that criteria, they can deny that person?"

Ford: "Absolutely. It's not a mandate to accept a tenant unless they meet their criteria. Now, I really appreciate your true reading of the legislation, Representative."

Ramirez: "You're welcome, Representative. So, that means that the source of income protection would simply prohibit the blanket policy of refusing to rent to someone just based on the type of income, not the amount of income, correct?"

Ford: "Absolutely. And, once again, I thank you because... you're not a lawyer, are you?"

Ramirez: "I'm not a lawyer. That's correct."

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Ford: "Sometimes lawyers can have a lot of hyperbole. You're doing a great job being fair with this legislation. Thank you."

Ramirez: "Thank you, Representative. So, the last thing I would ask you is... so, is it not the case that 19 states... I know we've talked about it, but 19 states and the District of Columbia have already adopted source of income protections, including rental subsidies in their state fair housing laws?"

Ford: "Yes. You want me to name them?"

Ramirez: "Yes, please."

Ford: "Let's see, we have California, Connecticut, Colorado, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington."

Ramirez: "So, you said North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington?"

Ford: "Yes."

Ramirez: "Got it. So, it sounds like Massachusetts has also had these protections for about 50 years. And it sounds like there is no evidence that having a source of income protection harms the rental housing market. In fact, studies have shown that protections like this significantly reduce rates of discrimination and that the values of the vouchers have paced with the market changes. Is that correct?"

Ford: "Absolutely. Since 1971 they've had it."

Ramirez: "To the Bill. I wholeheartedly believe that, while we have been talking about COVID and the impact of COVID, there's absolutely no possibility for economic recovery if we don't address the multifacets of housing crises that every single

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one of us are experiencing across the State of Illinois. Housing discrimination is wrong. Housing discrimination is wrong, and this Bill, this Bill will be able to help rectify that. I wholeheartedly believe in this legislation and ensuring that anyone in the State of Illinois, regardless of where the source of income comes from, be able to have quality-high, affordable housing. So, to that, I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Chesney."

Chesney: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He indicates he'll yield."

Chesney: "Representative, just for clarification purposes, if the applicant reaches all of the parameters and the only source of income is a Section 8 voucher, for example, the landlord would then be required to accept that particular voucher as a form of payment, correct?"

Ford: "If they meet all criteria except what?"

Chesney: "If they meet all the criteria with the exception of the payment method, and that payment method happen to be Section 8 housing vouchers, that landlord, big or small, independent or business, would be required to accept that particular form of payment. Is that correct?"

Ford: "Let me just put it this way. So, are you saying that you have tenant A... prospective tenant A, prospective tenant B. They both have the same criteria. They both are qualified in the same way because they have the same income. Yes, they would be required to consider that tenant just like they consider..."

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Chesney: "No, not A and B. Just... let's just say applicant A. comes in, wants to rent a property. They... they meet all the criteria..."

Ford: "Let me just... I heard you. And I'm telling you that we put A and B together, if they are equal..."

Chesney: "I just want to talk about A."

Ford: "But you can't talk about A without talking about B."

Chesney: "Well, I want to talk about A. These are my questions."

Ford: "All right. Well, go right ahead."

Chesney: "Okay. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this has nothing to do with discrimination. Absolutely nothing. This has to do with consumer choice, but this also has to do with the public sector intentionally coming in and seizing private property. And it's forcing... it's forcing relationships that are required by the state now. Has nothing to do with discrimination. It's already illegal, right now, to discriminate. But if you have a policy, as a landlord, and your policy is you don't want to accept credit card, if your policy is you don't want to accept cash, maybe your policy is you only want to accept a check. Now, under this legislation, it is forcing a public-private partnership with the State and the Federal Government. Now, we already have programs under Section 8 housing, under RAD, programs throughout the State of Illinois that work with this. But if you're a mom and pop landlord and you own one property, you are now required to work with the Federal Government on Section 8 housing vouchers if every other parameter is met. But, I think, Representative Ford, we had a spirited debate on the... in the committee. And I just respectfully disagree with your philosophical position

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on discrimination. This has nothing to do with discrimination. I think we're too loosely using the word discrimination. What we're talking about is... it's already illegal to discriminate. It's already illegal to not rent to somebody based off of the list that we've already established under law. But what we are saying is, is if a landlord creates criteria within their own business model and they don't want to work with the Federal Government, under this legislation, you're now requiring them to. But that's not the piece that most upsetting. What's most upsetting about this piece of legislation is our former Lieutenant Governor, who's a Republican, is sponsoring it. That is the most outrageous piece of legislation I have ever seen a Republican support. She was our key witness. Now, Representative Ford, I do think it's quite interesting that you're working with the Rauner Administration. But I can tell you, this is bad policy. And I know you disagree with the Rauner Administration on many occasions. And while I don't expect you to disagree with me today, I can tell you, on the Republican side of the aisle, this is again failed Rauner-Sanguinetti policy. And I strongly urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative LaPointe."

LaPointe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "Indicates he'll yield."

LaPointe: "I have a... a few questions, and I want to respond to a few things that just came up. First of all, we have just heard about the diversity of supporters for this Bill, which actually, to me, is a tremendous thing. But we just heard something about smaller mom and pop landlords who might own

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just about one unit. And it's my understanding that they're exempted from the Human Rights Act protections in this Bill. Can you talk about the... the difference in this Bill as it pertains to much smaller landlords?"

Ford: "I'm so happy you brought that up because you prove, again, that the other side is misleading people on this floor. This Bill would exempt ma and pa landlords with one to four units that live at the property as well. So, for the other side to say that it forces ma and pa to rent to people with Section 8 is unfortunate."

LaPointe: "That's helpful for me to know, especially for landlords in my district. Okay. Another question. Am I right that the Bill doesn't... does not, excuse me, prohibit landlords from considering a tenant's amount of income?"

Ford: "Does it... I'm sorry. Could you ask that again?"

LaPointe: "Am I right that this Bill does not prohibit landlords from considering a tenant's amount of income? And we see that a lot, kind of, in listings, oh you have to have three times the amount of income as the rent is."

Ford: "You're absolutely right."

LaPointe: "Okay. I'm going to speak to the Bill. And one of the reasons this Bill is important is because, in many jurisdictions in Illinois today, it actually is legal to discriminate based on source of income. So, if somebody's source of income is unemployment or they're a gig worker or contractual worker, a landlord actually can use that as a reason not to rent to them. And in a time like now where everyone's income is fluctuating, I think this is a perfect time for this Bill. And as somebody on the other side said,

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yes, we do have programs like Section 8 right now, but I would like to point out that the demand for those programs far outweighs the need. And those programs are lottery programs. And as a former social worker, I have worked with so many people and really considered getting a voucher a golden ticket. And once someone got that golden ticket, they then have every single door slammed in their face and were not able to actually rent a unit, and then sometimes lost the voucher. So, I appreciate you bringing this Bill forward. I think that it's going to..."

Speaker Harris: "Could you bring your remarks to a close?"

LaPointe: "...bring us in alignment with the other states you mentioned. And I'm... gives me a lot of comfort that there's a diversity of supporters for this Bill. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ford to close."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I also want to thank the other side for their passionate display of difference in philosophy. But in closing, the frequent denial of housing based on source of income disproportionately affects black and Latinos in this state. Individuals with disabilities, whether you're black or white, older adults, females, head of households. And it's really disappointing to me and who am I for us to debate about racism. A white man telling a black man something about discrimination, as if he knows more than me and he's experienced what I've experienced. So, I really... I'm really happy that we went there because I think it has connected us to talk more about race. This new law is critical to ensure a more just and equitable housing market across our state and to combat historic segregation and discrimination.

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Landlords retain the right to refuse a unit to any prospective tenant who does not meet their eligibility criteria. House Bill 2775 is not a mandate to prioritize a specific type of renter. Rather, it is a mandate to give each application equal review. Importantly, this Bill would not create new requirements for small ma and pa landlords, as owner-occupied buildings with four or less units are exempt from fair housing requirements of the Illinois Human Rights Act. House Bill 2775 has a diverse list of endorsers, including former U.S. Senator Mark Kirk, Veterans of Foreign Affairs, the AARP, Access Living, and many other centers for independent living representing people with disabilities across the State of Illinois. The Chicago Urban League, the Illinois National Organization for Women, the League of Women Voters, and Zillow, who operates the most visited real estate Web site in the United States. This is a basic human rights issue. Where we live is center to all other factors of our life from our social networks to our health. As elected officials, we have a duty to ensure that all of the residents that have what they need to prosper. Strengthening our fair housing protection is a no-cost way for the state to remove barriers to stabilize housing, and thus, a no-cost way to support families and communities, stabilizing them all over. I ask for a 'yes' vote for House Bill 2775 to strengthen our Fair Housing Act in Illinois. Thank you for the debate."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2775 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the

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record. With a vote of 62 voting 'yes', 48 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present', House Bill 2775, having achieved a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 18 of the Calendar appears House Bill 3401, Representative Gabel. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3401, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Gabel."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Gabel on Floor Amendment #1."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 is a result of negotiations with stakeholders who include the Illinois State Medical Society, the Illinois Nurses Association, American College of Gynecologists and Obstetricians, Illinois Health and Hospital Associations, among many others. This language makes some slight changes across the Bill after negotiations with the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Williams, for..."

Williams, A.: "Hi there. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She indicates... would you like to move this to Third Reading..."

Williams, A.: "Standard Debate?"

Speaker Harris: "...Third Reading and..."

Williams, A.: "Oh, yeah, that's fine."

Speaker Harris: "...adopt the Amendment. Okay. So, let's adopt the Amendment and move this to Third Reading for further discussion. So, the Motion is Representative Gabel moves to adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3401. All those in

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favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Motion is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3401, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a very exciting time to be calling this Bill. This Bill will... will allow for certified midwife licensing. This Bill has been around for 20 years, way before my time here. I really want to thank Leader Flowers for all her work on the Bill that she's done before, and there are so many others. Representative Moeller, Representative Greenwood, Representative Lilly, and Representative Hernandez have all taken a piece of this Bill and moved it forward over the years. This Bill is restoring licensure for midwives. This is an issue that has been brought before the Legislature, as I said, since 1979. The stakeholder organizations that have been in this last round of negotiations have been consistent in their efforts since 2000. At that time, there were only 17 states that licensed professional midwives. Now, 20 years later, there are 35 states and the District of Columbia that allow for certified professional midwives. While there are... the increase in home births across the country increased, dozens of Illinois counties are left without any obstetrical doctors and any care. Most recently, the U.S. Department of Health and Human

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Services has allowed certified licensed midwives to give immunizations. This is a respected practice. This is... this will help... there's about a thousand of these births ever year. This will make them legitimate, legal, licensed, and safe. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Leader Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Yes. I believe, Mr. Speaker, that there will be a few people asking questions. Will you remove this from Short Debate? I would appreciate it."

Speaker Harris: "We will go to Standard Debate, and we will use the timer."

Hoffman: "Representative, I... I want to support your Bill, however, it's my understanding that there's a concern in that an Amendment that was proposed by the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association was not adopted to the Bill, I guess, in committee. And the issue really concerns the issue of liability. If there is some negligence and if something happens to the baby during the birthing process and the baby is injured, the issue concerning liability. So, I have a couple questions. And I know that the midwives, under the Bill, they're encouraged to consult with physicians if they have any questions during labor, which is a good thing. But if the midwife consults with a physician and is given bad advice, in other words, negligent advice, and the mother or baby is injured because of the midwife follows that advice, can a claim be brought against the consultant that provided the negligent advice? And it's my understanding that this Bill would prohibit that. Is that correct?"

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Gabel: "Well, let me be clear. The Trial Lawyers had three things they asked for to change in this Bill. We changed two of them. Also, that the..."

Hoffman: "But... but my question is, specifically... specifically under your Bill, can a claim be brought against the consultant that provided the negligent advice that could have resulted in great harm to the baby?"

Gabel: "If there is negligent behavior, they can always be brought. There can always be a claim brought."

Hoffman: "It's my understanding..."

Gabel: "Everybody in this Bill is responsible for their own actions. Doctors... any doctor that assist is responsible for their own actions. The midwives are responsible for their own actions. And the hospital is responsible for their own actions."

Hoffman: "If that were the case, then I would've asked you to adopt the Amendment because that would have made it very clear. It's my understanding that the consultant who provides the consultation, whether that's a doctor or hospital, would not... and the midwife followed this negligent advice, they would not be liable under your Bill. And that's the concern. So, I... I'm not going to be able to support your Bill today. I do want to support it. I would just ask if you were to adopt that Amendment, I think it would get overwhelming support. It may pass anyway. But if you were to adopt that Amendment, we still have time to do it today. You could do it tomorrow. Adopt the Amendment, allow if there is an injury and a substantial injury, someone has to pay for the medical costs to the injured baby throughout their lifetime. And under your

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Bill, unfortunately, you're removing that liability. And that's why I must stand in opposition to your Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Williams."

Williams, A.: "Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She indicates she'll yield."

Williams, A.: "First of all, Leader Gabel, I just want to congratulate you on your years, almost decades, of hard work to bring the practice of midwifery to a place that we are talking about today. It's so exciting to see it this close to the finish line. I just have a few questions just to ensure that, as we move forward, we've dotted all the i's and crossed all the t's. With regard to... back to what other previous speaker referenced. Insurance, liability, those things. Is that addressed at all in the Bill? The insurance piece of... are midwives required to have insurance at all?"

Gabel: "There is no licensure... no health care licensure that requires insurance. Doctors are not, in their practice Act, required to have insurance. Nurses are not. Everybody opposed putting that into this kind of a licensure Act."

Williams, A.: "Okay. So, if there is unfortunate circumstance and there is a situation where the midwife might consult with a physician or utilize a hospital as kind of a consulting law, is there any recourse against those bigger pockets? Obviously, the midwives don't have the insurance or the ability to address a liability issue. How would that be handled?"

Gabel: "Was there a question there?"

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Williams, A.: "Yeah. How would that be handled if there was an unfortunate injury or some problem with the baby or..."

Gabel: "There is common law that states... and there... that states that everyone is responsible for their own behavior. So, if... if there is a problem, if the baby has a problem, they got transferred it to the hospital. The hospital's only responsible for any actions that they do at that hospital at that time."

Williams, A.: "But is there not a consulting law that takes place? I mean, do midwives consult with doctors and other medical professionals as part of the process, or are they just kind of... is it a freelance sort of thing? It was my understanding of the Bill that there is a potential for a consulting law. That's kind of my... part of my question."

Gabel: "Midwives can consult if they want to. Doctors can consult with midwives all the way through a pregnancy and up through delivery if they want to. You know, the... in the agreement that the midwives make with the... with the pregnant woman, they explain that... what the situation is, and they have to say if they have insurance or not."

Williams, A.: "Okay."

Gabel: "Midwives are going to try to have insurance, but it is... as you know, it's extremely expensive."

Williams, A.: "Yeah. So..."

Gabel: "More than they make every year."

Williams, A.: "Sure, which is kind of why I thought maybe the layering in the liability issue to someone with a consulting situation might be helpful. So, I guess my... one more question. I know that there is consideration, or there has been some

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consideration, of an issue where the doctors who consult could be held accountable if there is negligence. Doctors, of course, that follow this standard of care are still protected under current law and common law and statutory law, as you mentioned. So, would you consider, in the Senate, amending the... I know we don't have time this week, but in the Senate, would you consider pushing for that Amendment just so we can ensure that there are strong liability protections in place and we can all feel very confident when supporting this important initiative?"

Gabel: "We could take a look at it again in the Senate."

Williams, A.: "Okay. So, you're committed to supporting that piece?"

Gabel: "I'm committed to taking a look at it again in the Senate."

Williams, A.: "Okay. I appreciate you being committed to taking a look at it, and I'll give it some thought as we move toward a vote. Thank you."

Gabel: "Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Lady yield? Well, Representative, first of all, I want to commend you for carrying this Bill for such a long time. You've done a fantastic job. And I want to also commend you for making the commitment to continuing to work on it in the Senate in regards to access to insurance because we all want the mother and the baby to be fine. And we remember what happened years ago. We don't want that to happen again. And I just urge an 'aye' vote. And I'm looking forward to this Bill becoming law. And, once again, I'm looking forward to you working in

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the Senate to make sure that the midwives and the doctors have some type of relationship that the mom and the baby is protected, as well as the doctor, as well as the midwife. Thank you very much, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Gabel: "Thank you for your support."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Frese."

Frese: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think I'll just talk to the Bill. 'Cause the Representative has answered all of my questions. Been working with her... I think she said she's worked on this Bill for at least 10 months. She's been willing to work with all the opponents and try to make the best and necessary changes to her Bill. The use of a midwife in the birthing process is certainly not for everyone. But for those who do choose it, I thank the Sponsor for bringing this piece of legislation forward on their behalf. I'm sure there's going to be mixed support, perhaps, on our side of the aisle. But as for me, I strongly support your Bill and will gladly cast an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She indicate she'll... are you speaking in favor or opposition?"

Zalewski: "I genuinely want to have more information from the Sponsor before I make my decision."

Speaker Harris: "Okay. Please proceed."

Zalewski: "So, Robyn, when I chaired Health Care Licenses, this was a hundred years war between the medical society and the midwives. And as I recall, there's a licensure in effect for midwifery, however, this would create a new licensure?"

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Gabel: "The current license is for a nurse midwife. This is for a certified professional midwife."

Zalewski: "And what's the difference?"

Gabel: "One has to go to nursing school and one goes to midwife school."

Zalewski: "And with respect to the agreement among the stakeholders, it remains that the typical, traditional opposition remains on this Bill. Is that a fair assessment?"

Gabel: "No."

Zalewski: "Who's come over?"

Gabel: "The doctors, the hospitals, the nurses."

Zalewski: "So, the... the only hold out remains ITLA?"

Gabel: "ACOG"

Zalewski: "The only... the only hold out remains ITLA?"

Gabel: "Correct. The trial lawyers."

Zalewski: "The Leader mentioned that they had offered an Amendment?"

Gabel: "They offered... they offered an Amendment. They offered some changes. We accepted two of the changes and not all three. Yes."

Zalewski: "In the form of an Amendment? So, you amended the Bill based on two of the changes... sorry."

Gabel: "Yes."

Zalewski: "Okay. Thank you for answering my questions."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Moeller, are you in opposition or support?"

Moeller: "I speak in support."

Speaker Harris: "Okay. We've already had supporters. Representative Davidsmeyer, are you in opposition?"

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Davidsmeyer: "I'm currently in opposition but could be swayed. I have legitimate questions."

Speaker Harris: "Well, then legitimately ask them."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the opportunity to voice my questions. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She'll yield."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you. So, when we're talking about midwives or certified midwives, what is the standard... I've heard the term nurse midwife a lot. What is the term certified nurse midwife? What's the... what's the difference and what's the standard of training?"

Gabel: "So, a certified nurse midwife goes to nursing school and a... their degree is a master's degree. And they practice... the certified professional midwives are certified by an organization called MEAC. And we have... we spent... we've spent 20 years figuring out what their education should be. And their education is agreed upon by the doctors and the nurses as being... as being good. They... these are midwives that generally do home births. I think we're talking here about hospital births versus home births. This is a group of midwives who are trained to do home births and that's what they do. Up to this point, they... it's been illegal in this state to do them. And they couldn't get insurance. They couldn't transfer to a hospital. They couldn't talk to a doctor. And what this Bill does is it makes them legal. So, they can now try to get insurance. They can have relationships with a hospital so they can transfer a baby if that should happen. And the baby... it's much safer for the baby and the mom."

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Davidsmeyer: "Okay. So, is this still a master's level standard of training?"

Gabel: "I'm sorry. What was the question again?"

Davidsmeyer: "Is this still like a master's level of training? So, not just a bachelor's but a master's in..."

Gabel: "It's a... it's a very specific training to being a midwife."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. The reason..."

Gabel: "It's post-secondary... I can't say it's a master's degree, but it's post-secondary. They have to have a high school degree. And they... the nurses felt like this is the same kind of training that the nurse midwives do get."

Davidsmeyer: "Do they have to operate with an agreement with a doctor?"

Gabel: "No."

Davidsmeyer: "They do not?"

Gabel: "No."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. So, we've got nurse practitioners, we've got physicians' assistants that all have to operate with an agreement with a doctor. But these individuals who have a lower standard of training..."

Gabel: "I don't think it's lower, and those other people work in hospitals. These nurses... these midwives work in people's homes."

Davidsmeyer: "Their birthing babies in homes and don't have a relationship with a doctor. And I'm... I'm going to finish up. I know my time's winding down. I have a concern because I think there should be a relationship with some kind of doctor, some kind of MD. I think that there should be a relationship there. I... I don't have a concern about nurse midwives because

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I think there's a higher standard of training above and beyond what a normal nurse would go through. And I've had a number of conversations with my wife, who's actually a labor and delivery nurse here in Springfield, about midwives and even going down the line of doulas, which are a completely separate issue. But if they don't have that relationship with a doctor, I believe that I will have to be opposed. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Final speaker is Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also want to thank Leader Gabel, Leader Flowers, and all of the parties that were brought together to bring the Bill to where it is today. It has been an incredibly long journey, and it's very exciting to see that this is going to finally advance out of this chamber. I want to speak directly to the Bill and to some of the concerns that were raised regarding the language that was proposed by the trial lawyers, kind of at the last minute, before this Bill made it to the floor. We heard compelling testimony in committee from health care providers that maintaining the language that encourages collaboration between doctors, nurses, and the midwives, and ensuring that liability is neither expanded nor limited based on that collaboration is incredibly important. And removing that language would actually create a chilling effect and would... which would lead to a more dangerous situation where you would have parties not working together for the benefit of the mother and the baby as part of the home birth. So, I was satisfied with that testimony. That the way that the Bill is drafted right now, that parties would be protected, liability provisions are in place, and moms and babies will be taken

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care of under the current framework. And bottom line, fact of the matter is, right now we know that home births are happening in Illinois, but they're happening in a very unregulated and potentially unsafe manner. This legislation, creating this licensure, creating a midwife profession here in Illinois will create a safer environment for parents who want to have their babies at home. And will allow midwives who've been trained to..."

Speaker Harris: "Could you bring your remarks to a close?"

Moeller: "...to work inside our state and help moms and babies in our state. So, again, thank you. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Gabel to close."

Gabel: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you all of those who have signed on as cosponsors of this Bill. I mean, right now, no one can be insured. Midwives... it's critical that, with this legislation, there will be insurance for midwives... for the home birth midwives that... and I want to be clear that midwives do not do high-risk births at home. These births are only low-risk that midwives do at home. If there's any issues, they... they tell them that they can't do the birth at home. Without this... without this Bill, people will continue to... to function in an unsafe manner. I am so pleased that the health care professionals, the doctors, the nurses, the hospitals have all come to agreement on this Bill and have really worked hard to figure out a way that we can have very safe home births here in Illinois. Let's join the other 35 states that already do this. And I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

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Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3401 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 105 voting 'yes', 2 voting 'no', 3 voting 'present', House Bill 3401, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 23 of the Calendar is House Bill 369, Representative Gong-Gershowitz. Ms. Gong-Gershowitz. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 369, a Bill for an Act concerning minors. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 369 would align Illinois with Federal Law that provides Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for vulnerable immigrant youth who have been abused, abandoned, or neglected by a parent, or for protection against trafficking or domestic violence until the youth reaches the age of 21. House Bill 369 would allow vulnerable youth access to Illinois courts in a way that complies with federal immigration law. This would give Illinois courts jurisdiction to make abuse, abandonment, or neglect findings for SIJ status consistent with Federal Law. But the question of immigration status remains solely within the discretion of the Federal Government. Currently, Illinois provides less protection to abused, abandoned, and neglected immigrant youth than the Federal Government. This would fix that. I ask for an 'aye' vote, and I'm happy to answer questions."

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Speaker Harris: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 36'... seeking recognition, Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Standard Debate, please."

Speaker Harris: "Request has been made for Standard Debate, and we will go to the timer. So, are you going to speak, Representative? I was wondering."

Batinick: "I think I... we're having trouble with our computers here. You got... everybody on our side, you have to go to the legislative inquiry. It doesn't automatically come up. And type in House Bill 369. I'll go ahead and kick it off, I guess. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She indicates she'll yield."

Batinick: "I just want to... I just want to clarify. Obviously, we're having trouble with our analysis coming up quickly over here, Representative. Was the crux of this Bill just ranging... raising the age of guardianship from 18 to 21? Like that's... as I scan through this again real quick... I know it's been a while since we talked about this in the committee, but that's what is the main thing that jumped out at me."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Yeah. I... no, Representative. This would... would enable guardianship up to the age of 21 solely for the purposes of making these limited findings required by Federal Law for the Special Immigrant Juvenile Visa. So, abuse, abandonment, neglect... we actually did a Bill on this two years ago, actually received bipartisan support, to align Illinois Law with Federal Law to enable the courts in Illinois making findings on abuse, abandonment, and neglect to do so consistent with Federal Law. This is just a trailer, if you

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will, that would align Illinois Law with the federal provisions that allow these protections for youth under 21."
Batinick: "Okay. So, it's changing it, as asked in the question, changing it from 18 to 21?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "Correct."

Batinick: "Okay."

Gong-Gershowitz: "But just for those findings, not for all youth."

Batinick: "Okay. Correct. For the... for the findings that you just outlined. Is there any other meat of the Bill that you want to share with me before I turn it over to one of my colleagues?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "No. That's all the Bill does."

Batinick: "That's what... that's what I thought. I just wanted to make sure."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Yep."

Batinick: "So, you're just allowing... so, basically, a child goes up to 21 now, essentially, in the State of Illinois?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "No. Just for the limited purposes of abuse, abandonment, neglect for a special immigrant juvenile finding required by Federal Law."

Batinick: "Okay. Thank you for answering my questions. I appreciate it."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Keicher."

Keicher: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She indicates she'll yield."

Keicher: "Representative, thank you. And I remember our dialogue on this in committee, and we just kind of want to cover a couple of additional things. Can you help point out a situation where we would need this youth to be considered

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from age 18 to age 21? Paint us a ground level example of when that's in effect."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Yeah. So, kids come to the attention of those of us who work in this area through different avenues. I can give you an example of a case that I worked on involving a child who had been trafficked. It took years for us to understand the underlying facts and circumstances that led her, ultimately, to me as a pro bono attorney to assist her. Immigration cases, as we all know, can be long, complex. Circumstances are complicated. This population, often incredibly vulnerable. And Congress determined that this group of individuals, abused, abandoned, neglected youth, children who have been trafficked, children subject to domestic violence, were in need of special protection, underlying the cause for an application for Special Immigrant Juvenile Visa. As it was really Congress' determination that that protection should be afforded up until the age of 21 so that a child doesn't age out of the system during dependency of what can be a very lengthy process."

Keicher: "So, help me understand though, and help Members on this side understand. Why at age 18 an adult couldn't take this responsibility onto their own?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "So, the way that the Federal Law is written, it requires a court, a state court, with competent jurisdiction, to make findings for a juvenile up to the age of 21 on abuse, abandonment, neglect. It's a requirement of the federal statute. So, in order for a victim of trafficking or a victim of abuse to obtain those findings as required under the

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Federal Law, it's just the nature of how that statute is written at the federal level."

Keicher: "Okay. So, what would happen if this was revealed and someone was age 18? Is there an adult track that they would be on currently?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "So, if... if a guardianship were sought for a youth 18 years old and a day in probate court, the way that this is written, that person would have to consent to be... to have the petitioner be the guardian for the limited purpose of making these findings of abuse, abandonment, and neglect for the Special Immigrant Juvenile Visa. If there..."

Keicher: "And so, help me understand... I'm short on time a little bit. If I could get somebody to yield, that would be great."

Speaker Harris: "Chesney."

Keicher: "Thank you. And thank you, Representative, for my indulgence. If you could... if you could help me understand why that consent couldn't just take place? Why do we have to include this youthful designation? Once they age in, once they age 18 and a day, why can't we then be in a process where we consult consent? Is that prohibited in the federal guidance?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "I'm not 100 percent sure I understand your question. In the... but in the case where a person would be seeking guardianship in probate court, for example, under this Amendment, and they're 18 years and a day. They would need to give consent to the petitioner in order for that person to be named guardian. And that person would then serve the purpose, as outlined in the statute, related to schooling, tuition. They would undertake certain responsibilities.

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However, for things where somebody over the age of 18 would have the ability to make decisions for themselves, that's not touched here."

Keicher: "And I guess the question is, why can't we allow the responsibility to take... be taken upon those that reach age 18 because then they're an adult? And you're suggesting that it's because they're in a guardianship situation? Or they would be placed into a guardianship situation for the purposes of carrying forward to age 21?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "Yeah. I think... so... Representative, I'm just... I'm having a hard time understanding your question. I think what you're saying is, why couldn't they be the guardian for themselves, right? And then..."

Keicher: "Largely, yes."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Yet, you... that isn't... that's not a process recognized..."

Keicher: "Under the Federal Law?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "...the way that the federal statute is written."

Keicher: "Okay. Okay."

Gong-Gershowitz: "So, you need to have... you have to be named a guard... you have to be... you have to have a guardian. Then that guardian has to... and a court has to then find abuse, abandonment, and neglect in order for you then to apply for the Special Immigrant Juvenile Visa. And the way that the federal statute is written, it's for youth under 21."

Keicher: "Okay. All right. Thank you."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Does that help?"

Keicher: "I... I think it does. Thank you, Representative."

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Speaker Harris: "There being no one else seeking recognition, Representative Gong-Gershowitz to close."

Gong-Gershowitz: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 369 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Haas. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 85 voting 'yes', 31 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 369, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 25 of the Calendar appears House Bill 2814, Representative Halbrook. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2814, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Halbrook."

Halbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. 2814 amends the School Code on the school board oath. It removes some unnecessary language. This was agreed to language with IEA. I know of no opposition, and I ask for a positive roll call. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2814 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2814, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 16 of the Calendar appears House

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Bill 3099, Representative Harper. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3099, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Harper."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Harper on Floor Amendment 1."

Harper: "Thank you, Madam... Mr. Speaker. I wish to adopt Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3099, which is a technical cleanup Amendment that removes opposition from the Illinois Association of School Boards and clarifies that this Bill applies to Chicago Public Schools."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Harper has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3099. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3099, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Harper."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3099 helps to address the school-to-prison pipeline in Chicago by removing penalties from students and their parents when they are chronically truant. It calls for the district to provide supportive services to students and their families that will help address the root causes of their truancy problems. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Harris: "Being no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3099 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 108 voting 'yes', 7 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3099, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 23 of the Calendar appears House Bill 155, Representative Barbara Hernandez. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 155, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Hernandez."

Hernandez, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HB155 is going to allow menstrual hygiene products and diapers to go into SNAP and WIC. It also specifies that DHS will apply for a federal waiver and implement rules when the Federal Government creates a waiver that the state can apply for."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 155 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 155, having achieved a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Also, on page 23 is House Bill 232. Mr. Clerk. Okay. We shall roll this back to the Order of Second Reading for the purpose of an Amendment, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 232, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Lisa Hernandez."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Hernandez on Floor Amendment #1."

Hernandez, L.: "Thank you, Speaker. So, Floor Amendment #1 is adopted... was adopted in committee yesterday unanimously. I ask for their... for its adoption."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Hernandez has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 232. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Motion is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 232, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Hernandez."

Hernandez, L.: "So, the Amendment retains the underlying Bill that would require the Illinois Investment Policy Board to divest from for-profit companies that contract with the Federal Government to shelter migrant children. We have all heard about the horror stories of children being held in these private centers. So, this Amendment would address this to a certain extent. The Amendment adds a sunset and other specific procedures to give restricted companies the ability to meet goals that allow them to get off the restricted list and be reconsidered once again. So, it does give a chance to these companies to do it right and be reconsidered. The Amendment

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was based on conversations I had with the State Retirement Systems. I ask for your support."

Speaker Harris: "No one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 232 pass?' All those in favor say 'aye'... I'm sorry, vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? West, Morrison, Chesney, Carroll. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 111 voting 'yes', 5 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 232, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 17 of the Calendar appears House Bill 3131, Representative Hirschauer. Out of the record. On page... page 27 of the Calendar is House Bill 3699, Representative Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3699, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 3699, as amended, is the using state taxpayers' dollars in order to, as much as possible, buy USA made goods. It defines what a United States manufactured good is. It indicates that it must be within 12 percent of other products. It indicates that the preference for products are... are U.S. made. And if there is a tie between two bidders, a bidder who certifies that the product is manufactured in Illinois will receive the preference. In addition, it requires compliance reports be filed."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

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Speaker Harris: "He indicates he'll yield."

Batinick: "Representative, can you talk about the opposition and the reason for the opposition? I see that the Manufacturers Association still opposes."

Hoffman: "Yes, they're opposed. I don't recall if they testified this... this year. I've had this Bill a few times, and it just stalled in the Senate. We've made some changes to the Bill in that it no longer says that there is a preference for Illinois manufactured goods. It's a preference for USA manufactured goods. So, I don't know if that removes some of their concern, but I think they're just generally against, philosophically, these type of Bills."

Batinick: "Okay. I mean, I guess... in one of the lines was... and I thank you for pulling that out. It says, 'Opposed by Illinois Manufacturers Association due to the logical problems it would impose and retaliation it would invite from other states.' So, you took that part out. They're still opposed. And basically, baseball tie goes to the runner. Baseball tie in this Bill, tie goes to the U.S.? Is that essentially how this goes down? So, if it's... if bids are similar, then you go with the U.S. product? Is that what I'm hearing?"

Hoffman: "We go... we go with the U.S. product if they're... are within 12 percent. There also are exceptions if... if it is an emergency purchase or when the purchase is a sole source or sole economically feasible source of the product. So, there are exceptions to the rule. The tie only goes to an Illinois product if it's at a tie."

Batinick: "Okay. So, if it's a tie, it's an Illinois products. If it's within 12 percent, it goes to a U.S. product."

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Hoffman: "And I... I would venture to guess that odds of it being a tie are fairly slim."

Batinick: "Is there... right. Is there a mechanism for determining... is there something in the Bill that describes what means United States product?"

Hoffman: "Yes. It's defined in the Bill."

Batinick: "How is it... how is it defined in the Bill? I mean, is it assembled or is there a content percentage or what's the..."

Hoffman: "Yeah, it's a... I believe it is the first page of the Bill and says, '"Manufactured in the United States" means, in a case of assembled articles, material or supplies, that design, final assembly, processing, packaging, testing, or other process that adds value, quality, reliability occurs in the... in the United States.'"

Batinick: "Okay. So, its... it's the final assembly. Okay. Probably get a mixed result over here. But I thank you for getting all that information out. Appreciate it, Leader."

Hoffman: "Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "There being no one left seeking recognition, Representative Hoffman to close."

Hoffman: "I ask for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3699 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? With a vote of 116... Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3699 is hereby declared passed. On page 20 of the Calendar appears House Bill 3712, Mr. Jones. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3712, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Jones."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Jones on Floor Amendment #2."

Jones: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 3712 makes several changes. It keeps the underlying language. It makes the change that requires car owners and share drivers must carry liability insurance that's equal to four times the minimum set forth in the Vehicle Code. It also makes a change that effectively provides more coverage for involved parties for car sharing contracts and would limit the lapses in coverage that may exist. This Bill is part of a negotiated settlement. It's a great consumer friendly Bill. The Amendment removes the opposition from Enterprise. It also is agreed upon language that we spoke about in committee. And I'd be happy to answer any questions, but I ask for adoption of Amendment #2."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is... Representative Jones moves to adopt Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3712. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment #2 is adopted. Anything further?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3712, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Jones."

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Jones: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, this Bill is a great consumer friendly Bill. It allows new... new people into the marketplace. As I stated, the Amendment previously adopted removes opposition on the Bill. And I would ask for its 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Wheeler."

Wheeler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He indicates he'll yield."

Wheeler: "Thank you. Representative, you and I had a talk about this Bill just yesterday, I believe."

Jones: "Yes."

Wheeler: "About how this Amendment, which just to put it on the record, removes, I believe, Section 65..."

Jones: "Yes."

Wheeler: "...which is a point of concern for many folks, especially in the current rental industry. Is that a fair assessment?"

Jones: "Yes. And Section 65, just for the benefit of all Members, was a section that dealt with taxes and dealt with the... the City of Chicago had opposition to it as well. It was removed as a gesture, not only to the City of Chicago, to those opposed, but to move the Bill forward."

Wheeler: "I appreciate that. I think that's a good piece of negotiation going back and forth. I understand there may be a few more concerns, but I guess that's what the second chamber can be for in this case. Is that correct?"

Jones: "Yes, Sir."

Wheeler: "Excellent. I plan to support your Bill. Thank you"

Jones: "Thank you."

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Speaker Harris: "Seeing no one else seeking recognition, the question is... oh, do you wish to make a closing statement, Sir?"

Jones: "Just vote 'aye' on the Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Then in that case, all those in favor of House Bill 3712 passing vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? With a vote of 100... Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 115 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3712, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 24 of the Calendar is House Bill 2523, Representative Kifowit. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Could you please move this back to the Order of Second Reading for an Amendment, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2523, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Kifowit."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Kifowit on Floor Amendment #2."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 adds an effective date to be January 1, 2022."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, Representative Kifowit moves to adopt Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 2523. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2523, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I spoke to many Members in the chamber about this Bill, this Bill referenced to the Police Pension Investment Fund. And in the initial negotiations of the fund, there was an exemption to the Lobbyist Registration Act prohibice. So, just to... for the Body, the prohibition for lobbyists is that they are... they have a prohibition on serving on boards and commissions. This is an iron clad prohibition. There was a carve out for this pension board, and I have been approached by many members of the police... many members of police unions that they would like to reverse this exemption. So, this allows the Illinois Municipal League to have a seat at the table. What it does is in January 1, 2022, that individual would not be a registered lobbyist. I ask for your support."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2523 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Nichols. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2523, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 4 of the Calendar is House Bill 162, Representative Keicher. Representative Keicher. Heads up, Keicher. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 162, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The Bill was read a second time, previously. No

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Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Keicher."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Keicher on Floor Amendment #1."

Keicher: "Floor Amendment 1 makes some modifications and additions to remove opposition to a neutral position."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Keicher has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 162. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 162, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Keicher."

Keicher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 162 does something that a lot of us have fought for in this chamber over a number of years. We consistently have discussions about the number of units of Illinois local government that we have that are appearing on our local tax bills. What 162 seeks to do is engage the locality of each of these taxing levying units and involve them in a process whereby once every 10 years they validate the existence of their taxing unit, prepare and present a financial and analysis report of their operations, and engage the public in confirming that they are operating in the way that the public had intended all along. I'm available for any questions."

Speaker Harris: "There being no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 162 pass?' All those in favor

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vote 'yes'; all the opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Hirschauer, Sommer, Swanson, Welch, Wilhour. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 162, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 26 of the Calendar is House Bill 3463, Representative Lilly. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3463, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Lilly."

Lilly: "Thank you. I rise this morning... or this afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen, to present HB36... excuse me, 3463. It requires the Illinois Department of Correction to make information available to all referral services for the state and local agencies that we fund. The parolees or the releasees need to have access to this information prior to them leaving. It's to assist them in making a smooth re-entry into their community. I ask for your 'aye' vote if there's no questions."

Speaker Harris: "There is a question. Representative Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She indicates she'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, our analysis shows that the Department of Corrections is opposed. Do you know the nature of their opposition?"

Lilly: "No, I do not. Our... my analysis has them no position."

Windhorst: "Do you know if there was any costs associated with this for the department?"

Lilly: "Repeat."

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Windhorst: "Do you know if there is any cost associated with this to the department?"

Lilly: "No. DOC had no concerns to this."

Windhorst: "I'm sorry... or maybe I didn't... do you know if there's any costs... the financial costs or burden on the department with this change? Will it add any financial cost to them?"

Lilly: "DOC had no concerns."

Windhorst: "Okay. Well, thank you for answering your questions... my questions. And there were some concerns raised in committee, and I believe there were several of our Members who were opposed based on the department's stated objections prior to committee. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Are you done with your questions, Representative?"

Windhorst: "If I could just make one clarifying point. I've received word that the Department of Corrections is neutral, stating they already do many of these things. So, I just wanted to clarify that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Harris: "Great. Thank you. There being no one else seeking recognition, Representative Lilly to close."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you for your question. We are collectively making sure that the re-entry community is having the information necessary for them to have a smoother re-entry back into their community. I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3463 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; all opposed vote 'no'. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the

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record. With 106 voting 'yes', 10 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3463, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 4 of the Calendar appears House Bill 295, Representative Manley. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 295, a Bill for an Act concerning prepared (sic-prepaid) funeral or burial contracts. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Manley."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Manley on Floor Amendment 2."

Manley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 to HB295 is the result of a yearlong negotiation between HFS, the Department of Insurance, Comptroller's Office, and the insurance industry to make sure Medicaid eligibility is not adversely affected by a person's decision to have a prepaid funeral expense, contract, or policy. That's the Amendment in a nutshell. I'll take questions on Third."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Manley has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 295. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 295, a Bill for an Act concerning prepared funeral or burial contracts. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Harris: "Representative Manley."

Manley: "So, in addition to what the Amendment did, the Bill basically widens the availability and gives greater freedom of choice for consumers that purchase prepaid funeral and burial plans that are funded by insurance. It also streamlines the administrative process for determining eligibility if the insured needs to go on Medicaid. It allows whole life insurance plans to be used to cover funeral and burial expenses as originally intended without having to cash them in prematurely for pennies on the dollar, which is what's been happening. Clarifies that individuals can still use their resources for prepaid funeral or burial contracts after they have applied for Medicaid up until the time their Medicaid eligibility is determined. I'll take any questions."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She indicates she'll yield."

Brady: "Thank you. Representative, we've had discussions on this Bill, and thank you for bringing it forward and working with many of the stakeholders. This Bill, in particular, does not address in irrevocable trust side of things. Is that correct?"

Manley: "No. You're correct. That is correct."

Brady: "Thank you. To the Bill, Ladies and Gentlemen. The Bill really addresses some needs from the situation that families come forth when an individual is faced with potentially outliving their assets and having to go on Medicaid. This simply allows two things. The first is that if there's an existing life policy that most people purchase for the sole purpose of end-of-life expenses, that that will not be

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something forced on a spenddown and cashed in. But with a insurance proceeds to assignment form, which is being developed here that other states have done, it allows the money that is in that policy to be used towards the expenses, funeral and burial. And the other area that it also addresses, which is very important as well, is that it still allows the individual, on a prepaid side of things for a different funded policy, to be able to move forward with that. And the third point it changes, which is important, is that for many, many years individuals faced with the issue of publically going on Medicaid and outliving their assets would not be able to start the application process 'til they did some of this spenddown, cashed in, and took care of their assets under a certain level. This at least allows the process to begin instead of having to do all that. It gives some options that were there. It allows people to actually hang... possess their assets, to some degree, to use for the purposes and actually, long term, will help the state. Thank you very much."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no one else seeking recognition, Representative Manley to close."

Manley: "I want to thank Leader Brady for being a great partner in this. It's nice working with people who know their stuff. Please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 295 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Nichols. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present', House Bill 295, having achieved a

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Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 21 of the Calendar appears House Bill 3870, Representative Mason. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3870, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 are approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Mason."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mason on Floor Amendment 1."

Mason: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The underlying Bill creates an amateur sports commission in Illinois. Amendment #1 adds that the report should provide recommendations to encourage the inclusion and participation of all persons from historically disadvantaged communities in amateur sports and sports programs. It separates cheerleading as its own sport and adds wrestling, tennis, and the Special Olympics. And it extends the reporting dates. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mason has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3870. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. Anything further, Mr. Clerk? And the Motion is adopted. I forgot to say that."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Mason."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mason on Floor Amendment 2."

Mason: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment #2 just adds a sunset to this commission and gives 90 days to implement instead of 30 days. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Harris: "Representative Mason has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3870. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3870, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mason."

Mason: "Thank you, again, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3870 is an easy Bill that we can all embrace. It creates the Illinois Amateur Sports Commission, bringing together amateur sports stakeholders and facilitates discussion and recommendations on topics impacting youth sports around this state. The need for this legislation was realized over the past year as the COVID-19 pandemic severely impacted youth sports. And many parents, coaches, and athletes felt left out of the decision making process. With lessons learned over the past year, we believe that the state needs to bring together sports leaders, the administration, and Legislators on an ongoing basis. We also believe that, in addition to offering a better level of communication with the administration, we can share best practices and work with each other to better promote youth and amateur sports in Illinois, which helps actually our tourism and economic dollars. The Minnesota Commission, on which this legislation is based, helped the state generate more than \$89 million in sports tourism and almost \$50 million in athletic youth grants. So, it's good for Illinois. It's

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good for amateur sports. And this Bill was brought forward by the Illinois Swimming Association. And as a former amateur competitive swimmer, I embrace them. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "There being no one seeking recognition, the Motion is, 'Shall House Bill 3870 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Greenwood. Hoffman. Mr. Clerk... oh, I'm sorry. Please take the record, Mr. Clerk. With 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3870, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. And on page 6 of the Calendar is House Bill 1064, Representative Mayfield. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1064, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Mayfield."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mayfield on Floor Amendment 1."

Mayfield: "Can we move it to Third and then debate the Amendment since it's a gut and replace?"

Speaker Harris: "So, Representative Mayfield has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1064, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Harris: "Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Thank you so much. This Bill addresses juvenile life imprisonment and allows juveniles who've been sentenced under the age of 21 to petition the parole board, after 40 years, for an opportunity to prove that they have been rehabilitated and deserve a second chance. For those of you that are not familiar with the Prison Review Board, it has a rigorous review process to decide whether or not a person should be released and if they are safe to re-enter society. This Bill is built upon the juvenile parole Bill that we did bipartisanly a couple years back, carried by Leader Currie at that time. It is supported by the Cook County State's Attorney and by sexual victim advocates as well. We made several changes to this Bill to accommodate a lot of the concerns of the opponents. And I will take any questions."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She will."

Windhorst: "Representative Mayfield..."

Mayfield: "Yes."

Windhorst: "...just so I'm clear on what the Bill does, this would apply to individuals under 21 who were convicted of first degree murder and maybe actually have received a life sentence. Is that accurate?"

Mayfield: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "So, rather than serving the life sentence, they would be eligible for parole after 40 years?"

Mayfield: "No, they would not be eligible for parole. We are not opening the door and letting anybody out. They would be

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eligible to go before the Prison Review Board and have an opportunity to plead their case and explain why they feel that they deserve a second chance. We're not letting anyone out."

Windhorst: "But they would be... if the Prison Review Board agreed, they would be released?"

Mayfield: "Right. If they met the rigorous process of the Prison Review Board, yes."

Windhorst: "To the Bill. My concern with this Bill and the reason I'll be opposing it is, I believe there should be finality in the court process after an individual's convicted, has his or her appeal, has his or her post-conviction petition heard, has had due process, that there should be finality with that sentence. And finality particularly for the victim and the victim's family. So, that way they know when a person gets the sentence from the judge, it's upheld on appeal, they are going to serve that sentence. For that reason, I'm voting 'no' and would encourage others to vote 'no' as well. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mayfield to close."

Mayfield: "We know for a fact that sentencing youth to long-term prison sentences does not actually provide any sort of rehabilitation. All it does is extend the taxpayer dollars for keeping that person incarcerated. We also know that individuals do change and that they should be given an opportunity for a second chance. We've proven that in past legislation. And as I stated, this Bill was passed bipartisanly, the underlying Bill to this, in a very

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bipartisan manner. This is a great piece of legislation, and I'm asking for an 'aye' vote. "

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 1064 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 66 voting 'yes', 47 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', House Bill 1064, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Members, if I could have your attention. It's our intent right now to break for committees. The Clerk will announce the committees. Go to your committees, then come immediately back to the floor. We will resume Session immediately after the end of committees. So, Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The committees have all been moved back a half hour. Meeting immediately is Judiciary - Criminal in Virtual Room 2, Veterans' Affairs in Virtual Room 3, Cities & Villages in Virtual Room 1. Meeting at 3:00 is Prescription Drug in Virtual Room 3, Mental Health in Virtual Room 1. Meeting at 3:30 is Financial Institutions in Virtual Room 1, State Government Administration in Virtual Room 3. Meeting at 4:00 is Ethics & Elections in Virtual Room 1."

Speaker Harris: "So, Members, go to your committees, come back to the floor. The House stands in recess to the call of the Chair. The House will be in order. The House will be in order. Mr. Clerk, please read Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on April 22, 2021: recommends be

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adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 738, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3498. Representative Greenwood, Chairperson of the Committee on Healthcare Availability & Accessibility reports the following committee action taken on April 22, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3498, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3657, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3803. Representative Slaughter, Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on April 22, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1091, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1092, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1765, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to 1952, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3085, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3587, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3616, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3767, Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 3850, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3895, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3958. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs reports the following committee action taken on April 22, 2021: do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 359. Representative Guzzardi from the Committee on Prescription Drug Affordability reports the following committee action taken on April 22, 2021; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3596. Representative Conroy, Chairperson of the Committee on Mental Health & Addiction reports the following committee action taken on April 22, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1778, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2784.

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Representative Walker, Chairperson from the Committee on Financial Institutions reports the following committee action taken on April 22, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 272. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on April 22, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3523, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3656."

Speaker Harris: "Members, just a reminder that we are on Order of Third Readings, and also Seconds to Thirds, if there's an Amendment. We'll be on Order of Short Debate. On page 17 of the Calendar is House Bill 3223, Representative Moeller. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3223, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been adopted, previously. No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3223, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Moeller on House Bill 3223."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 3223 provides a roadmap for K-12 schools to become trauma-informed and survivor-centered for students who have... who are survivors of sexual violence, domestic violence, gender-based harassment, and are pregnant or parenting. We know that schools are already dealing with these issues, and

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there are many schools that deal... that are handling these issues well. But this Bill ensures that all schools have the proper trauma-informed policies and procedures in place. Unfortunately, 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 7 boys experience intimate partner violence before age 18. And girls who experience violence by age 16 are 24 percent more likely to drop out of school than their peers who do not. Twenty-five percent of teen moms experience interpersonal violence while pregnant. The goal of this Bill is for young people's futures to not be derailed by trauma but to make sure that they have the support and accommodations they need to stay in school and graduate. Key provisions of the Bill include ensuring that a resource coordinator is in each building to help refer students and families to resources, help educators know what their responsibilities are and how they can support students. The legislation rewrites... requires schools to rewrite policies and procedures to ensure they are trauma-informed and survivor-centered. It also requires schools to provide accommodations like valid absences, safety planning, home instruction for those who have experienced trauma and/or are pregnant or parents. Schools are also required to limit ways to verify violence to avoid retraumatization and creates limited task force of advocates and school administrative leaders to identify training, draft model guidances, etcetera. Finally, the Bill creates the Ensuring Success in School Task Force that will be made up of stakeholders from around the state to provide model policies on inter-district transfers, model complaint resolution procedures, and training. This is an extensive Bill that has been under

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discussion and part of negotiation for many, many years. The time has come for Illinois schools to ensure that they are addressing the needs of students who have been the victims of sexual assault, harassment, and are parents so that they can stay in school, get an education, and lead healthy and productive lives. I ask for an 'aye' vote and would be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Bourne."

Bourne: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She will."

Bourne: "Thank you. Representative, I know this is an issue that you have worked on for at least this last Session and this Session. And I know that you have negotiated in good faith with those who are opposed, and I appreciate that. And I think that I certainly understand the gravity of the situation that you are trying to combat in schools, and I appreciate your intention. I do have some questions about how this will impact school districts, if you don't mind. I do see, in the legislation, you've made some changes, but reasonable accommodations are mentioned several times. Who's going to be the arbiter of what these reasonable accommodations are for students?"

Moeller: "Sure. Well... so, there are a couple avenues that... where these accommodations will be provided. One is within the school district itself, as prescribed by the legislation. Secondly, as I mentioned, there's going to be a task force created that will bring school management professionals, teachers groups, rape crisis center advocates, social workers, those who have an access to this issue together to

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create model policies for school districts to implement in meeting the essence of this Bill. So, accommodations... in some instances, accommodations are prescribed within the legislation. But in other instances, those accommodations will be developed as model policies through the task force."

Bourne: "I appreciate that answer. I also know that there are certain situations where confidentiality is obviously important. But there are also situations that require that those be notified or that it's just not exactly practical for absolute confidentiality to be the reality. Have you made any changes in this regard or what are your thoughts about whether or not confidentiality would have to be respected?"

Moeller: "Well, as you indicate, confidentiality is important and was one of the driving issues behind the development of this legislation. To ensure that victims of sexual assault or harassment are... that their identities, their situations are kept within the confines of those who need to know about those types of situations. The school administrator or counselor who is directly working with that student and that... that the situation is not spread unnecessarily or discussed unnecessarily with those who don't have a direct role to play in addressing the concerns of the student. So, those provisions are... are outlined in there... in the legislation. It also recognizes that the alleged perpetrator... confidentiality needs for alleged perpetrators. And outlines... it outlines procedures, mechanisms within the Bill on how school districts are to manage those situations to ensure that we're not unnecessarily... revealing identities unnecessarily."

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Bourne: "I appreciate that. I just have a few more questions. But I do want to say that obviously, if a student is a victim of violence, I want that to be confidential. But if a student is expectant or a parent, that's not necessarily conducive to confidentiality. It's something that, particularly in small schools, probably most people will know. So, I know that there just... it just can't be the same for every situation, would be my contention. I do have a question about transfers and accommodations on being in the same class room, particularly when it comes to one building school districts. Is there anything in your legislation that allows for that to... allows for that to be reasonable, right? If you can't transfer because there's only one building or only one classroom, what happens then?"

Moeller: "Right. But the standard is reasonable accommodation. One of the issue... one of the provisions that was originally contained in the Bill was the... the provision of inter-district transfers if a family felt that their student would be safer attending a school outside of the district. We recognized that the School Management Alliance and ISBE had concerns about that provision. That was removed and will be part of the task force that's being created as part of this Bill. As for within districts, it is up to the school districts if there are other accommodations that can be made. If there are other buildings that contain the same grade levels as the... the student victim and if that's a desire of the family to have that child attend another school, it's up to the school district to address that concern to the best of their ability."

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Bourne: "I appreciate that. I do see though that the text of the Bill says that students must be allowed to transfer. It doesn't look discretionary to me. Is your intention that they must be able to transfer within district or without district?"

Moeller: "If the family requests that a student be transferred to another school within the district, yes. Then the school district has to provide for that accommodation."

Bourne: "And if there is not another district... or another school within the district for them to be able to transfer? It says in the language that they must. That's my question."

Speaker Harris: "Representative, are you coming to the end of your questions?"

Moeller: "This is going to be..."

Bourne: "Got two more questions."

Moeller: "...this is going to be, again, part of the discussion and recommendations that come out of the task force. I mean... the language uses the reasonable standard. So, I would... I would assume that that would be part of the guidance that's... that the districts would follow if there are no other options, if there are no other buildings that have the same grade levels as the student victim. But again, this is going to be an issue that's part of the task force and that was why the task force was created, was to address some of these more... these issues that we cannot... we still had... more discussion was necessary. And there are different parts of the Bill that there are effective dates that address different sections of the Bill. So, school districts... once this legislation is passed, school districts will have time to develop policies and procedures in order to meet the provisions of the Bill."

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Bourne: "Thank you. You anticipated my last question. So, to the Bill. I do also think that some of the effective dates are very soon for schools to be able to comply with this. I know you have worked and you have been well intentioned in this. And I understand and appreciate that these are students that obviously need to be served and, in some instances, need special accommodations. But I... I do contend that there are some practical issues with the Bill. And when we say in statute that something 'must' happen, it's still a 'must' even if it's left up to a task force. So, I have some practical concerns. I appreciate your work on this Bill. I think you'll probably get some support from our side of the aisle, but I will be voting 'no'."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Welter, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Welter: "Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect that Representative Chris Miller is excused for the rest of the day."

Speaker Harris: "The record will so reflect. Representative Moeller to close. Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the... the questions and the engagement on this legislation. And would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3223 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 88 voting 'yes', 27 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3223, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page

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6 of the Calendar appears House Bill 694, Representative Meier. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 694, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 694, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Meier."

Meier: "House Bill 694 was brought to me from a constituent, a disabled veteran. He said, every time he had to go in and file for his disabled veterans license plate, he had to prove that he was still permanently disabled. The Secretary of State's Office was not accepting his VA records. I worked with the Secretary of State's Office. This Bill is now their language. It's an agreed Bill, too, with them. And they still can ask for... what your disability are... disabilities are if they feel they have to, but they are not required to now. So, it should make it easier on our disabled veterans to get a plate. I'd appreciate a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 694 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Buckner. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 694, is hereby declared passed. On page 23 of the Calendar appears House Bill 247, Representative Morgan. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Mr.

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Clerk, could you move this to the Order of Second Reading for the purpose of a Floor Amendment?"

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 247, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. This is was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Morgan, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Morgan on Floor Amendment #2."

Morgan: "Speaker, House Amendment 2 is just a technical change to clear up the fact that the State of Illinois does not currently have control over the Lincoln childhood home. I ask for the adoption of the Amendment."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Morgan has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Motion is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 247, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Morgan."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, as you may know, today is Earth Day. And on Earth Day, this morning, I spoke with my two children about Earth Day. And my son, Ari, and my daughter, Amira, asked me what am I going to do to honor Earth Day? And I said, I have an idea. I would like to pass a Bill. I'm going to ask the House of Representatives to pass a Bill to protect the environment, to minimize the injuries to birds. So, we're trying to use construction so that we save the lives of birds. And my children thought that

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was a great idea. So, they're watching this live, right now, as I introduce this Bill. So, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is the Bird-Safe Construction Bill. This is a Bill that was negotiated with the help of the American Association of Architects. This is a Bill that was adopted in a number of cities. And it deals with construction and renovation of state buildings to make sure that when we use glass, and we use a lot more glass, that the reflection on the glass is something that birds can see. So, with that, I know of no opposition, and I ask for adoption of this Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Chesney."

Chesney: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He will yield."

Chesney: "Representative Morgan, does this include the Stratton Building?"

Morgan: "Representative, this would only deal with... in the event that the Stratton were completely destroyed and they rebuilt Stratton to be a glass building. So, it would apply, in the event that someday, when you and I are still in this chamber, they do tear down Stratton Building."

Chesney: "Thank you so much."

Speaker Harris: "This being on the Order of Short Debate, there has been one for and one in opposition to the Stratton Building. So, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 247 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'nay'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Bennett. Bennett. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 113 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present', House Bill 247, having

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achieved the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 10 of the Calendar, appears House Bill 1975, Representative Mussman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1975, a Bill for an Act concerning children. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Mussman, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mussman on Floor Amendment #1."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Because Floor Amendment #1 becomes the Bill, may we adopt the Amendment and then debate it?"

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mussman has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1975. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1975, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mussman."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I'm here today on House Bill 1975. This Bill is known as Faith's Law, after my constituent who has dedicated herself to using her painful high school experiences to inform, improve, and strengthen the laws in our state to prevent other young people from having to go through the same situation that she found herself in. This Bill is an extension of the work begun by Representative Crespo, previously, regarding assaults in schools and is built on the report of the Make Safe Task

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Force. The Amendment essentially does four things. It requires ISBE to create a resource guide in consultation with relative stakeholders so that each school will notify parents that it is available either on the school Web site or upon the request at the beginning of each school year. It adds to existing teacher training provisions, physical and mental health needs of students, student safety, educator ethics, and professional conduct. It defines sexual misconduct and provides direction for schools to craft employee codes of professional conduct policies, and a violation of which will lead to the disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from employment. It changes the Criminal Code definition of grooming to include in-person as well as through a third person, not just through electronic means. And it changes the definition of criminal sexual assault to include an enrolled student at a secondary school if the accused has held a position of trust, authority, or separation... supervision over the victim. I would like to thank all of the stakeholders who have come together to craft this really important piece of bipartisan legislation. I would ask for your 'aye' vote. And I am happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1975 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 115 people voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present, House Bill 1975, having achieved the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page

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13 of the Calendar is House Bill 2584, Representative Murphy.
Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2584, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Murphy, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Murphy on Floor Amendment 1."

Murphy: "Yes. Floor Amendment 1... let's see. Floor Amendment 1 strikes out some language that was put into the Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Did you put that language in there?"

Murphy: "No, I didn't. Let me... let me get to my... no, this... well, it wasn't Floor Amendment, Speaker. It was a Committee Amendment."

Speaker Harris: "Mr. Clerk."

Murphy: "Floor Amendment 1 was brought to me by IDOT. It was to make this a pilot program. I was thinking about another Bill earlier."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Murphy has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment 1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, anything further?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2584, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Murphy."

Murphy: "Now that I know what Bill I'm talking about. This Bill is a great Bill. It will allow extensions to be put on school buses to make a... much safer for our children. And this will

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be a pilot program. It will not be mandatory. This is being done in several other states and also Canada. And I would... open to any questions."

Speaker Harris: "Well, you're in luck. There are none. So, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2584'... Representative Butler. Representative Butler declines. So, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2584 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'nay'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Collins, Guerrero-Cuellar, Nichols, Tarver. Tarver. Tarver. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2584, having achieved the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 25 of the Calendar appears House Bill 2748, Representative Ness. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, could you move this back to the Order of Second Reading for the purpose of a Floor Amendment?"

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2748, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Ness, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ness on Floor Amendment #1."

Ness: "Thank you, Speaker. Yes, in committee yesterday we... I shared the Amendment, which was a gut and replace that added in clear defining language and parameters around eligibility for... for students in this cohort."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ness has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed

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say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it.

And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, anything further?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2748, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ness."

Ness: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. Today I present House Bill 2748 which is a COVID impact Bill that would allow students with disabilities, who aged out during the pandemic, an additional year of in-person instruction in order to regain some of the learning lost because of the circumstances they found themselves in. Zoom classes were particularly difficult for this cohort of students and, as a result, has left families with even fewer options than what they might have had with in-person instruction. This Bill has a deadline. It ends at the end of the 2022 school year. Families can opt-in. And I'm asking for an 'aye' vote. I'm open for questions."

Speaker Harris: "No one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2748 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; all the opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 115 in the 'affirmative', 0 in the 'negative', and 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2748, having achieved the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 24 of the Calendar appears House Bill 1804, Representative Ramirez. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1804, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ramirez."

Ramirez: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 1804 is an initiative of the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund. The Bill simply makes a technical change to the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund Code regarding employer pick up of employee contributions. Simply, this change widens the scope from just the Board of Education to include the Board of Education, charter schools, and the Chicago Teachers' Pension Board. This Bill has no opposition. I'm happy to answer questions. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "All right. Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "Indicates she will."

Batinick: "Representative, we had a... mixed on our side in committee. And I just wanted to go over the... the pick-up part of it and what's different between what you're clarifying regarding what happens now versus what happens after this Bill becomes law. Like I said, we were kind of... so, you're talking about the board... CPS picking up pension costs for the employer. How does this change what the current practice is?"

Ramirez: "Sure. So, the current law allows for the Board of Education in Chicago to pick up employee contributions. So, the employers may make contributions on behalf of the employees. It's often referenced as the employer pick-ups of employee contributions. Employees contribute a percentage of each paycheck for pension benefits. And occasionally, employers may offer to cover a portion of the employee contribution in lieu of a raise or other salary increase. The

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employer pick-ups are still counted as employee contributions in actual calculations and also for tax purposes. So, that's the current."

Batinick: "Okay. So, that's what doing currently. What's changing?"

Ramirez: "So, what happens with this Bill is... it actually just replaces the words 'the Board of Education' with 'the employer or the Board' in regard to the employer pick up of employee contributions. What it will do, in a sense, it will change... this change just widens the scope from just the Board of Education to include the Board of Education, charter schools, and the Chicago Teachers' Pension Board."

Batinick: "Okay. So, it allows charter schools to do what CPS is doing. Thank you for that clarification."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ramirez to close."

Ramirez: "I urge an 'aye'."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1804 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 88 voting 'yes', 27 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', House Bill 1804, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 14 of the Calendar is House Bill 2744, Representative Rita. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2744, a Bill for an Act concerning fish. It was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Harris: "Was that fish? Representative Rita."

Rita: "Is there an Amendment?"

Speaker Harris: "What's the status of the Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "It's currently on the Order of Second Reading."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2744, a Bill for an Act concerning
fish. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Rita."

Rita: "House Bill... thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2744 is an
initiative of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.
What it does is it creates an aquatic stamp for \$5 to fight
the invasive species... or Asian Carp to protect our Great
Lakes."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Batinick to carp."

Batinick: "I don't think I can top that, Mr. Speaker, but I'm
going to try. Yeah. Representative Bos said I shouldn't
flounder. He said we can go all night, and I'm hoping we don't
go all night. So, I'll be quick. So, it's a \$5 fee increase.
So, it's a fee increase, but it's going to fight the Asian
Carp that are going into Lake Michigan. So, it's depending on
whether you hate fee increases more than you hate the Asian
Carp, essentially, is how to vote on this Bill. Correct,
Representative?"

Rita: "Yes. And you only... the fee is on those that are buying
fishing licenses."

Batinick: "Terrific. Thank you very much."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Rita to close."

Rita: "I'd ask for a 'yes' vote."

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Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2744 pass?' All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'no'... or sorry... vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 79 voting 'yes', 35 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2744, having achieved the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 9 of the Calendar is House Bill 1738, Representative Smith. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1738, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment 1, offered by Representative Smith, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Smith on Floor Amendment #1."

Smith: "House Floor Amendment #1 extends the sunset of the Registered Interior Designers Act to January 1, 2027. In the original language, the sunset was January 2032."

Speaker Harris: "No one seeking discussion, the... I'm sorry. Representative Smith moves to adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1738. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1738, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Smith."

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Smith: "House Bill 1738 extends the Registered Interior Designers Act to January 1, 2027. Clarifies that registered interior designers are not authorized to advertise services they are prohibited from performing, including architecture and engineering services. Requires applicants and licensees to provide DFPR with an email address to serve as the address of record. This Bill passed unanimously out of committee. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He indicates he'll yield."

Batinick: "Just clarifying that this just changes the date of the sunset? There's no substantive change to the underlying Bill?"

Smith: "I'm over here, Representative."

Batinick: "Where are you?"

Smith: "Over here."

Batinick: "There you go."

Smith: "Yeah. Yeah."

Batinick: "I'm looking at the screen. Sorry."

Smith: "I moved. Yes. Yes. It says opposed to 10 years, it's 5 years now."

Batinick: "From 10 years to 5 years? Okay. And I spoke with some people my side of the aisle. We enjoy hearing your voice so much, we were wondering if you could read the Bill from beginning to end for us?"

Smith: "Not today, Sir."

Batinick: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Smith to close."

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Smith: "Thank you for the compliment. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1738 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; all opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Sosnowski. Davidsmeyer. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. And with a vote of 110 voting 'yes', 5 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', House Bill 1738, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 25 of the Calendar is House Bill 2746, Representative Stuart. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2746, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you. 2746, otherwise known as the Know Before You Owe, it's an attempt to tackle the problem of student debt. We talk a lot about things that we do after students have attended school and after they have already incurred debt. This is a measure to try to stop unnecessary borrowing on the part of students. So, it requires lending institutions to make sure that there is actual need for educational cost and to disclose their terms more clearly to the student before they borrow."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She indicates she'll yield."

Batinick: "Can you give me, quickly, the mechanics of what you do? Big.. I'm a big proponent of trying to do something to stop people from incurring student loan debt. What are the

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actual mechanics that are required? And where are the universities on the legislation?"

Stuart: "The universities are in favor of the legislation."

Batinick: "Okay. Are the bankers and credit union and everybody still opposed?"

Stuart: "The credit unions... I have to double-check. I think they had come to agreement on it. The Community Bankers and the Attorney General's Office, they've already worked out an agreement. That'll get fixed in the Senate. That language is getting drafted right now. There's a group called Vemo Education, but the Attorney General has taken their clarifying suggestions and those will also be put in there."

Batinick: "Okay. So, basically what we have here, we have some opposition that we're planning on getting worked out in the Senate?"

Stuart: "Yes. Yes."

Batinick: "Okay. I trust you, Representative. Thank you."

Stuart: "Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Stuart to close."

Stuart: "I would appreciate an 'aye' vote to protect our higher ed students."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 2746 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? DeLuca. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present', House Bill 2746 is hereby declared passed. And on page 25 of the Calendar is House Bill 3020, Representative Sosnowski. Out of the record. On page 15 of the Calendar is House Bill

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2864, Representative Swanson. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2864, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Swanson, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Swanson on Floor Amendment 2."

Swanson: "Thank you, Leader Harris. Floor Amendment 2 actually becomes the Bill. And I was approached about this piece of legislation by several of my local fire..."

Speaker Harris: "Would you like us to adopt the Amendment and then..."

Swanson: "Thank you... thank you, Sir."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Swanson moves to adopt Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 2864. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2864, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Swanson on House Bill 2864."

Swanson: "All right. Thank you, Leader. This idea was brought to me by several of my local fire chiefs and ambulance service members. And the... Amendment 2 was actually written by IDPH, the nurses, the Illinois Association (sic-Academy) Provision... Physician Assistants, and the AFFI. What it does, it provides an opportunity for nurses, doctors, and physician assistants

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to more easily join their local ambulance service. And this is in populations under 5 thousand people. I would encourage and ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "There being no one seeking to speak, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2864 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Bos, Grant, Ramirez. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. And with a vote of 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2864, having achieved the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 23 of the Calendar is House Bill 126, Representative Vella. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 126, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Vella."

Vella: "What this Bill does is it allows that officers who are currently in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund be allowed to transfer their pensions to a downstate pension over the six-month period after the effective date. It applies to law enforcement employees and other people acting in law enforcement. It is cost neutral. I don't believe there is any opposition. And I am asking for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "No one seeking recognition, the question is 'Shall House Bill'... Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm going to go straight to the Bill. It's not... this Bill isn't cost neutral to the state, but it... it might be cost neutral to the state, but there could be a cost to property taxpayers. And what we have is a

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situation where we do these little carve outs where people are leaving one pension plan for another one and there's different levels. There is a way to take the net present value... you know, six years of benefits in one plan might be worth eight years of benefits in another plan and vice versa. And we need to get away from putting a potential burden, that is an unknown amount, of potentially hundreds of employees who are going to switch from one plan to the other, they do have to pay up. And I do understand that they do have to pay up what they would have earned in the pension plan if they were off. But there's a better way to fix this, and we have to stop putting this burden on property taxpayers. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Vella to close."

Vella: "I'm asking for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 126 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Ammons. Marron. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 78 voting 'yes', 37 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 126, having achieved a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 23 of the Calendar is House Bill 381, Representative Ugaste."

Ugaste: "Thank you. House Bill 381 is a..."

Speaker Harris: "I'm sorry. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 381, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ugaste."

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Ugaste: "House Bill 381 allows a current firefighter to move credible years of service from a police pension fund under Article 3 to his current Article 4 fund. There is a six-month window for this. Approximately 12 firefighters came to the firefighters union and mentioned that they would like to be able to do this. They're former members of a police fund. There should be no cost to either local taxpayers or the state for these transfers. It has a six-month window as well. I ask for an 'aye' vote, unless there's questions, I'll take them."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Willis."

Willis: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield, please?"

Ugaste: "Yes."

Speaker Harris: "He indicates he'll yield."

Willis: "Sir, is this meaning that those police officers found the right way to become firefighters then?"

Ugaste: "They are currently enjoying their jobs. I understand that that's true."

Willis: "All right. Thank you very much. I appreciate you bringing the Bill forward."

Ugaste: "Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ugaste to close."

Ugaste: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 381 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Jones, Ramirez, Sommer. Ramirez. Sommer. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 108 voting 'yes', 6 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 381, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby

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declared passed. On page 27 of the Calendar is House Bill 3865. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3865, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Walker on House Bill 3865."

Walker: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. House Bill 3865 is a Bill proposed by the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs and written in collaboration with the Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection. It identifies deceptive practices attempted to be sold and sold to veterans and their families of things that county, state, and federal veterans organizations already provide free. It requires that those who do that in their advertising fully disclose and openly disclose that these are available elsewhere for free and provide a contact number for the consumer to find out how to do that. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3865 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Lilly. Ramirez. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3865, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 2 of the Calendar is House Bill 44, Representative West. Read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 44, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 44, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative West."

West: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 44 is a sponsor initiative... sorry, my... here it is. It amends the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Act. And it creates a statewide deferred prosecution funding program to provide grants to the State's Attorneys to operate deferred prosecution programs for misdemeanor offenses. A deferred prosecution program is designed for first-time, nonviolent offenders. And it's an opportunity to keep a conviction from being permanently entered on their record. The defendant must complete an intake interview with a program coordinator, meet with and be approved by a panel of citizens from the community, and, if accepted, complete the program requirements, which includes community service, writing a letter of apology to the victim, obtaining their high school diploma or GED, paying full restitution, obtaining counseling, paying fees for second chance program. By understanding the impact of their behavior, accepting responsibility, and developing their own capacities, first-time offenders become fully integrated, respected members of the community. Upon successful completion of this deferred prosecution program, the State's Attorneys Office agrees to dismiss the pending charges against the defendant. However, if they're not successful, the defendant is terminated from the program and the case is returned to the courts for prosecution. If the defendant is not accepted into the deferred prosecution program, they will

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be notified by the coordinator and there are no appeal hearings for the rejection. Winnebago County, my county, has this program at the moment. And it's... and the county itself, the State's Attorney's Office, pays for this program and it has a 2.5 percent recidivism. Also, out of 500 people that have been part of this program, only 14 have reoffended. However, the reason why I'm bringing this Bill to you is that it's for... only those who have the money to pay for it at this time can go through this program, and those who do not have the money cannot. So, this is a bridge between the haves and the have nots. This Bill is subject to appropriation. I am working on that at this moment and would love to keep working on it as it goes to the Senate. My asks will be given to you at a later time, but I'm asking for approval of this Bill to move to the Senate. And I'll keep working on it, and it'll come back here for concurrence. I appreciate an 'aye' vote. Will entertain any questions you may have."

Speaker Harris: "Leader Durkin."

Durkin: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He indicates he'll yield."

Durkin: "Representative West, I believe that your intentions are very good with this Bill. But I want to see how this Bill will compliment legislation that was passed yesterday in which one of your colleagues passed a Bill which states that we would no longer have a felony possession charge up to, I think, 15 grams for those who are in possession of heroin, cocaine, fentanyl, and methamphetamines. Those people will be... those individuals charged will be misdemeanors. Now, here is my thought and also concern, is that, if your Bill... if

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both these Bills pass, that these individuals who have been charged with possession of these controlled substance will then be able to enter into deferred prosecution agreement and have their cases dismissed. And I explained yesterday at length some of the concerns that I've had, as a former narcotics prosecutor in Cook County, of the difficulty of putting... of distinguishing between people who are users but also those who are drug dealers who, unfortunately, we are not able to convict of possession with intent. So, how does this compliment what we did yesterday?"

West: "Well, thank you for that, Leader. And when it comes to this deferred prosecution program, it's at the discretion of the judge. The judge has to recommend the individual for this program. And so, I want to put... leave that in the hands of the judge."

Durkin: "I... I understand that. But I also know that yesterday's Bill... that there was... it was a very spirited debate, in which we had on the floor, about whether this is a good policy or not is to defelonize these drug offenses. But what I could see, that... even in the courts, are given this discretion. But do we really want to allow people who otherwise would be charged with felonies, particularly possession of fentanyl, which is killing so many people throughout the State of Illinois, the ability to participate now as misdemeanor defendants in a deferred prosecution agreement? I just don't think that's the right thing to do. And like I said, I think you're trying to do the right thing on this, but what... but for the Bill yesterday, I could have... I might have been supportive of what you're doing today. But I believe that

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this sets us up for even more dangerous track where people that, as I mentioned, some are users that need help. But there's other ones who are drug dealers who are going to get the benefit of being charged strictly with possession, and then they get the deferred prosecution agreement. I have nothing further to say. But, folks, we need to slow down on this. This is... we are going in a bad track with this whole area within the Criminal Code. And think of what... everybody's got their own thoughts and opinions on it, but the fact is, the drug trade has killed so many people, and it's going to continue to do that. And we need to make sure that people who are the bad actors are going to be held accountable. And those aren't the people who are the ones who are addicted. Those are the people who are involved in a drug trade who should not get the benefit of what yesterday's law or today. So, thank you. I encourage a 'no' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative West to close."

West: "I encourage an 'aye' vote. Thank you so much."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 44 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Collins. Windhorst. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 70 voting 'yes', 45 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 44, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 18 of the Calendar is House Bill 3311, Representative Welter. Out of the record. On page 24 of the Calendar is House Bill 2553, Representative Ann Williams. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2553, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Williams."

Williams, A.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is entitled the Protecting Household Privacy Act. And it simply follows a long line of Bills that changed the law to require a warrant requirement when a new technology is developed. In this case, we're talking about household devices, which include things like the Ring Doorbell, Alexa, or the Google device. Basically all we're saying here is that, if law enforcement wishes to access data on these devices, they have to get a warrant. Or, alternatively, they have to receive consent of the owner. Of course, we've made exemptions for emergency situations. And because of our Amendment that we worked on with law enforcement, we have neutralized the Illinois State Police, the Sheriffs' Association, and the Attorney General's Office, all of whom are neutral. Some of the tech companies believe they should be... have a liability waiver. But I've suggested that that is more appropriate in a separate Bill because the technology... the warrant requirement applies to technologies well beyond the technology we're talking about here, including cell phones, cell-site simulators, many other tech devices. So, again, we're just changing the law requiring warrant requirement to accommodate this new burdening technology. And I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Wheeler."

Wheeler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She indicates she'll yield."

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Wheeler: "Representative, I just want to reiterate one thing that you had mentioned, I think, in your opening statement about this liability concern. Were there any concerns brought up in the Bill drafting process at all? I just want to understand where the liability to the company may occur. If you see that at all or if that's... you said a totally separate Bill, but it kind of seems to fit in line with what you're doing."

Williams, A.: "Thank you for that question. This Bill deals only with admissibility of evidence. So, if the data is collected without a warrant or outside the parameters we're establishing, the information can't be used as evidence in a trial. So, it doesn't really impact... like many of the Bills that you and I have worked on over the years..."

Wheeler: "Right."

Williams: "...it doesn't deal with personal/private data used for commercial purposes. This is very limited in scope, only applies to data which is sought by law enforcement. So, I don't think it's relevant to a private company. If they want to pursue separate legislation to somehow address what they perceive to be a concern, I'm definitely open to that idea. But here is, again, just a new opportunity to address the latest technology and ensuring that, before law enforcement can access data obtained that way, they get a warrant."

Wheeler: "I appreciate that. I agree with the... with your intention and approach in the Bill. I guess there's concern that there's potential right of action someone would have if the company does something wrong with respect to handling that data. Because... working on a separate Bill for it, I just want to

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put on the record that there's some things we can work on in the future and appreciate your help."

Williams, A.: "Absolutely. Thank you so much."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Carroll, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Carroll: "Due to a potential conflict of interest, I'll be voting 'present' on this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "The record shall so reflect. Representative Williams to close."

Williams, A.: "Just simply would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 2553 pass?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? DeLuca. Nichols. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present', House Bill 2553, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Omar Williams on House Bill 3772. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. I'm sorry. Could you move this back to the Order of Second Reading for the purposes of an Amendment?"

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3772, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Jawaharial Williams has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Williams on Floor Amendment #1."

Williams, J.: "Okay, here we go. House Bill 3772 amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Requires that the sale of a motor vehicle that bears equipment, markings, or other indicia of

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police authority include the removal of all spot lamps from vehicle prior to the delivery of that vehicle."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "Indicates he'll yield."

Batinick: "Did I miss it? Did the... it looks like the Amendment took care of the Illinois State Police. So, now they're neutral instead of opposed?"

Williams, J.: "Yes, it did."

Batinick: "Awesome. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Williams has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3772, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Williams."

Williams, J.: "Sure. 3772 amends the Vehicle Code. Requires that the sale of a motor vehicle that bears equipment markers or other indicia of a police authority includes removal of all spot lamps from vehicles prior to the delivery of the vehicle. I have bipartisan support. I do urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ford."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He indicates he'll yield."

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Ford: "I have a simple questions for you, west side. Did Jesse White tell you that it's okay to carry this Bill? If you can't get him on the phone... because otherwise, I think you should pull it from the record until Mr. White says that it's okay."

Williams, J.: "Mr. White is fine with the Bill."

Ford: "Did he tell you that?"

Williams, J.: "Yes."

Ford: "Okay. I urge an 'aye' vote if Mr. White says."

Williams, J.: "Thank you, Ford."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Williams to close."

Williams, J.: "Thank you, everyone. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3772 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; all those opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Grant, Harper, Ramirez, Reick. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3772, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 18 of the Calendar is House Bill 3437, Representative Walsh. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3437, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Walsh, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Walsh on Floor Amendment #2."

Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 is a request from the Department of Revenue for clarification on the tax

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credit. I'd ask we adopt it and discuss the Bill on Third Reading."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Walsh has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. I'm sorry. Representative Wheeler."

Wheeler: "We can do a Third."

Speaker Harris: "On Third? Okay. So, the Motion is, 'Shall Floor Amendment #2 be adopted?' All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3437 is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. But a state mandates note has been requested and not filed at this time."

Speaker Harris: "Please... please hold this Bill on the Order of Second Reading. No. Representative Walsh."

Walsh: "I move that we hold the note inapplicable."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Walsh has moved to hold the note inapplicable. All those in favor... all those in favor vote 'yes'; all those opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Swanson. DeLuca. Mr. Clerk, please... please take the record. With 70 voting 'yes', 44 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the Motion to hold the note inapplicable is successful. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further notes."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3437, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Walsh."

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Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 3437 creates three new Acts. It'll create the Illinois Hazardous Material Workforce Training Act, the Investing in Illinois Works Tax Credit, and the Access to Apprenticeship Act. The Illinois Hazardous Workforce Materials Trainings Act requires an owner/operator of certain high hazard facilities to require its contractors and subcontractors to use a skilled and trained workforce to perform construction work on site. A skilled and trained workforce means a workforce in which all the workers are either registered apprentice or skilled journey persons. Further, the percentage of the skilled journey persons must be graduates of an apprenticeship program in the applicable occupations that they hold, starting with 45 percent in July of 2022, through 80 percent in July of 2024. The Investing in Illinois Works Tax Credit allows the owner/operator of a high hazard facility to apply for a tax credit of up to \$2500 for each member of it's skilled and trained workforce who is from an underrepresented population and completed a pre-apprenticeship program through the Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program and is a registered apprentice or an individual who has completed apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor. An underrepresented population is a population that's identified by the Department of Labor that has historical barriers to the entry and advancement in the workforce, including minorities, women, and veterans. And thirdly, the Access to Apprenticeship Act. This Act removes the current barrier to apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs by prohibiting

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any application of such programs from requiring a recommendation from a union member or any other person as a condition of acceptance to this program. There are exceptions to this Bill. There's a workforce shortage exemption and contractors that have requested workers from a local hiring halls that dispatch workers and apprenticeable occupation. And due the work for shortages, the contractor is unable to obtain sufficient, qualified workers within 48 hours of the request, Saturday, Sundays, and holidays accepted. Emergency situations where compliance is impractical. For example, an emergency required immediate action to prevent imminent harm or public health or safety environment. And the Act does not apply to any owner/operator that has an executive... executed national or local labor agreement in effect pertaining to the performance of construction work at high hazard facilities. That is negotiated and approved by a local building and construction trades council with geographic jurisdiction over the stationary source. I'd be happy to answer any questions from the Body. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "I am assuming, looking at the number of lights on the panel up here, that we should move this to the Order of Standard Debate. So, we will do that. We'll start with Standard Debate. And Representative Wheeler."

Wheeler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Inquiry of the Chair. Our notes show that there is more notes."

Speaker Harris: "Mr. Clerk, what's the status of notes?"

Clerk Hollman: "The state debt note and the fiscal note were both filed previously."

Wheeler: "And we have... one was ruled inapplicable, correct?"

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Clerk Hollman: "The states mandates note was ruled inapplicable."

Wheeler: "So, the other notes still outstanding? It was filed?"

Oh, it was filed. We have an answer on that? Okay. Thank you.

Appreciate that. So, what debate are we on, Mr. Speaker?"

Speaker Harris: "I'm sorry..."

Wheeler: "We're on Standard Debate?"

Speaker Harris: "Standard Debate, Sir."

Wheeler: "Can we move to Unlimited Debate? We've got many speakers who'd like to express their opinion on this. We'll all be brief. Leave the timer on."

Speaker Harris: "We'll move to Extended Debate."

Wheeler: "Well, let's start there."

Speaker Harris: "Okay. So, we are moving to the Order of Extended Debate. We've already had a proponent speak. We'll have four in opposition and four in support speak going further."

Wheeler: "Are those... is there a timer going to be on then?"

Speaker Harris: "A five-minute time limit."

Wheeler: "Okay. Well... it should be five in response, Mr. Speaker. Is that right?"

Speaker Harris: "I'm sorry. You're correct. And opponents, it would be five... five more speakers."

Wheeler: "Thank you. Appreciate it. Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "The Sponsor will yield."

Wheeler: "Representative, I... you and I have talked about this Bill on a number of occasions. And we both share a desire to see the folks that are living in Illinois, working in Illinois, especially in those refineries that you're concerned about. However, there is a component to this Bill

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that troubles me with respect to prevailing wage. And I understand prevailing wage works. The way we have it set up now is for public works projects. And, in fact, we are the customer. We can ask the vendors to work and use prevailing wage with the workers that are bringing the work to that project. However, in this case, this is all private sector. There is no public money involved, is there?"

Walsh: "No."

Wheeler: "So, if there's no public money involved, we are now inserting a State Law into a private contract between two different entities. Is that correct?"

Walsh: "Yeah, but is there public money involved when we set the minimum wage for the State of Illinois to private employers?"

Wheeler: "No. The minimum wage is kind of the universal across the entire board. This is a very narrow construct..."

Walsh: "And so, my... my argument would be is we're setting a standard within these high hazard facilities that this would be the minimum wage. And it would be prevailing rate."

Wheeler: "I understand... yeah, then that's my concern. We're beginning a process... Larry, is there any other state that injects prevailing wage into private sector projects?"

Walsh: "I believe this law is in California. And they... believe they just passed it in Washington State also."

"Wheeler: "Okay. So, we're like... we'd be like an outlier, in other words. I'll go to the Bill to shave time here. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a first for Illinois. This is a first in how we handle prevailing wage being not just public works projects that we are supplying the money for where we are actually the customer on behalf of the entire state. This is

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something where two entities, both in the private sector, are now going to be directly impacted by a prevailing wage requirement that we've never had before. My concern is this is a beginning, where does it end? There is no limit into how far we could make this go. We have a very nice and very understandable direction where public works money's involved to prevailing wage can be involved. However, this is different. I'm very concerned we don't go down this road. I think there are other ways we can help those local workers. Look forward to working with the Sponsor on those kinds of ideas. I urge a 'no' vote. And one more second if you would, please. I'd like to yield the balance of my time to Representative Davidsmeyer."

Speaker Harris: "We're going to... either use your time or we'll move on to the next speaker. Okay. So, as long as you're within the five minutes, go ahead Representative Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "And... we're not trying to bog this down with time. We understand the time constraints that we're under this evening and... to get things done by tomorrow. Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He indicates he'll yield."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you. Representative Walsh, are you aware of... I believe it was... was it Senate Bill or House Bill 1407 that came up two years ago?"

Walsh: "Yeah. I was a House Sponsor on that Bill."

Davidsmeyer: "Yeah. So, are you aware what happened in my district specifically because of that Bill?"

Walsh: "Regarding..."

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Davidsmeyer: "Regarding an ethanol refinery that was going to be built?"

Walsh: "You can remind me."

Davidsmeyer: "We'll keep it brief. Because... because of that Bill, the company, an Illinois-based company, who was... who had land on the Illinois River in my district, they had the option to purchase the land. We passed a Bill through here that allowed them, specifically because of certain state regulations, to be in that location. And because that Bill threatened them, they decided to put their investment in Iowa. So, in a county where, unless you're... unless you're a farmer, the wages are fairly low. We lost jobs that were 60 to 80 thousand dollar jobs. These are head-of-household jobs in areas... and it may not sound like very much up north, but down here in rural areas, 60 to 80 thousand dollar jobs are head-of-household jobs. I mean, those are... those are jobs that keep you purchasing trucks and things of that sort."

Walsh: "So, I guess my question would be then why did they... why did they move? Because I'm under the understanding that that was due to demand purposes."

Davidsmeyer: "Because our agreement said there's a two-year moratorium on this Bill and this Bill could come back in two years. We are currently two years from that original agreement. So, they knew it was going to come back, and that's why they did not invest in the State of Illinois. So, we are deterring..."

Walsh: "Well, I would disagree. I think it was more on demand but..."

Speaker Harris: "Representative, your time has expired."

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Daidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want you to know what this does to investment in the State of Illinois. I understand what you're trying to do, but this is... this is hurting our economy and taxpayers."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Reick for five minutes."

Reick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He indicates he'll yield."

Reick: "Representative Walsh, before we get into what I was going to talk about, I'd like to go back to the Amendment that you filed say... providing for five years of emergency rulemaking. I'm a member of JCAR, and it's... emergency rulemaking is something that's specific to a... hence the name emergency. A five-year expiration date on the ability for emergency rulemaking is not done. And I know that you said that LRB said that that's standard language. It may be standard language, but the period of time during which that emergency rulemaking is effective is not the case. So, having said that, the credit that's applied... that's provided for in this Bill, it's a five-year credit. Is that correct?"

Walsh: "Five-year credit, yes."

Reick: "Okay. Where... what... how much is the credit?"

Walsh: "It's \$20 million per year."

Reick: "For five... for five years?"

Walsh: "That's \$2500 for each employee that qualifies under the diversification goals in the plan."

Reick: "Right. But the credit... the gross credit for purposes of the... the Bill is \$20 million max a year?"

Walsh: "That's correct."

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Reick: "With a five-year carry forward provision, which means that we could probably end up having people taking advantage of this credit for 10 years."

Walsh: "The credit's only good for five years out from the credit year that they're taking it."

Reick: "So, in the fifth year, if I'm taking the credit and I can't use it, I can go out 5 more years, which puts it at 10."

Walsh: "That is correct."

Reick: "Okay. Thank you. Are you aware of the... the recent Bill that was passed..."

Walsh: "It could go out five years from that period."

Reick: "Five years from the five year period."

Walsh: "So, the last year of that tax credit... or that tax year, it can go out five more years."

Reick: "Yeah. Five plus five is ten. Are you aware of the American... the Bill named... called ARPA that was passed in Congress just last March? This past March?"

Walsh: "Yep."

Reick: "If I could find my glasses, I would read to you..."

Walsh: "Mine won't work for you."

Reick: "I have found my glasses."

Walsh: "There you go."

Reick: "I will read for you. 'A state or territory that shall not use the funds provided under the section or transferred pursuant to section 603(c)(4) to either directly or indirectly offset a reduction in the net tax revenue of such State or territory resulting from a change in law, regulation, administrative interpretation during the covered period that

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reduces any tax (by providing for a reduction in rate, a rebate, a deduction, a credit, or otherwise) or delays the imposition of any tax increase.' What this means... what's your interpretation of what this means?"

Walsh: "So, I... here's what I will say, is that this Bill does not go in effect until January 1 of 2022. Secondly, the funds that we are getting from the feds have to be expended by December 31 of 2024. Thirdly, most of those funds will probably be expended within this year."

Reick: "Representative, that's not what..."

Walsh: "So, with a tax credit... so the tax credit that we're creating in this will not affect and no federal funds will be used towards that..."

Reick: "That's not what this... that's not what the ARPA says. ARPA says that any tax credit created after March 3rd of 2021 which has the net effect of reducing taxes is subject to clawback..."

Walsh: "But it also says that those funds that we receive from the feds cannot be used for this tax credit."

Reick: "I'm not saying..."

Walsh: "We're not using those funds for this tax credit."

Reick: "We're not using... I'm not saying that we're using the funds for this tax credit. Money..."

Walsh: "Well, that doesn't stop us from changing tax structure."

Reick: "No. It..."

Walsh: "It says you can't use those funds for the changes."

Reick: "No. It says that any tax by providing a reduction in rate, rebate, deduction, or credit may be used in any way if you... what it says is that if you get federal funds and you enact

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a tax credit like the one you're providing in this Bill, then what you're doing is you're subjecting..."

Walsh: "But it's specifically stating in there that we cannot use those funds to do that."

Reick: "No."

Walsh: "It doesn't say that we can't change other laws."

Reick: "Yes, it does. Any funds."

Walsh: "I don't see it in there 'cause I just read it."

Reick: "I've... I'm reading it too. Any money that is... that is used... any taxes, credits, or reduction in tax or failure to do a tax increase that is in effect..."

Speaker Harris: "Representative, could you bring your remarks to a close?"

Reick: "Can I have... may I have extra time? Can we go to Unlimited Debate? This is a big Bill, Mr. Speaker. And I think it deserves the kind of... the kind of debate that a big Bill deserves."

Speaker Harris: "Got five speakers, pro and con."

Reick: "Mr. Speaker, are you... may I... may I borrow extended time from someone else?"

Speaker Harris: "This will count as one of the five. Continue."

Reick: "No, no, no. That's why I'm asking. Can we go to Unlimited Debate, please?"

Speaker Harris: "Extended Debate."

Reick: "Pardon me?"

Speaker Harris: "Stay on the Order of Extended Debate."

Reick: "Which gives... start talking again? Okay. The intent of ARPA is not to allow states to take advantage of federal funds that are going to be given to the states so that states can

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then do their own tax cutting and things like that. If this... if there was a tax credit that was in place before ARCA was passed and it was meant to flow into these period after March 3rd of 2021, that's fine. But this..."

Walsh: "Here's where I'm going to agree with you... disagree with you, Representative. Under (A), 'In general. A state or territory shall not use the funds provided under this section or transferred pursuant to section 603(c)(4) to either directly or indirectly offset the reduction of the next... the net tax revenue of such state or territory.'"

Reick: "Indirectly..."

Walsh: "It cannot use those funds. We're not using those funds."

Reick: "I... I disagree. Indirectly offset, that means that there can be an indirect offset by giving us this money and then having it clawed back when what we..."

Walsh: "Well, that's not... I don't believe that's what we're doing, and I'm just going to leave it at that."

Reick: "I believe that that's what exactly what this statute says. Do you want to run the risk that you're right and I'm wrong? Do you want to run the risk that I'm not right or I am right?"

Walsh: "I don't believe you're right. And secondly, I'm going to make... make a bet that we expend the funds before this Act even comes into effect."

Reick: "These funds are subject to clawback from any source derived if we go ahead and violate what ARPA tells us we cannot do."

Walsh: "If the funds are already expended, then the Act is in place after the funds are expended. It doesn't matter."

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Reick: "That's not true. The money is available... the money is available for clawback throughout the entire time during which this prohibition exists which goes out to 2025."

Walsh: "Okay. I don't agree with that."

Reick: "Well, I... we... if you don't agree with it and I believe this and you believe that, my question to this Body, are you willing to take the risk that the Federal Government, at some time in the next 3 to 4 years, is going to come back and say the State of Illinois enacted a \$120 million tax credit that was in direct violation of what this Bill... what this Article in ARPA provides and then you're going to have to pay back that \$120 million? Think real hard about that. It's not like Illinois has \$120 million laying around that it can afford to pay back. Not to mention the fact that we are in... we're losing tax credits in other ways. The Governor's pulling certain... the Blue Collar Jobs Act and things like that. We have got to be sure that what we're dealing with here is not a situation that could provide for a clawback of federal revenue, if by adding this tax credit after the enactment date of ARPA, we are going to end up having to pay that money back. To the Bill. I do believe that we are in a situation here where, as the previous speaker spoke, we're chasing businesses out of Illinois. As my colleague here said, we're putting prevailing wage into private industry. The camel's nose is under the tent flap. Who's to say that we're not going to expand the definition of the type of business that is subject to this to hospitals, or farm, or some other form of business? This is just the camel's nose under the tent flap, folks. We are going to find other businesses that are dangerous, inherently

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dangerous. And to those of you who think that the promises that are made in a training act are going to make participation by disadvantaged groups more likely to happen, look at... look at past practice. We have a private... we have a private organization that has done a stellar job of bringing minorities into the... into the workforce and making... and these people are making 40, 45, 50 dollars an hour. Why do we want to change that? Why do we want to do that? There's nothing here except a desire for private industry to be subjected to the same type of prevailing wage, unionization, and all the other types of things that private industry does not want to see and will ultimately drive people and businesses out of this state. We've already seen one instance of it. We're going to see more. So, I urge... I strongly urge... until we figure out what's going on with this tax credit and the other things that are in play here, I strongly urge a 'no' vote on this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Davis, do you stand in support or opposition?"

Davis: "Opposition."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Davis."

Davis: "Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He indicates he'll yield."

Davis: "Representative Walsh, not a lot of time. So, my interests are a little different than my colleagues on the other side of the aisle's interest. So, my interest is that the fact that the unions claim that this will be the panacea to create more opportunities for black and brown individuals. Can you explain... can you please explain to me how?"

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Walsh: "So, what we've done in this Bill, through the access to the apprenticeship program, is basically dictate to... and it's not just the unions, it's any apprenticeship program... that they have to do outreach goals. And those outreach goals is basically a description of recruitment screening and training efforts that they have to submit to the works panel and to DOL."

Davis: "Okay. Let me... let me interrupt you. I don't have a lot of time. So, if this is now pushing outreach, is it the same outreach that unions could have been doing prior to this?"

Walsh: "Yes, and even more."

Davis: "Okay. Why weren't they doing it before?"

Walsh: "I can't answer that question, but we're making them do it now."

Davis: "Okay. And you think that it'll be better under this provision?"

Walsh: "I believe it will be."

Davis: "Well, you believe it will be. The question is, will it be? This is where we need definitive answers. We've been talking around this conversation with the unions at least since I've been here, and I'm in my 19th year as a Legislator. So, how does this all of a sudden make it better?"

Walsh: "So, here's what I'll tell you, Representative, is that if they don't do that outreach, they don't get to work in those facilities."

Davis: "Simple as that?"

Walsh: "If they're found to not follow the guidelines that we've set forth in this Act, that they will... they could be..."

Davis: "Okay."

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Walsh: "...disqualified from the Department of Labor for one year to work in these facilities."

Davis: "Of just one year? Okay."

Walsh: "As long as they... if they get their reporting and their goals back in line, then they can be recertified."

Davis: "So, are these permanent opportunities we're talking about? Because the practice..."

Walsh: "Permanent opportunities in construction trade."

Davis: "Well, but the practice is that sometimes they will make it look good for the purpose of reporting numbers. And then, you'll start to see those numbers. If you checked them a month later, they would actually not be the case 'cause they would cycle people off..."

Walsh: "Was..."

Davis: "...say, hey, we got another opportunity for you. Let me put... move you over here and then bring someone else who happens to be not of color. So, how does this..."

Walsh: "So, within this Act, under the Illinois Workforce Training Act, the registered apprentice skilled journeypersons have to have a percentage of these... the minority population that has not been represented, to the tune of 45 percent, have to come through these apprenticeship programs."

Davis: "But... but for how long? If we're talking about working on a project, do they... is it..."

Walsh: "As long as this workforce..."

Davis: "...does it require that for the length of the project? Does the language say for the length of the project?"

Walsh: "It says for the work that's being done in these facilities."

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Davis: "So, it doesn't, which means somebody could start..."

Walsh: "Well, I mean, in these facilities... in these facilities, some work only lasts 12 weeks. Others are there for a whole year."

Davis: "Well, I mean, I've heard..."

Walsh: "Some are only there for two weeks."

Davis: "...I've heard stories where people were given an opportunity, and then two weeks later they were moved to another project. So, I'm asking for the permanency to make sure that they stay on the project for the length of it. Is it in the language?"

Walsh: "That is not in the language."

Davis: "Okay. So, there's an opportunity to reduce those numbers after a period of time."

Walsh: "But I... we can't force that in this... I mean, basically, that's not a..."

Davis: "We're forcing prevailing wage."

Walsh: "Yeah."

Davis: "So, how come we can't force that? Why is it that when we talk about the permanency of jobs for people of color, we can never enforce that?"

Walsh: "So..."

Davis: "It's always optional."

Walsh: "The best... in this, the apprenticeship programs have to continue to do this diversity outreach and bring, within the jurisdiction of the area that the works being done, if they're going to be placing people in these high-hazard facilities."

Davis: "And that percentage is based on the region that the facility is located, right?"

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Walsh: "That is correct."

Davis: "Okay. That's... that's a little problematic, but let me move on. So, the other side of the aisle talked about a tax... a taxing center. That's capped at \$20 million, right?"

Walsh: "That is correct."

Davis: "So, if you take \$20 million, because that's what they get for hiring people of color, and divide it by 2500... and divide it by 2500, it seems like I'm only worth a \$2500 tax... tax incentive to hire. So, but if you take that \$20 million and divide it by 2500, then it's 8 thousand. Are there 8 thousand jobs? Are there 8 thousand opportunities for people of color in these facilities?"

Walsh: "Over the course of a year and across the areas? I could say, possibly, depending on the amount of work that they have."

Davis: "But..."

Walsh: "One turnaround is... could have 3 thousand people out there for 12 to 16 weeks."

Davis: "And you're going to tell me that that turnaround is just going to be 3 thousand people of color? And your unions..."

Speaker Harris: "Representative."

Walsh: "Well, no..."

Speaker Harris: "Representative."

Davis: "...are going to have 3 thousand people of color..."

Speaker Harris: "Representative, could you bring..."

Davis: "...working in one project?"

Speaker Harris: "...could you bring your remarks to a close?"

Davis: "I will then. Let me just speak to the Bill. There's a lot going on in this piece of legislation that I think is not

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soup yet. Maybe there's more conversation about how we increase the numbers of people of color, but I'm not sure if this Bill is enough to get us there. I understand that for some people it's hard to vote against this because of your affiliations and the support that you receive from unions, and I get that. I'm one of those people. You can look at my D-2s and it's there. It's public record. But when it comes to the idea of people of color and having these opportunities, the unions have yet to show, truly, that they are committed to this. And, unfortunately, this Bill does not. There are no specific goals in there. There are no specific percentages in there."

Speaker Harris: "Representative, could you bring your remarks to a close?"

Davis: "It's all subject to whatever they want. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ugaste, pro or con? Representative Spain, are you speaking pro or con?"

Spain: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am speaking con."

Speaker Harris: "Then please proceed."

Spain: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "Indicates he'll yield."

Spain: "Representative, thank you for bringing this Bill forward. And I certainly appreciate your efforts regarding safety and enhancing the diversity within the building trades so that jobs can be more plentiful and more inclusive. But the notion of what we're doing here is really incredible with taking private investments and now requiring prevailing wages to be paid. It's something that's never been done, even in a state

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like Illinois. I want to talk to you though, specifically about one of the industries that you have included within your Bill, which is the ethanol industry. And while this is a Bill, as I can see on the board, concerning safety, I'm struggling to understand the safety issues that you are trying to resolve within ethanol facilities. So, my question to you, Representative, what are the safety incidents that have been taking place within Illinois ethanol facilities that demand their inclusion within this legislation?"

Walsh: "So, Representative, here's what I'll tell you, is ethanol came in from the Senate in 1407 from Senator Koehler out of the Peoria area. And why he did that, I don't have an answer for. But here's what I could tell you, is that ethanol is a flammable liquid that could cause explosions. Corn dust is very explosive if it's not handled or ventilated properly. That is the concern that we have and that's why, I believe, that that was added. That's me. It wasn't... I didn't get that from Senator Koehler."

Spain: "Thank you, Representative. To the Bill. I think that's exactly right, ethanol is a very specialized and unique industry. So specialized that there is a highly trained and specialized workforce that performs services in these ethanol plants that are familiar with dealing with issues just like this, corn dust and other issues. And that's why there have not been safety incidents in the ethanol facilities in Illinois, including... we have one of the world's largest ethanol facility included.. is located in our state. And so, when we think about just throwing in an entire new industry into an unrelated initiative, it creates serious problems and

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serious opportunity cost for the future of the State of Illinois. And so, when what we've heard from our ethanol manufactures is that this Bill will result in significantly extended downtime in their facilities. When those facilities aren't running, our farmers can't sell corn. We're talking about millions of bushels of corn, millions... tens of millions of dollars in the State of Illinois that we're taking away from our farmers. The opportunity costs are significant. You heard from my colleague from Jacksonville about a facility that never came to fruition just because of the mere threat of this legislation over the last two years. We're also looking at new opportunities within the ethanol industry. And I read a great book yesterday, that was delivered into my office, about the promise of renewables and what we can do to improve our environment through the use of products like ethanol and how we can capture carbon and create a cleaner environment. Things like this won't happen. And I can appreciate the Sponsor's genuine interest in having more jobs in Illinois, and especially union jobs. I would like to see more union jobs in the State of Illinois, too. But when we poison the business climate of the State of Illinois, we will fail, on a net affect, to attract and benefit the jobs that we're seeking. So, Mr. Speaker, I couldn't more strongly urge a 'no' vote. This is the wrong direction for the State of Illinois. Let me do two things, Mr. Speaker. I would like to request a verification on this roll call. And then, I'll yield the balance of my time, these 45 seconds, to Representative Ugaste, please."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ugaste for 39 seconds."

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Ugaste: "To the Bill. They say that this is for safety, yet union facilities are exempted from the safety protocols. There are currently a safety program in place for the refineries, called the Three Rivers Council, that every single employee, union, nonunion, in-state, out of state, no matter where they came from, have to go through every year. The only fatality in this area in the last five years came in Whiting, Indiana. There's safety in place. We have a safe environment. We have nonunion contractors who provide opportunities to minorities to the level of... 97 percent were from the black and brown communities in their pre-apprentice programs. If they are forced to pay the prevailing wage, they will not be able to go into these communities and hire entry-level people..."

Speaker Harris: "Representative, your time has expired."

Ugaste: "...because it will pay too much. I strongly urge a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Evans, do you stand in support or opposition?"

Evans: "I stand in support."

Speaker Harris: "Please proceed."

Evans: "Wow. I got to take a deep breath because I didn't know what we were doing here. I didn't know if this was an affirmative action march, a right-to-work anti-union rally. I was very confused 'cause so much rhetoric has been thrown out about this piece of legislation. I'm looking back at Larry. I'm like, what is the... I have to go look at the computer again to figure out what we were doing. Because I'm looking through the legislation, and I'm looking for union, I'm looking for opportunities away from blacks. I just heard

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Representative Ugaste talk about 97 percent minority inclusion. Just a ridiculous number, because I've already reached out to the contractors, the ABC folks, and 97 percent is so ridiculous. It's hard to address that. I'm looking for what we're doing. So, I'm... I'm asking Representative-Chairman Walsh, could we please go back to the legislation? Because being a black man, I'm a little insulted by some of these references. And just being a conscience Legislator, I want to get back to the legislation. Because I don't remember, in any of the meetings with you, Larry, that we've talked about unions. I know we talked about safety. Could you give me a recap? What is this legislation? 'Cause I'm very confused right now."

Walsh: "So, the first thing this does is creates the Illinois Hazardous Materials Workforce Training Act that basically requires any owner/operator to hire their contractors and their construction workers from an approved U.S. Department of Labor apprenticeship or a skilled journeyman in that applicable trade and make sure that they're qualified to work in those facilities."

Evans: "All right. Now, I can read but I'm not a lawyer. But I can read. Now, anywhere in there did it say that they had to be in the union?"

Walsh: "No."

Evans: "Okay. That's clear. So, we're clear on that. So, all the anti-union rhetoric, we've got to save that for the rallies. We've got... May 31, we're going to back to the regular thing, but this is not anti-union rally. This is a... we're talking

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about legislation. Now, are nonunion programs eligible for this, Larry?"

Walsh: "Yes."

Evans: "Crystal clear. All right. Now, when you talk about minority inclusion, I reached out to the opposition. I said, send me a picture of some black people. I want to see some black folks. And I'm still waiting. I said, where are all these lovely pictures? But you know what I did see a picture of? I saw a picture of some Texas license plates. I saw some Indiana license plates. I saw some Iowa license plates. So, Larry, we don't have to go to facts, we can go to just innuendos. Are there non-Illinois residents, tons of them, working at these facilities, taking opportunities from people of Illinois? Is that happening?"

Walsh: "Yes."

Evans: "Wow. This is crazy. Okay. Now, getting back to the discussion. You know, I worked with Representative Walsh on this because it is a fact that, not just some of our labor unions... and you can look back at the history of this country, but we've dealt with racism in this country. And it was a sensitive matter because I want to see job opportunities for African Americans, but I don't want to see us played as pawns. So, did we discuss different ways and different obstructions in which we can remove things that could potentially be obstructing African Americans who get an opportunity? Did we have any of those discussions during this Bill?"

Walsh: "There was a whole lot of that discussion."

Evans: "And who was involved in those discussions? It was myself. Who else?"

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Walsh: "Representative Hoffman... Leader Hoffman, the AFLCIO, a lot of the building trade folks, and we've even had discussions with the ABC Contractors over the course of the three or four years that this Bill has been out there."

Evans: "And when you guys see the paper... and somebody typed it up, I think... I know Hoffman didn't type it up, but he had some staff person to type it up to talk about the different historical things that we want to do. You know, we have a moment here, Ladies and Gentlemen, and particularly people on the other side of the aisle. Call your hospitals. Call your private sector friends. Call some of those companies. Because it's a little... it's getting tiring when we want to focus on unions, we're talking about opportunities and jobs. There's plenty of companies out here in your districts... and if you don't know where they are, I'll find you... they don't have a lot of black folks in them. But what steps are they taking? So, we reached out to our union partners and we asked them. We said, we want to see real steps taken to remove some of the obstructions. So, one of them that I've talked to, we talked to other Representatives, was about some of the requirements. You know, I'm a young black man. And if I want to get into trades, I may not know an officer. And so, did we remove requirements that having a letter from an officer in the union? Did we do that, Larry?"

Walsh: "Yes, that's correct."

Evans: "When you talk about access and opportunity and making folks aware, did we put provisions in to do outreach? We... we talking to the unions, and we said, you know what? You're not doing the proper outreach. You're not going into the areas..."

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you're not even going to East Joliet. You're not going to certain places, and we want to see an increase in that. And we sat around a table to talk about solving real problems and then we accomplished some goals. Did we put that real information and real requirements inside this Bill? Did we do that?"

Walsh: "Yes, we did."

Evans: "And I got to... and I can go on and on, even talking about the tax credit. You know, I've had conversations with the administration to talk about tax credit. And a black job is worth a lot to me. I want to see African Americans working these opportunities. And if a tax credit is needed, we do plenty of tax credits and plenty of TIFs. You know, the other side of the aisle opposed TIFs, tax credit, but I've done voted on so many over the years, I'm tired of seeing them up there."

Speaker Harris: "Representative, could you bring your remarks to a close?"

Evans: "Okay. In closing, I don't want African Americans to be played as pawns in this conversation. We have many industries that lack diversity. And our labor partners are taken the steps needed, and they're going to continue to do that. And I want the other side of the aisle to push every industry, not just our labor party industry. And the bottom line, we have a private sector safety in these facilities, and we have opportunities baked in this legislation, and there's more to come. So, if you all care about African Americans, trust me, we've got some La Shawn Ford Bills, some Mary Flower Bills, and some Carol Ammons Bills to help you get there. And this

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is a Bill that's going to open opportunities. So, I request your support."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Collins."

Collins: "Thank you. Does the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He yields."

Collins: "All right. So, I am in support of House Bill 3437. I am a proud union... former union member. Well, still a union member. I come from a private sector, working in a nursing home that is very hazardous, short staffed. We deal with a lot of bodily fluids, all of that, and we were the most underpaid workers in the industry. But it was because of prevailing wages, it was because of standing up against the nursing home industry and fighting back that we... and we still have a long way to go. But that extra money, that extra income, and that extra safety and structure that we build in our industry is what is helping our patients that we serve and it's helping the workers. Whether you're in... being a construction worker, you're dealing with a lot of hazardous things. So, it is very important that you have those safety measures in place. So, even if they are in the private sector, they deserve a prevailing wage. And we need Illinois workers to be working in these industries. And so, I think the... the debate has taken it in a whole other direction. So, I do agree with Leader Evans, because this Bill is all about safety. And the trades are showing that they're trying to move into a new direction and make sure that they diversify this industry. So, I urge an 'aye' vote on this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ugaste, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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Ugaste: "It's my understanding that, since my name was mentioned during debate, I have additional time in which to respond."

Speaker Harris: "You do, Sir. Three minutes."

Ugaste: "Thank you. I mentioned the union facility, not because I'm anti-union, not because I have a problem with union workers, especially Illinois union workers having jobs. I'm a fan of that. I carried a Bill earlier tonight on this floor that passed that had strong union support. I don't have a problem with unions. My problem is that I'm wondering if this is a safety Bill... and I didn't have time to ask the question. Maybe the Sponsor will yield and answer the question now. If it's about safety, there's a carve out for union facilities not having to go through the same safety program, is my understanding, in Section 10-20 of the Bill. Why... why is that if this is about safety?"

Walsh: "That was a request from Phillips 66 and Marathon. They're under a national agreement with their local trade unions and that was a request from the industry."

Ugaste: "Well, the... the industry already has a federal regulation ensuring the safety protocols that have to be performed by all contractors and every employee that goes through, don't they?"

Walsh: "That's correct. But also, the unions have a strong safety program that they utilize. And as far as Three Rivers Construction Alliance, that is... even though it does do both union and nonunion, it's basically funded from the unions and the companies that are represented in it."

Ugaste: "I'm sure the unions have a wonderful safety program. My point in mentioning what I did was we already have contractors

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in these facilities that have strong minority participation. And if I misspoke about who it involves... I don't think I said union membership, but if it didn't, in their pre-apprenticeship program, since its inception in 2017, it has been 97 percent minority. I... this is information I'm given. I trust the information. We have safe facilities. CITGO refinery, in 2019, was recognized for workplace safety and excellence by the American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers organization. I am hopeful we can keep these facilities running and continue to employ people from Illinois in these facilities. By the very nature of the type of facilities and the size they are, I think we're always going to have people from out of state come to them, much as I'm sure that facility in Whiting, Indiana has a number of license plates from Illinois. By requiring prevailing wage, we're going to drive some of these companies out, drive these businesses..."

Speaker Harris: "Representative, could you bring your remarks to a close?"

Ugaste: "...out, and actually lose employees in Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Members, Representative Spain has requested a verification. All Members will be in their chairs and vote their own switches. The Chair recognizes Representative Walsh to close."

Walsh: "I want to thank everyone for the hearty debate here this afternoon. And as we got through this, this Bill is certainly about safety and it's about Illinois workers. And we have a safe workforce in Illinois. I'm not going to disagree with

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that. And whether it's union or nonunion, it doesn't matter. We have that workforce. But when we have contractors coming in from out of state that we don't have what their qualifications are, that's where our issue is. And secondly, and most importantly, is when March and April come around, and whether it's union or nonunion, I have my constituents sitting at home while I look in the parking lot of ExxonMobil or Citgo, with thousands of cars from Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, there's a problem there. And I've talked to the industry about it, and I've asked them, you need to address this. They didn't want to do it. This was over four years ago. This is why this Bill's here today, folks, is what we're trying to do is make these places the safest they can possibly be and support the Illinois workers that we represent, each and every... 118 of us. We represent these people. But, again, thank you for the hearty debate, and I ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Again, Members, Representative Spain has requested a verification. All Members will be in their chairs and vote their own switches. The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3437 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Guzzardi. Guzzardi. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 71 voting 'yes', 43 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3437, having received the Constitutional Majority... before we go that far, Mr. Clerk, please read the names of those voting in the affirmative. Representative Spain withdraws the verification. On this

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question, there are 71 voting in 'favor', 43 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 27 of the Calendar is House Bill 3882, Representative Windhorst."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3882, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3882 amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. It changes the definition of police vehicle to include recreational off-highway vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, watercraft, and aircraft. This Bill is an initiative of the Illinois State Police Command Officer's Association. I'm aware of no opposition. And I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ford."

Ford: "Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He indicates he'll yield."

Ford: "'Cause you know I believe in fairness, and I did ask the Democrat over here. He just had a Bill that dealt with Secretary White's Office. So, I have to ask you too. Did Jesse White give you the right to carry this Bill?"

Windhorst: "I can say honestly that he... I did not speak with him on the Bill. I'm... I do not know if the State Police Command Officer's Association did, but I did not."

Ford: "Well, just like I asked the Representative over here, if you could pull the Bill from the record and call Mr. White and get permission, would you be willing to be respectful of Mr. White?"

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Windhorst: "I do respect Mr. White, but I'm not willing to pull the Bill, unfortunately."

Ford: "Okay. We'll just hold this debate until he calls us then. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Windhorst: "You know, it'd be great to actually meet him if... that would be great."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Windhorst to close."

Windhorst: "Yes, I would encourage an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 3882 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 115 in the 'affirmative', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3882, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 6 of the Calendar is House Bill 738, Representative Flowers. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 738, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time, previously."

Speaker Harris: "Mr. Clerk, please bring this Bill back to Second Reading for purposes of an Amendment. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 738, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Flowers."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Flowers on Floor Amendment 2."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is a simple Amendment to add a few more potential birthing centers to Illinois birth centers demonstration

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model. It also deletes languages that include certain birth centers' applicants. Those in Planning Area A-3 and those that are owned and operated by federally qualified help centers from the certificate of need review. It's not fair to hold some applicants to different standards than others. There will be four additional centers allowed on the South and West Side of the City of Chicago where it's very badly needed. And there will be one other birth center allowed in East St. Louis. The total number of possible birthing centers would be 17. And I would urge an 'aye' vote, and I would move for the adoption of Amendment #2 to House Bill 738."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Flowers has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. I'm sorry, Representative Demmer. Did you... you'll discuss it on Third? Okay. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 738, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Flowers on House Bill 738."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. You've heard about the hospitals closing on the South and West Side of the City of Chicago. And, more importantly, you heard and read about how, according to the Chicago Southside Birthing Center, states that overall in Cook County the infant mortality rate is 6.8 deaths per 1 thousand live

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births and... for non-Hispanic black women in the City of Chicago. And we have the highest rate of severe maternal mortality, 120.8 per 10 thousand deliveries, versus 46.9 for whites and 60 for Hispanics. So, currently, we only have four hospitals on the south side. And Mercy Hospital was talking about closing, and Roseland Hospital has some problems, and Trinity Hospital has some problems. And so, we had some problems on the south side in regards to access to health care. House Bill 738 will begin to address this matter. And I would appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "Indicates she'll yield."

Demmer: "Representative Flowers, this was a Bill that we began to debate earlier today, and now we've adopted an Amendment that changes a few things. So, I just want to review what that is. First, this is a Bill that increases the permitted number of birth centers from 12 to 17. And then, as a component of that, from 6 to 10 within the Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will County areas. Is that correct?"

Flowers: "That is correct."

Demmer: "So, it's permissive. It allows there to be more birth centers should those birth centers get organized and established themselves."

Flowers: "That is correct."

Demmer: "So, it's not... does not require the state to go in and establish these centers, it simply allows those centers to be established. And the other key component that the Amendment

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changed, these birth centers in the original Amendment were exempt from the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board..."

Flowers: "Yes."

Demmer: "...process. They are no longer exempt. So, they'll simply complete that process as they would before, except now, instead of having 12 in the state, we could have up to 17."

Flowers: "That's correct."

Demmer: "Okay. Thank you. I encourage a 'yes' vote."

Flowers: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Flowers to close."

Flowers: "I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 738 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 115 people voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 738, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 3 of the Calendar is House Bill 106, Representative Andrade. Andrade. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 106, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Andrade."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Andrade on Floor Amendment #1."

Andrade: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor... Floor Amendment 1 is a page and line, removes a... we have two Amendments on this too, right? Okay. House Floor Amendment 1 is a gut and

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replace. Includes... House Amendment 1 includes catalytic converters, its contents in aluminum and steel wheels, with definition of recycled material. This Amendment helped remove all of the opposition, and I worked with the industry."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Butler. Representative Butler."

Butler: "Thank you. Just confirming, there's two Amendments? Is that correct? Yeah? Okay."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Andrade has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 106. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment 1 is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Andrade."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Andrade on Floor Amendment 2."

Andrade: "House Floor Amendment #2 removes the authority given to the Department of Revenue to initiate action against the recycled metal from the Bill. The Department of Revenue asked to be removed from the Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Andrade has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 106. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment 2 is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 106, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Andrade."

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Andrade: "House Bill 106 is a Bill that is dealing with the stolen of catalytic converters and wheels. It's been a problem. And so, what this Bill does, House Bill... Amendment 1, includes catalytic converters contents and aluminum or steel wheels within the definition 'recyclable metal'. Currently, under the Vehicle Code, it is a violation to sell, attempt to sell, or for any recycle metal dealer to purchase or attempt to purchase a catalytic converter not attached to a vehicle at the time of the transaction, unless the seller is licensed in automotive parts, recycler, or scrap processor. House... it extends a violation of the contents of the catalytic converter. Further, it is... it states that this is a violation to sell or attempt to sell any recyclable metal dealer to purchase or attempt to purchase any aluminum or steel wheel not attached to a motor vehicle, unless the seller is a licensed automotive parts recycler or scrap processor. When a person violates this section, is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. And who also commits his second offense will be... so, there's no opposition to the Bill. I request an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Manley in the Chair. Leader Butler, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Butler: "A few questions of the Sponsor. Nice to have you in the Chair, Leader Manley."

Speaker Manley: "Thank you. Please proceed."

Butler: "Representative Andrade, I want to thank you for your work on this Bill. And just... just to confirm what you said. This only applies to licensed dealers, not to private sales or anything like that. Is that correct?"

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Andrade: "That is correct."

Butler: "Not to private sales, just... okay."

Andrade: "No. The original Bill was a private sales. This just deals with licenses."

Butler: "Right. And so, through your work on these Amendments, the opposition has been removed and we're good to go on this, correct?"

Andrade: "Yes."

Butler: "Very good. I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Andrade to close."

Andrade: "I respectfully request an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 106 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 114 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present', this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 26, House Bill 30... if I could see... 3462, Representative Crespo. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3462, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Crespo."

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker. The House Floor Amendment changes the effective date to January 1, of 2022, and adds additional responsibilities to the CAC's role as it relates to forensic interviews."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3462 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Representative. Mr. Clerk. Out

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of the record. On this question, there are 115 voting in the 'affirmative', 0 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 24, House Bill 2594, Representative Davis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2594, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Davis."

Davis: "Thank you very much, Madam Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 2594 is an initiative of South Holland School District 151. They have a school in my district which... where they kind of... kind of got me involved in this. But there's a, kind of, obscure office, elected office, in some townships called the trustees of schools. In most cases, it's a three member body in which they, kind of, act as the fiscal agent for school districts, particularly smaller school districts that don't have school business officials or school treasurers. And so, they, kind of, are acting in that way. So, I was approached by this school district because they struggled to get information out of the Thornton Township Trustees of School... Schools. They struggled to get information about how they're investing their money. They struggled to have transparency with the Web site that this area has. And, ironically enough, I had an earlier Bill that was on the Consent Calendar that's mandating transparency as it relates to these Web sites, and that they have to post certain information on it. But after some review, this school district said we would like to withdraw from the Township Trustees of Schools for Thornton Township. We feel that we

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are in a better position to handle our own money, handle our own resources. They understand all the commitments that are necessary to come as a results... as a result in terms of having the right personnel to make sure that everything is accounted for, all the accountability, all the transparency exist. So, they approached me about sponsoring a Bill to remove them from the Trustees of Schools. I want to take this opportunity to thank Leader Durkin, who I was working with because he has a similar challenge in one of his areas. And we were, at one point, possibly combing the effort, but it worked out that that's not the case. But nevertheless, he's provided me with some information as it relates to the office and what it does. So, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is an effort, again, brought to me by one of the school districts in order to remove itself from the Thornton Township Trustees of Schools. It'll be more than happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2594 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 1 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 27, House Bill 3743, Representative Evans. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3743, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Evans."

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Evans: "Thank you, Madam Speaker and the great Members of this Assembly. This is an agreed Bill working with the Department of Regulations. We must protect boxing and martial arts citizens, and it outlines some protections for them. We added some Amendments, and the Amendments work with our optometrists because their eyes must be protected. I request your support."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Could you let the record reflect that Brad Stephens will not be able to vote for this great Bill 'cause he's excused for the day. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The record will reflect that. Thank you. On this question, 'Shall House Bill 3743 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 21, House Bill 3914, on Second Reading, Representative Flowers. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3914, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Manley: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3914, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Manley: "Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 3914 changes any reference in the term of 'affirmative action' to 'positive action'. And it provides that each state agency shall take positive action when it comes to such action is necessary to rectify discrimination. I'll be more than happy to answer any questions you may have in regards to House Bill 3914. And I would move for its passage. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "A reminder that we are in Short Debate. Representative Reick, do you rise in opposition?"

Reick: "I believe I was in opposition in the committee. So, let's keep it that way."

Speaker Manley: "Please proceed."

Reick: "Representative, hi there."

Flowers: "Hi."

Reick: "Hi."

Flowers: "Hi."

Reick: "I'm not going to go back at that."

Flowers: "Pardon me."

Reick: "CMS... according to our analysis, CMS is opposed to this Bill. Can you speak to their opposition, please?"

Flowers: "I don't think so. According to my... according to my analysis... okay. They are? It's not on my analysis. And I just want to say, Representative..."

Reick: "Yes, Ma'am."

Flowers: "...you know, if CMS is opposed to it, I think that's very unfortunate because so often when there's a court action in

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regards to affirmative action, you know how many times that has been stricken in the courts."

Reick: "Well, the court..."

Flowers: "And so... and so, what are we to do? And you have to question, is affirmative action any good anymore?"

Reick: "Well..."

Flowers: "And so, what I'm trying to do... what I am trying to do is change the word to positive action. And so, therefore, it would be something positive that will give me, and people like me, an equal opportunity to have the same jobs, and equity, and housing, and access. And so, I'm not trying to affirm anything. And then, if you really knew where the word affirmative action came from, and it really has no meaning. It was something that was really made up. But a positive action is something that you have to do, and that's what I want this State of Illinois to do. I want you all to start taking positive action to make it equal and better for everyone across the state."

Reick: "You've explained it as well as I could possibly hope. But there is a question with regard to what is a protected characteristic as far as your Bill is concerned."

Flowers: "The color of my skin is one."

Reick: "Oh, and what?"

Flowers: "The color of my skin one. Is that... what are you talking about?"

Reick: "Well, what about the..."

Flowers: "That's... I am a protective class."

Reick: "Aren't all classes protected?"

Flowers: "No. No."

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Reick: "But what... what classes are not protected?"

Flowers: "You being a white male, you're not a protective class.
Age, blind, disabled, and people of color."

Reick: "I'm old."

Flowers: "Well..."

Reick: "I'm half blind."

Flowers: "...age. So, you fit the description."

Reick: "Thank you."

Flowers: "But this is... but I'm talking about discrimination. You have not have had to be discriminated because of the color of your skin. There was not laws passed for you to be who you are and where you are. There has not been obstacles put in your way so you can succeed."

Reick: "Well, okay. Let's... I've got very little time left. CMS is opposed. It's a part of the... it's part of the... a government agency. I... I urge a 'no' vote."

Flowers: "It's part of a government agency that has not been working. That's the reason why the courts have stricken it down."

Reick: "I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Flowers to close."

Flowers: "I would appreciate an 'aye' vote, please. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3914 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 71 voting in 'favor', 42 voting 'against', and 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page

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14, on Second Reading, House Bill 2743, Representative Ford.
Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2743, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Manley: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2743, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Ford."

Ford: "Thank you, Madam Speaker and Members of the committee. Earlier today, I was accused of working with Republicans, the previous Governor Rauner. Well, today I want to tell you that, back in the 98th General Assembly, I worked with a Republican to pass a Bill. That was Congressman Bost and Senator Murphy. So, Bost is now a Congressman, but he used to be a State Rep. Back then we worked together to expand the eligibility for the expungement of Class 3 and 4 felony convictions to all people through the Prisoner Review Board. I'm sorry, for veterans through the Prisoner Review Board. Today, with a little tightening of the guidelines and eligibility, we want to open this up to everyone. House Bill 2743 expands the offenses that are ineligible for a certificate of expungement. And it is to include certain offenses involved in domestic violence, like aggravated assault, battery, violence of an order of protection, domestic battery, aggravated domestic battery. In addition to the convictions of certain sex offenses, firearm-related offenses and certain crimes of violence. So, what we've done, like I said before,

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is much better than a task force. We actually gave people a pathway back to their citizenship. We passed a Bill, and the Bill became law. And it's working for people. We've had no problems. So, House Bill 2743 looks to just open up the opportunity for all people seeking to have their expungement through the Prisoner Review Board. It's not automatic. People have to go through a process, and the process is to apply through the Prisoner Review Board. If they're denied, they have to wait four years to reapply. So, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I plead with you to open up your hearts and minds to consider giving people a pathway back to a life that we all enjoy. The Bill doesn't guarantee anything, but what it is, it's an American Bill for American people. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "He indicates that he will."

Windhorst: "Representative Ford, I noticed in the... our analysis that the Sheriffs' Association opposes the Bill. Did they provide explanation to their opposition?"

Ford: "It's their tradition."

Windhorst: "Standard policy? It appears..."

Ford: "You know... and I would say that, we, here in this Body, could help the police by making sure that we repeal laws that make law enforcement jobs difficult. This is one."

Windhorst: "And under this Bill, would... is there any time where a person has to wait before they can apply for the expungement?"

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Ford: "There is a waiting period after the... for the person. I'll get you that number shortly."

Windhorst: "Is it a matter of after the sentence is served, or after a probation has ended?"

Ford: "One moment, please."

Windhorst: "Okay. Yes."

Ford: "We have a very capable attorney here."

Windhorst: "That's true."

Ford: "We talked about this during our rehearsal and I forgot."

Windhorst: "That can happen."

Ford: "And could we ask another question while we..."

Windhorst: "Sure."

Ford: "...search for the answer?"

Windhorst: "Yes. The concern I have in looking at the language of the Bill is that if the expungement is allowed before certain time frames, that those convictions can be used, not necessarily against that person, individually, but they also have implications for other cases. So, for instance, a Class 3 or 4 felony can be used as impeachment against someone who is a witness. Typically, the time frame for that is 10 years, if a court makes a determination. If those are expunged, of course, that would not be able to be used if that person is a witness because it would be removed, again, going into the destruction of records and the fact that it's not going to be available."

Ford: "Is there... you know, I appreciate the question. Is there a time frame that you would think is appropriate for your vote?"

Windhorst: "Well, if we're talking about a conviction, typically that 10 year period of time. If we're talking about nonviolent

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felonies, would be a period of time that I would be willing to look at."

Ford: "The longest period, Representative, is up to 25 years to wait for the ability to go through the PRB process, but there are layers depending on the sentencing of the offense."

Windhorst: "Okay. To the Bill. The concerns I have... we have a prior Bill. Of course, the law, right now, dealing with expungement, allows for credit for someone who enters the armed services after the conviction. They make certain applications, and they are eligible through the PRB to get that expungement. This opens it up and creates, in my opinion, too much potential uncertainty in the law. And I would urge a 'no' vote on this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Chesney, we're on Short Debate. Do you... we're on Short Debate. We've had one person in favor, one person in opposition. Representative Ford to close."

Ford: "I ask that we remember that everyone is redeemable if we give them opportunity. And this Bill is not a guarantee. The Bill simply gives people an opportunity to go to the PRB to ask if they can have their record expunged. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2743 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. Representative Ford."

Ford: "Thank you for the green votes. May I please have a Postponed Consideration on this Bill?"

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Speaker Manley: "This Bill will be placed on the Order of Postponed Consideration."

Ford: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "On page 22, on Second Reading, House Bill 3995, Leader Gabel. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3995, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Gabel."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Gabel on the Amendment."

Gabel: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. This Amendment brought together a number of different health care organizations and took their suggestions and made it into an Amendment, which is Amendment 2."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Batinick, can we adopt the Amendment and debate on Third? Representative Gabel moves for the adoption of the Bill. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Manley: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3995, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you. This Bill is the Birth Center Licensing Bill. What it... in 2007, there was a demonstration project which authorized, by the General Assembly, to see if birth centers were a safe and advantageous way for birthing... for births to be delivered... for a way to deliver babies. With over eight

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years of births done at birth centers, it has been shown to be a safe alternative. So, now it's time to end the trial basis and have birth centers licensed like so many other medical facilities."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3995 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'opposed', and 0 voting 'present', this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Harris in the Chair."

Speaker Harris: "On page 10 of the Calendar is House Bill 1953, Representative Halpin. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1953, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Halpin."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Halpin on Floor Amendment 2."

Halpin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 is a technical change that changes the type of fund that's referred to in the underlying Act. And I'd ask for its adoption."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Halpin has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #2 is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1953, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Halpin."

Halpin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1953 is an initiative of the Illinois State Treasurer's Office. And what it allows the treasurer to do is to invest up to five percent of the state's investment portfolio in Illinois infrastructure development projects. This is an effort to increase projects that expand growth here in Illinois. I don't know of any opposition. And I just want to say, this is a way to have the state really reinvest in its own businesses, in its own communities, and its own infrastructure. And it ensures that there will be one less obstruction to the Treasurer's efforts to invest here in Illinois. I know of no opposition. I would grudgingly answer any questions. And I'd ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He indicates he'll yield."

Tarver: "Hey, Mike. First of all, thank you for bringing this Bill, and thank you for the opportunity to talk to you a little bit about it yesterday. I just want to make sure for the record. When we discussed this yesterday, our conversation was about allowing this would not in some kind of way circumvent any MBE requirements and things like that, that the Treasurer is already held to. Is that right?"

Halpin: "That is correct. The Treasurer already has an investment policy goal of investing 25 percent in those businesses that

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we were talking about. This would not evade that, and the money would still count towards those goals."

Tarver: "Thank you. That's all I need to know. I appreciate it."

Speaker Harris: "No one else seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1953 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Davidsmeyer. McLaughlin. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. And with a vote of 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 1953 is hereby declared passed. On page 18 of the Calendar is House Bill 3272, Representative Harper. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3272, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Harper. Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3272, a Bill for an Act... a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Harper."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to present House Bill 3272, which simply provides that a school board shall adopt written policies related to absences and missed homework or classwork assignments as a result of or related to a student's pregnancy. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Bourne."

Bourne: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She will."

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Bourne: "Thank you. Representative, my notes say that in committee you committed to holding it and working with the... those who are opposed. Did that happen? I was going to say, I don't remember the committee, but I'm just looking at my notes. So, I wanted to know what... what transpired between committee and the floor."

Harper: "Yes. I do not recall having a meeting since committee. But I also don't recall getting... hearing any more opposition to the Bill as well. Do you know of some that I don't?"

Bourne: "Yes. My analysis said that the School Management Alliance is opposed. They believe it's a redundant mandate and that there was an agreement in committee to hold the Bill on Second to work with the Alliance to find a solution."

Harper: "No problem. I have no problem holding the Bill on Second, or passing this out of the House and working on that Amendment in the Senate. That's a very simple Amendment that I would have no problem making at all, Representative."

Bourne: "Okay. I appreciate that. I think it's probably bad form for us to pass something out without knowing what the final Bill's going to look like. I'm going to vote 'no'. I would urge my colleagues to do the same. But I appreciate that commitment on the floor."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Harper to close."

Harper: "I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 3272 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; all those opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Manley, Meier, Omar Williams. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 71 voting 'yes',

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39 voting 'no', and 2 voting 'present', House Bill 3272, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 26 of the Calendar is House Bill 3490, Representative Lisa Hernandez. And let's move this back to the Order of Second Reading, Mr. Clerk, for the purpose of an Amendment."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3490, a Bill for an Act concerning health. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Lisa Hernandez."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Hernandez on Amendment 1."

Hernandez, L.: "Yes, thank you, Speaker. The Amendment just basically clarifies what water... for water to be without no added natural or artificial sweeteners."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Flowers, are you seeking recognition on this Bill? Representative Hernandez has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3490, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Hernandez."

Hernandez, L.: "So, the Bill simply supports parents' efforts to keep their kids healthy by requiring restaurants to offer a low-calorie, low-sugar beverage as the default option for children's meals. Both the Illinois Restaurant Association

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and the Illinois Beverage Association support the Bill. And I know of no opposition. I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 3490 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Vote, folks. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk... Bobby Rita. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 83 voting 'yes', 29 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3490, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 20 of the Calendar is House Bill 3698, Representative Hoffman. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3698, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Hoffman."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Hoffman on Floor Amendment 1."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Floor Amendment #1 removes opposition from the Illinois Department of Financial Regulation. I ask that it be adopted. And we can debate the Bill on Third Reading, please."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Hoffman has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Motion is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3698, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Hoffman."

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Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 3698, as amended, is an initiative of the Credit Union League. The Credit Union Act, and it changes it multiple ways. There is no opposition. It allows for things like virtual meetings. Allows for associate directors. It deals with compensation and audits as well as potential mergers of credit unions. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3698 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Zalewski. Barbara Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 18 of the Calendar is House Bill 3308, Representative Jones. On... Representative Jones, on... I'm sorry. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3308, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Jones."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Jones."

Jones: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To my colleagues, this Bill is about telehealth. Many of you have used telehealth during this pandemic. This Bill seeks to provide a framework for telehealth discussions as we go forward. House Floor Amendment #2 creates a Telehealth Payment Parity Task Force. It also amends the Telehealth Act by adding substance use disorder treatment, professionals and qualified providers listed under the Early Intervention Service Act. It second

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amends the Act by defining telehealth to make it identical to one provided under the telehealth section of the Insurance Code. It also requires that services provided under telehealth be consistent with all federal and state privacy, security, and confidentiality laws. It also provides requiring health care professionals to maintain documentation and recordkeeping in accordance with the Illinois Regulatory Act. And lastly, it amends the Early Intervention Services Act to include telehealth as allowable mode of delivery for e-services. I would like to adopt the Amendment and answer any questions on Third Reading, Mr... Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Jones has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3308. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Anything further?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Representative Jones."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3308, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Jones."

Jones: "I'm just... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I begin, let me just thank the Members of the Insurance Committee. I'd also like to thank Representative Conroy for her efforts in telehealth. I know she has a Bill moving. Many of you see, during COVID, how important telehealth is. Many Members have come to me and stated how you've used telehealth and how telehealth has provided access to people, during the pandemic, who would otherwise not get those services. House Bill 3308 provides a framework to continue the discussion if

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we're going to move a telehealth package and make sure that telehealth, and the advantages that telehealth provided to our residents, will be provided after the pandemic is over. Many of you have said we cannot continue to legislate through Executive Orders. I believe that this Bill, House Bill 3308, allows us to extend some of the provisions that Governor Pritzker did with Executive Orders in allowing telehealth to go forward. This is a great consumer Bill. It allows our residents to have a say with telehealth. It also looks at providing a task force for some of the remaining issues with pain and parity, which we will look at in an elongated fashion. So, Mr. Chairman... Mr. Speaker, I'm available for any questions. I would ask for your 'aye' vote on this Bill."

Speaker Harris: "No one requesting to speak, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3308 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3308, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 24 of the Calendar is House Bill 2369, Kifowit. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2369, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I present to you House Bill 2369, what is a Bill that updates the legislation that enabled Illinois Joining Forces, which is a public-private partnership to help veterans. This has

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been negotiated for well over a year. IDVA is in support of this now. And I ask for your support."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2369 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Hoffman, Jones, Reick. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2369, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Durkin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Durkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

Durkin: "Thank you. And it's good to be here. And I'd like to go back a few months in time in which we have this new Springfield, this new Legislative Body that we are in with a new Member. New Members, and also a new Speaker of the House. People... this was going to be a whole new process. There was going to be partnerships, and the ways of the past, we're going to do away with. So, as of right now, on the Calendar, 63 Democrat Bills have been called, 10 Republican Bills have been called. Now, you can say that, well, Republicans, you guys are in this superminority with 45 Members. But what we do is that we represent a little bit... approximately 5 million people in the State of Illinois. When something's as lopsided as this, 63 votes, 63 Bills versus 10, it doesn't give me any inspiration that anything has changed over the years. I want people to know that. The way this process is going, Republicans... and I understand the Majority's the Majority.

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But the fact is, we do have Illinois residents who want to see us working together, Illinois residents who pay taxes and expect more from this institution."

Speaker Harris: "On page 20 of the Calendar appears House Bill 3756, Representative Meier. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3756, a Bill for an Act concerning fish. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Meier on fish."

Meier: "Mr. Harris..."

Speaker Harris: "I'm sorry. Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3756, a Bill for an Act concerning fish. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Meier."

Meier: "Thank you, Leader Harris. This Bill was brought to me by IDNR. It amends the Fish and Aquatic Life Code. Provides that it is unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take aquatic life by means of a pitchfork, underwater spear gun, bow and arrow, bow and arrow device, including a sling shot bow, spear, or gig along, upon, across, or from any public right-of-way in the State of Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Jones."

Jones: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He indicates he'll yield."

Jones: "Representative Meier, how do you feel about being number 11? You're..."

Meier: "Well, it's a Bill that I've had a long time. So, I wish we would have had it carried a few months ago already. So..."

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Jones: "I just want to stand up and say I support your Bill, but congratulations on being number 11 out of your side of the aisle, the Bills that have been called. So, congratulations."

Meier: "Well, thank you on that. And some time when we're not across a public waterway, you can come down, and I don't know if you've ever giggered fish before, but we can do it on private ground or other places. Just not along a public right-of-way so nobody's hurt."

Jones: "Got you. Got you. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 3756 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Collins. Nichols. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 111 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3756, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 26 of the Calendar is House Bill 3235, Representative Lilly. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3235, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Lilly."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the General Assembly. I rise to present HB3235. The Department of Correction is neutral on this Bill. This Bill basically codifies a lot of the... what the Department already does. But it also prepares the re-entry community to... when they're going home, information and collateral that helps them blend back into society. As it indicates, they'll bring forth an Illinois identification card, voter registration card, job listings,

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available housing, elected officials directory, and other information the Department of Correction deems necessary for them to blend back into society. I ask for an 'aye' vote if there's no questions for this piece of legislation."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think I'm going to go ahead and go to the Bill. I believe the Department of Corrections was... was originally against this, which was part of... part of the reason, I think, for some of the opposition in committee. I don't see that now in my notes. So, if everybody wants this to go through. But something it brought up... I know a part of this is automatic voter registration and something that I know we've talked... I've talked with some people about offline. There are... there are instances, like, we could do automatic registration with conceal carry licenses, or FOID cards, or certain populations. But it doesn't seem like there's ever automatic registrations for somebody that may not be part of the Minority Party in this state. So, I just want to call that to the attention that, when we're talking about the expansion of voter access, the expansion of voter access should be for everybody, not just for parts that help a certain political party advance their cause. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Lilly to close."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, Department of Corrections is neutral. We are codifying what they're already doing into law. I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 3235 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all

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voted who wish? West. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 72 voting 'yes', 42 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3235, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 21 of the Calendar is House Bill 3856, Representative Murphy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3856, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Murphy, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Murphy on Floor Amendment 1."

Murphy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is the Bill I thought I was talking about earlier. Amendment 1 is a strikeout of some language that was overlooked when the original Bill was drawn up."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ford on the Amendment."

Ford: "I yield to Representative Moylan."

Speaker Harris: "There being no further persons wishing to speak, Representative Murphy has moved for the Amendment... adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment 1 is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3856, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Murphy."

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Murphy: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. HB3856 was an initiative brought to me by the Illinois State Police Command Officer's Association. It's to clarify some language in the Illinois Vehicle Code in regards to stopping as you approach a intersection."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Butler."

Butler: "A few questions of the Sponsor, please."

Speaker Harris: "He's next to you."

Butler: "Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Leader. Representative Murphy, if this Bill becomes law, have you ever violated this potential law before?"

Murphy: "This is a concern of mine. I think it will improve my driving once this becomes law."

Butler: "And what would it do? How would you have violated the law?"

Murphy: "Well, I would make sure that I stopped prior to entering an intersection. And it is a flaw of mine, I have to admit."

Butler: "Well, I'm not sure if I want to vote for this Bill. I'll see how the votes go on the board. Thank you, Sir."

Murphy: "Well, thank you very much."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Murphy to close."

Murphy: "I recommend and wish for an 'aye' vote to improve my driving, if nothing else. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3856 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Collins, Grant, Nichols. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3856, having received the

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Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 33 of the Calendar is House Bill 2431, Representative Mah. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, could you roll this back to the Order of Second Reading for purpose of an Amendment?"

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2431, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Mah, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mah on Floor Amendment 1."

Mah: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Floor Amendment simply changes the sunset from 10 years to 5 years."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mah has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment 1 is adopted. Anything further?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2431, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mah."

Mah: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the Body. HB2431 is a routine extension of the Massage Therapy Practice Act sunset. And there's no opposition. It was on the Consent Calendar, but it was taken off to add the Amendment that I just spoke of. I request an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "There being no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2431 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; all those opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have

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all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2431, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 22 of the Calendar is House Bill 17, Representative Mason. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 17, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mason."

Mason: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 17 is a rather simple, benign Bill. It permits EMS personnel treating a person during an injury call to also treat a household cat or dog after all people have been cared for. So, basically, when you see those happy stories on the news and you see the firefighter putting oxygen on a dog, this is what it's codifying. So, it provides for immediate medical stabilization in an emergency to the extent that they have received commensurate training and is authorized by their employer. Just to clarify, this is a 'may', not a 'shall'. It does not require employers to permit their personnel to do so. It does not change the way pets are transported to a veterinary hospital. It does not put pets before people. It does not take away ambulances or personnel needed elsewhere. It does not permit calls to 9-1-1 solely for the help of a dog or a cat. And in response to some opposition from the Illinois Veteran... Veterinary Association, we amended the Bill earlier to remove the use of IV fluids and medications. And this Bill is supported by the Illinois Farm Bureau, the Illinois Humane Society. And I welcome questions, and I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Harris: "Representative Swanson."

Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "Indicates she'll yield."

Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We request Standard Debate."

Speaker Harris: "In request for Standard Debate, we will go to the timer, three minutes. Please go ahead, Representative Swanson."

Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Mason, we had a long discussion in committee on this. And one of my major concerns was that as expressed by the veterinarians. And I appreciate that you removed that language from this Bill, because it really was a concern and issue of theirs, regards to providing liquids IV to a cat, versus a person. Or some of the medications versus... a pet versus a person. So, I very much appreciate you doing this. I believe Farm Bureau is neutral on this. Do we have anything from the Illinois State Veterinary and Medical... have they responded with any... are they..."

Mason: "They have not responded to the Amendment, but I believe that I've addressed their concerns. The Farm Bureau, actually on their Bill list, listed support."

Swanson: "Okay. Okay. Thank you for that. And, once again, I appreciate you taking the time to make the adjustments to the Bill. And I will be supporting it on the floor."

Mason: "Thank you so much."

Swanson: "Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Butler."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Representative Mason, this has nothing to do about... I'll be voting in

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'favor' of your Bill as a proud cat owner. But I want to underscore... I want to underscore what Leader Durkin said earlier and what the Representative from the 25th District said last week. I don't know how many pet Bills we've had. I have a Bill that is somehow under review, that I have 22 Members of the Majority side have committed to me to voting for, that passed out of committee on leave. And I'll tell you what. When I look at this Calendar, I don't see the review Calendar for Third Reading. So, what the Speaker said back in January about this place being different and running in a different... running in a different manner is a bunch of BS right now. I've got a Bill that's important to my community that the Leadership will not call. And I've got 22 of you that have already committed to me for voting for it. That's 77 people up on that board. And again, Representative Mason, this has nothing to do about you. But dammit, listen. Listen to your own words. Listen to the Speaker's words. We've got a lot of people... we represent 5 million Illinoisans on this side of the aisle. Five million, and our Bills are being ignored. I'm sick of it. Sick, sick, sick of it. It's supposed to be new day. You guys all know me. Yes, I might get cranked up every once in a while, but this is something to get cranked up about. You guys got to live up to your words. The Speaker has to live up to his words. We've got good Bills over here, and we're sick and tired. Sick and tired of 50 years of the way it was run before, and it's the same business right now. We've got a Bill that's a good Bill that we've run a ton of pet Bills, and a ton of things, which this is an important issue. But we have important issues as well. We've got one

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more day. One more day, that's what I've been told. My Bill's not going to run today. My Bill's not going to run tomorrow. So, it's dead, unless I have to file a letter, and see if it gets kicked back out of Rules, and see if it goes to committee again, and see what we're going to do for an issue that's important to me and Representative Murphy in the township that we live in. A local issue in the township that we live in, and you guys are putting your thumb on it for political reasons."

Speaker Harris: "Could you bring your remarks to a close?"

Butler: "Yeah, I think I just did."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mason to close."

Mason: "I ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 17 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 4 voting 'present', House Bill 17, is hereby declared passed. Leader Durkin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Durkin: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

Durkin: "Just a few minutes ago, I rattled off a number about the great disparity of the way that Bills are being presented in this chamber. Almost six to one, Democrat over Republican. I just want to go back to yesterday. I see a trend occurring. Yesterday's tally was 45 Democrat Bills called, 2 Republican. So, our freshmen on the other side of the aisle who campaigned

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on these great hopes of bringing in a new bipartisan approach to the legislative process, you're now a part of it."

Speaker Harris: "On page 25 of the Calendar appears House Bill 3139, Representative Moeller. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3139, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Moeller."

Morrison: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 3139 comes to us from the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and does three basic things. First, it combines the Medical Licensing Board and the Medical Disciplinary Board into one medical... medical board. The second, is it gives the IDFPR chief medical coordinator the ability to dismiss complaints in an effort to reduce the time of investigations on professional misconduct. And then third, it reduces the sunset for the Medical Practice Act from 10 years to 5 years. There is no opposition to this Bill, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no one wishing to speak, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3139 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a vote of 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3139, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 3 of the Calendar is House Bill 135, Representative Mussman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 135, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Mussman, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mussman on Amendment #1."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Amendment #1 defines that a standing order may be authorized by a physician or by the medical director of a local health department in regards to pharmacists dispensing contraception. It adds a line, at the request of the OSF, to reassert that nothing in this Act changes the Right of Consciousness Act so that a pharmacist cannot be required to dispense hormonal contraception. And it makes technical adjustments regarding the Department applying for federal waivers by January 1 of 2022, and applying to JCAR within six months after receiving federal approval."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mussman has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 135 is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 135, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mussman."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I'm here today on House Bill 135. This is a Bill that has been the culmination of five years of negotiations by all concerned

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parties in order to increase access to contraception and reduce the number of unplanned pregnancies. This Bill allows specially trained pharmacists to dispense hormonal contraception under a standing order after first explaining, to the consumer, all varieties of contraception available, and the pros and cons of each to help them make an informed decision. And if the woman so chooses and is appropriate for hormonal contraception, she'll fill out a health care assessment. And then, based on the answers, the pharmacist will determine if she is a good candidate to dispense hormonal contraceptive to. And he would be allowed to dispense up to 12 months of contraception to ensure that there are no interruptions in her ability to take the contraception consistently for best effectiveness. This proposal has now been enacted in 13 other states, and it actually just passed the Nevada Senate, unanimously, this week. So, I am happy to answer any questions. And I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She indicates she'll yield."

Batinick: "Representative, I'm not going to belabor the point on this Bill. I think most people are familiar with it. I think you've brought it before. I actually filed a similar Bill a couple years ago. Mine was to allow for the age of consent, 17 and older, to have this. Your Bill has no age minimum, correct?"

Mussman: "That is correct."

Batinick: "And so, that was the discussion and the difference in committee, was that age discrepancy, correct?"

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Mussman: "Correct."

Batinick: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Harris: "There being no further questions, Representative Mussman to close."

Mussman: "I would appreciate an 'aye' vote, and I appreciate all the people that have worked on this over the years with me. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 135 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 70 voting 'yes', 42 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 135, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 2 of the Calendar is House Bill 15, Representative Tarver. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 15, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Tarver, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Tarver on Amendment 1."

Tarver: "The Amendment is a gut and replace that reflects negotiations with ISBE on the Bill. And the Bill... I know we'll talk about it on Third, but the Bill is simply... parental notification for children who have either harmed another child or been harmed by another child."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Tarver has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed

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say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it.

And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 15, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Again, Mr. Speaker, this is a Bill that is... it provides parental notification... or guardian notification, I should say, when a child has been harmed in school, who has harmed another child. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield, after he signs the sheet?"

Speaker Harris: "He indicates he will yield."

Batinick: "Representative, I just want to clarify for my Members. It looked like this went out of partisan leave, but with the Amendment, it was unanimous. Is that correct?"

Tarver: "That is my understanding."

Batinick: "No opposition, unanimous in committee?"

Tarver: "Yes, that's correct."

Batinick: "Thank... thank you very much."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Tarver to close."

Tarver: "I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 15 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Davidsmeyer. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting

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'present', House Bill 15, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 25 of the Calendar is House Bill 3013, Representative Sosnowski. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3013, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Sosnowski."

Sosnowski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Some of you may remember, a couple years ago, we passed a Bill which limits what municipal water suppliers can back charge customers, both residential and business. This brought them in line with what we require our public utilities to do. So, for example, if there's an issue, the municipality, something happens and they don't bill, they're not allowed to go back 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 years in some cases. So, we created a limitation. This just clarifies that it's not just non-Home Rule communities, but this effects Home Rule municipalities also. I know of no opposition. I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Jones. He declines to speak. So, seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3013 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3013, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 2 of the Calendar is House Bill 34, Representative Walker. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 34, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 34, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Walker."

Walker: "Well, it is my pleasure to address the Body on this Bill.

I think it's a fairly complex Bill, but I think it's of use to all of us. One thing that I'd like to say is, I respect all the leadership of our friends on the other side of the aisle and would thank them for pulling this off the Consent agenda so that I can make my speech about it. The... this Bill is about Enterprise Zones. And Enterprise Zones, we have about 90... a little more than 90 of them in this state. They give all kinds of benefits to businesses. The goal is to grow jobs, to grow the health in communities, to help the people of the communities and the towns of our communities and counties. What we did with this Bill was tweak it. Rather than blow up Enterprise Zones as some people wanted, or to expand them greatly as some people wanted, we wanted to take a hard look at how well they operate. Do they produce the goals that we want for the State of Illinois? And how do we measure that? In this Bill you'll find that it makes it slightly easier to qualify to be an Enterprise Zone. It makes... it removes some of the barriers. It actually focuses, in part of the general agenda we had, focuses on rural and small communities, especially in Southern Illinois so that the benefits of

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Enterprise Zones can be extended to them. It also... but most of all, it allows for decertification of Enterprise Zones if the participants don't report as they signed up to do in their initial agreement with the state. As you might recall, we had a discussion last year about performance audits. We do compliance audits. We do financial audits. But we rarely do performance audits, which is, do our programs produce for the people what we said they were going to produce? Well, this is kind of a performance audit for Enterprise Zones, in that we're going to get the same information they signed up to provide. Only if they don't provide it for a two-year period, then they can be decertified. There are all kinds of ways for them to recover. There is a six-month probationary period, et cetera. But the goal is to make sure that Enterprise Zones operate as they committed to doing and as we expected them to do. And I'll ask whatever questions are outstanding."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Reick."

Reick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to go to the Bill. Standard Debate is requested as well, Mr. Speaker. Representative Walker, you did a really good job of explaining your Bill. And you're right, there are an awful lot of moving parts in it, and you explained it well. And, frankly speaking, we have no problems with the Bill, itself. The thing I want to... I want to point out is the fact that these Enterprise Zones decisions, and things like that, came about as a result of the answers derived from the American Community Survey. Now, if we'd been paying attention to the numerous hearings that have been going on around the state about census and the need for redistricting, and what are the processes by which

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we're going to count the people in Illinois in order to determine Legislative Districts, there's been a lot of talk about the use of the ACS as the means by which we determine those Representative Districts. Here is an example. Representative Walker's Bill is an example of what the ACS was meant to do. It was meant to provide information that communities could use to determine whether or not they needed a new school, whether they needed a firehouse, if they need water and Enterprise Zones, and water districts, and things like that. It was never meant to determine how many voters lived in a particular district and where they lived. This is the proper use of the American Community Survey. I want to emphasize the fact that this is the proper use, but it is also the limit that was determined that the ACS was meant to be. It was never meant a catch-all, be-all, count every... count every vote, count every person. Representative Walker, your Bill is good, and I'm going to vote for it. I voted for it out of committee. The reason I asked it to be pulled off the Consent Calendar was to make the point I just made about the American Community Survey. What it was meant to be, what it was meant to do, where it works, and it works here well, but what it is not meant to do. And that is not to determine Legislative Districts. Because we're not talking about Enterprise Zones and things like that when we're talking about Legislative Districts. We're talking about the Constitution of the United States and the State of Illinois, where every vote is supposed to count. One person, one vote. Those are different standards. And those standards have to be abided by through the census, not through things like ACS.

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Representative Walker, your Bill is good. I'm going to vote for it, but please understand the limits of what the American Community Survey is meant to serve. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Harris: "Thank you, Representative Reick. We agreed to put this Bill on Standard Debate, but Standard Debate will be used only for the discussion of this Bill. Not for other Bills that are not before the General Assembly right now. So, if people have comments on contents of HB34 and not other matters... Representative Mazzochi is recognized."

Mazzochi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He indicates he'll yield."

Mazzochi: "One question that I have is that the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference are identified as being opposed to this Bill. Can you explain the reasons why?"

Walker: "Well, that's an interesting point, because I saw that they slipped in opposition to the Bill but did not... never contacted me. So, after the hearing, I contacted them. And interestingly, the person who slipped on the Bill said I'm the first Representative that ever called her because she slipped on a Bill. So, I talked to her. She said there was one mayor in DuPage County, who went unnamed, that his problem was the special scoring for rural districts, or smaller districts, which I put in there in order to expand this benefit to Southern Illinois. Actually, Amendment 2 removed that little piece of it, and I had hoped that made him neutral. But I said to call me back if he wasn't, and that's the last I heard."

Mazzochi: "All right. One other question that I have on the Bill, when it... on page 21, it says, 'For Enterprise Zones that are

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scheduled to expire on or after January 1, 2024, an application process shall begin 5 years prior to the year in which the Zone expires.' How's that going to work?"

Walker: "Yeah, that's an excellent point. I've pointed that out at least twice with the people that work on this in DCEO, and they say that this is what they meant to say, and it's actually workable. Whether they've started the process already, I can't verify that."

Mazzochi: "Right. But it... but that... five years before the expiration of 2024 is already gone, right?"

Walker: "Right. I understand."

Mazzochi: "Okay. So, how can you... so, explain to me then, if you want to actually try to initiate a new application for the Enterprise Zones, are you saying cut off? There's no opportunity to actually file under these Enterprise Zones on a going forward basis?"

Walker: "Let me say that I will... and I've asked the question twice, it's a good catch. I will check with them again and verify that this, in fact, is workable. And if not, we'll fix it."

Mazzochi: "Yeah. Well, I mean, that's a pretty big thing, right? Because it... what... since we're past five years to initiate the application process, that... with the 2024 cut off deadline, that would seem to me that there can be no further applications in connection with Enterprise Zones, which seems to be bringing a project to a close..."

Walker: "Right. That..."

Mazzochi: "...as opposed to expanding opportunities. So, that's why I was..."

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Walker: "Yes, I understand. I can guarantee to you that is not the legislative intent of this Bill. So, I will... I will follow up on that."

Mazzochi: "Yeah, no. And again, I appreciate that. It's not the legislative intent, but if you're a court and you're looking at clear statutory language that says 2024, minus five years, which gets you to 2019, and we're past 2019, that would seem to be you're out of luck. So, because for me, I'm not sure what the status is with DuPage Mayors and Managers, and obviously I'm a DuPage-area Legislator, and with this not being clear as to one way or the other, are we really going to be allowed to actually have new Enterprise Zones, I'm not sure that I can support it. Thank you."

Walker: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Walker to close."

Walker: "Just to... a short close. I would appreciate the comments. I would appreciate your votes. I would like to say that if there is anything this House can fully agree on, besides being proud and patriotic Americans, it is economic development across the state, especially for small businesses. This is part of that, and I commit to working with you on those issues. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 34 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present', House Bill 34, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 13 of the Calendar is House

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Bill 2590, Representative Ann Williams. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2590, a Bill for an Act concerning civil laws. This Bill was read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Ann Williams, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ann Williams on Floor Amendment 1."

Williams, A.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment actually replaces the original Bill dealing with name changes on marriage certificates, rather than the original Bill, which was gender neutral language on marriage certificates. Happy to discuss once we adopt the Amendment."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Williams has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2590, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Williams."

Williams, A.: "Thank you, again, Mr. Speaker. This Bill would simply ensure that people who legally change their names, via court order, after marriage, can amend their marriage certificates. Currently, in Illinois, every county has a different process, which can lead to confusion and stress for people who simply wish to ensure their documents reflect their

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identity. This is an initiative of Equality Illinois, and it was brought to me after several transgender individuals had difficulty making this simple and practical change. But this issue is an obstacle for anyone who changes their name after marriage for any reason and needs to amend their documents. This would bring uniformity and provide direction to all Illinois county clerks as to how to process such name changes. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She will yield."

Morrison: "All right. Thank you. Representative, these documents are very important, really for family history. And I would just ask, how would ancestors know what the biological sex of their... of their ancestors are if this were to become law?"

Williams, A.: "Well, the issuance of a new marriage certificate does not, in any way, destroy the old certificates. So, it's just a new certificate so the person has it to match the other documentation they may have for a passport, for insurance purposes, health insurance, et cetera."

Morrison: "So, that..."

Williams, A.: "It's very similar to the birth certificate process."

Morrison: "Okay. To the Bill. I urge a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Williams to close."

Williams, A.: "I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 2590 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have

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all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 82 voting 'yes', 28 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2590, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 7 of the Calendar is House Bill 1291, Representative Omar Williams. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1291, a Bill for an Act concerning government. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Jawaharial Williams, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Williams on Floor Amendment 1."

Williams, J.: "Thank you, Speaker. House Amendment... House Floor Amendment 1 amends the Regulatory Sunset Act, provides that the Radiation Protection Act of 1990 be extended for a period of five years."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Williams has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1291, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Williams."

Williams, J.: "Thank you, Sir. The Bill seeks to extend the sunset date of the Radiation Protection Act of 1990 by a period of 5 years, as opposed to a period of 10 years. Has been a customary since... since the Act of enactments."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Batinick."

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Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield? What is the... what is the Regulatory Sunset Act?"

Williams, J.: "The Regulatory Sunset Act is an Act to authorize Illinois Emergency Management to license possession use, manufacture and distribute of radioactive materials..."

Batinick: "Okay. Thank you very much. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Williams to close."

Williams, J.: "Well, seeing as there's no more, I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 1291 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'present'... 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', House Bill 1291, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Caulkins, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Caulkins: "A point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

Caulkins: "Thank you. I was going to speak about Earth Day today before it's tomorrow, but I've changed my mind. I want to talk about the same thing the previous speakers on our side have addressed. You know, we've done a lot of Bills here today, and all week, that we've agreed on a hundred percent, or 90 percent. You know, we have a Bill, 636. This is a trailer license Bill. Sixty-three cosponsors, eighteen Democrats, forty-five Republicans, and we can't get a hearing. This Bill is important to the people of our

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districts. It's important to the people of Illinois. These are small trailers hauling lawnmowers and (unintelligible). We've... you know, we've been denied an opportunity to have this Bill heard on the House Floor. You know, I talked... you know, it was said earlier that this freshman class came in here wanting to change things. You know, our class from two years ago came in here with the same mantra. We want to make things different. This is not different. Eighteen Democrats, forty-five Republicans on this Bill. It's 1 of 5 Bills that have been filed to resend the \$118 trailer fee Bill, get it back to \$18, and it can't be heard. This is a travesty. This Bill was important to the people of this state, and we need to get this Bill on the House Floor this week. I don't know what needs to be done, but this... this is just... it is very, very bothersome, and I'm asking for your help. What can we do to get this Bill heard?"

Speaker Harris: "On page 13 of the Calendar appears House Bill 2543, Representative Ugaste. Representative Ugaste. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2543, a Bill for an Act concerning government. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Ugaste, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ugaste on Floor Amendment 1."

Ugaste: "Floor Amendment 1 is simply a change of the sunset to 5 years from the previous 10 years. I ask it be adopted. I'm sorry. I didn't realize it wasn't close enough to me. Floor Amendment 1 is a simple change of a 5 year sunset from a 10 year sunset. And I ask that it be adopted."

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Speaker Harris: "Representative Ugaste moves to adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2543. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2543, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ugaste."

Ugaste: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is an extension of the Water Well Drillers Contractor's Licensing Act. I know of no opposition to it."

Speaker Harris: "No one seeking recognition, Representative... let me start over. No one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2543 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; all the opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Bos. Guerrero... Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a vote of 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2543, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative McCombie, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

McCombie: "Speaker, can you let the record reflect I was a 'yes' vote on HB1291 and HB2590?"

Speaker Harris: "The record will so reflect."

McCombie: "Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Jones, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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Jones: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

Jones: "You know, we've been down this road before where people have thrown things on the House Floor, and I think it's time that it stops. And I think we all need to recognize the decorum that we should operate under the House Floor and not act like little children and throw stuff. 'Cause I guarantee you, if you throw something at me, you're going to have a problem. So, we're talking about Bills on the House Floor. There have been almost 4 thousand Bills filed, a thousand heard. We've had the Consent Calendar, where we've had Republican Bills on the Consent Calendar. We've also had Democratic Bills on the Consent Calendar. Since you want to keep numbers, we're at 68 Bills filed by the Democrats that'll call, and we're at 48 Bills called. Adding the Consent Calendar, you've got 24 Bills, now, on the Consent Calendar. You've got seven Bills on the First Reading-Consent Calendar. So, if you do your math, and I'll ask my mathematician to help us out, that's 48 Bills that the Republicans have called. So, stop playing games. Stop throwing things at people and trying to injure us and start using decorum. I mean, paint the real picture and have your Leadership tell you the real deal. We're all grown-ups here. We have Bills on the Consent Calendar, and we're making an issue out of nothing and throwing stuff. The last person who threw something on this House Floor used it to run for Congress. So, we're not saying that anybody's running for Congress because they're throwing something, but I think we all should realize where we are in

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this space. And we've had a fair process with these Bills. And look at the Consent Calendar, the number of Bills that have been called by Democrats and Republicans. And I want to thank you, Mr. Speaker, for being fair to this process and being... holding your cool. Because I just wanted to point out, for the record, that we've had 68 Democratic Bills called and 48 Republican Bills called on the Consent Calendar. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "On page 5 of the Calendar is House Bill 384, Representative Andrade. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 384, a Bill for an Act concerning the Illinois State Police. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 384, a Bill for an Act concerning the Illinois State Police. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Andrade."

Andrade: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 384 creates the Illinois Forensic Science Commission, Illinois State Police Administrative Code. And House Bill 384 amends the Code of Criminal Procedure. House Bill 384 provides that upon disposition, withdrawal, dismissal of any charge, the State's Attorney must promptly notify the forensic lab in possession of evidence, reports, or other material, information related to the charge. Provides that notification be given for any reasonable means under the circumstances. There's a commission, the duties commissions include providing guidance to ensure efficient delivery of forensic services, provide a

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form for forensic science discussion, take assistance-based support to reviewing aspects, collect and analyze information related to impact of current laws, perform such studies and tasks pertained to forensic sciences, and it restructure of the studies available for carrying out changes in legislation. Commission's composition is Direct of the Illinois State Police, Crime Lab Director, a member with experienced forensic evidence, forensic scientist, Circuit Court judge, academic specializing in the field of forensic sciences. Governor appoints half the members of the term two years, and the other half for another four years. I respectfully request an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "There is no one seeking recognition. So, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 384 pass?' All those in favor say 'aye'... all those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Collins, Harper, Nichols, Slaughter, Tarver. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 384, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 27 of the Calendar is House Bill 3803, Representative Avelar. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. We've... told there's a Floor Amendment. Please bring this back to the Order of Second Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3803, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Avelar, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Avelar."

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Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Amendment 1 to HB3803 strikes out the signature requirement that was proposed on the Bill as well as adjusts the effective date to the first day of the month, 90 days after it becomes law. The Amendment removes the opposition, and there is no other opposition to the Amendment."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Avelar has moved to adopt Floor Amendment #1. All in favor say 'aye'; oppose say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3803, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Avelar."

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3803 would require hospitals to proactively offer information in charity care options available to uninsured patients, regardless of immigration status or residency. This initiative was drafted due to an issue from one of my constituents who wanted to access a charity care program. Last April, in the height of the COVID pandemic shutdown, the constituent had to seek medical assistance due to a pre-pneumonia condition that led him to the emergency room. He applied and received a letter from the hospital where he was told that he would be completely covered despite him not having insurance because of the hospital's financial assistance program. However, a few months later, he received a letter saying that he owed the full amount of treatment because of his citizenship

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status. The Bill was \$119,951.27. I want to repeat that again. It was \$119,951.27. The hospital had an incorrect interpretation of the Illinois law, stating that in order to qualify for assistance you must be an Illinois legal resident. Which the hospital incorrectly interpreted to mean legal immigration status, not just simply residency status. A lot of advocacy had to take place in order for this issue to be resolved. I ask for an 'aye' vote on this Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We're going to ask for a quick Standard Debate. I got a quick clarification, then we're going to toss over to Dr. Jacobs. Representative, the IHA had opposed this Bill, with the Amendment. Is the IHA off?"

Avelar: "Yeah, they're not opposing to the Bill anymore."

Batinick: "Okay. They're not opposed. Is there any other opposition that you have to the Bill?"

Avelar: "No, there isn't."

Batinick: "Okay. Thank you for clarifying that part. I'll toss it to Dr. Jacobs. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Jacobs, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Jacobs: "I would like to speak in opposition to the Bill. Thank you, Speaker. Thank you, Representative. I have a... the biggest problem I have is the immigration issue. We have got to set some standards. I think that it's a great idea that we take care of all of our poor, but I do think that we should be legally into... in the state. That's my only complaint. Thank you."

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Speaker Harris: "Seeing no one else seeking recognition, Representative Avelar to close."

Avelar: "Thank you. I believe that health care is a human right. I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3803 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 104 voting 'yes', 8 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3803, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 7 of the Calendar is House Bill 1158, Representative Buckner. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1158, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Buckner, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Buckner on Amendment 1."

Buckner: "Mr. Speaker, the Amendment becomes the Bill. So, can we adopt that first and then move forward?"

Speaker Harris: "Representative Buckner moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1158, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Buckner."

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Buckner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, House Floor Amendment #1 to HB1158 is a simple Bill. It provides that beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, each local school council at a secondary Chicago public school should have 15 voting members instead of 13. It adds an additional two full-time student members, making a composition of a secondary LSC 12 voting members and 3 full-time student members. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "There being no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1158 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Ann Williams. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 1158, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 3 of the Calendar is House Bill 219, Representative Carroll. And Mr. Clerk, could you role that back for an Amendment?"

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 219, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Carroll, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Carroll."

Carroll: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. In my Legislative Body, this is... in the three and a half years I've been here, this is the most important Bill that I have ever done. This Bill will ban the use of isolation time-out and restraint in Illinois. I wrote this whole speech about how this has impacted my life, but I want to go a different direction with

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this. With the last few speakers that have come up here talking about how the chamber isn't working well together and how things haven't changed, well, I want to say, on this Bill, we had tremendous bipartisan cooperation. And this is really a Bill that everyone in this chamber can be proud of. I want to thank my friend, Leader Wheeler, who came to me with some concerns on the Bill. Was reasonable in our conversations, and together we put a Bill that everyone can be proud of and everyone can vote for. So, I ask this Body today to look inside of your hearts. I ask this Body today to try to do the right thing. And the right thing for us to do is end the practice of using isolation time-outs and end the practice of restraint in our schools. I'm happy to answer any questions. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Wheeler, is this on the Amendment or the Bill? Representative Wheeler."

Wheeler: "Either way is fine for me. I'm happy to address it now or on Third."

Speaker Harris: "Please go ahead."

Wheeler: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Body, I want to affirm what the Sponsor brought to us. This is what negotiation's supposed to look like. I had concerns. Originally, I was opposed to the way that the Bill was drafted, for reasons to try and protect a handful of students that I think are very important to all of us. Once we got a communication, a dialogue working together, we involved the Senate Sponsor. And we're moving forward with an appropriate two-year transition peace which will give time for the staff, the students, the families of these very important students

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with some very severe challenges in their lives... and we want to help them. We want to see them through, that they have their educational opportunities met. I think this Bill does a great job, as good a job as we know how to do right now. So with that, I want to say thank you again to the Sponsor. I've been out reaching out to the folks at Marklund who are in my district. They understand where we're going and why we're doing this together. Moving in a positive direction, I'm grateful for that. So, I just want to thank you one more time. I ask the Body for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Carroll has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 219. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment 2 is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 219, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Carroll."

Carroll: "I think the Leader and I said a lot of things previous to this. So, I don't want to drag this out. I ask... this is, again, the most important piece of legislation I've ever done in my life. This will correct something that happened to me as a child, and ending this practice would be the best thing that I've ever done in this job. I ask this chamber for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 219 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting

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is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mayfield. Scherer. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 219, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 23 of the Calendar is House Bill 722, Representative Costa Howard. Please read the Bill, Mr... Mr. Clerk, please roll the Bill back to the Order of Second Reading for an Amendment."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 722, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Costa Howard, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Costa Howard on Floor Amendment 1."

Costa Howard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 1 is a technical change that was requested by the Illinois Community College Trustees Association that would reduce the hours... excuse me, reduce the number of days from 30 to 15 for the notice to be posted. I ask for the Amendment to be adopted."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mazzochi."

Mazzochi: "I'll wait 'til Third."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Costa Howard has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 722, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Costa Howard."

Costa Howard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 722 is a Bill regarding transparency by the community college boards. This Bill would require for any vacancy on any community college board to be posted for a minimum of 15 days to the public. It's about transparency. The public deserves the right to know that there is a vacancy on a community college board that they may apply for. But at the end of the day, the community college board gets to decide who that new member to their board may be. But they owe it to the public to let them know that there is an opening. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mazzochi."

Mazzochi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She'll yield."

Mazzochi: "One question that I have for the Bill's Sponsor is, we did pass recently in this Body a Bill that would also divide community college districts up into subdistricts if they were above a certain size. And the point of that was to try to give geographic locations their own ability to elect specific trustees to the board. And one question that I have with that is, if, in fact, that Bill winds up going through and gets passed by the Governor, what will be the impact on this? Because if the original rationale for having the trustees, as a whole, elect their successor is that they were representative of the entire community college trustee district at large. If now we're going to have geographic locations for elections, should we now be taking into account

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the geography of those particular locations instead of having the entire board, as a whole, choose the successors?"

Costa Howard: "Again, Representative Mazzochi, this is an opportunity for the public to receive notice of that. The public could still be a part of that process. However, the point of this Bill is really just that simple. Let the public know that there's an opening."

Mazzochi: "Right. No, I understand that. But then... I guess my question is, if we're going to start amending the process of trustees when it comes to the vacancy openings, should we now actually... should we plan ahead and start accounting for the possibility that you're going to have geographic locations for each of these so that you're targeting either the notice to a particular geographic location or something along those lines? Or, I guess, maybe the better question is, is this necessarily ripe until we understand what's going to be the outcome of Representative West's Bill? Because that may then counsel the need for a different process if, in fact, we're going to have geographic subdistricts for certain community colleges."

Costa Howard: "I would suggest... I believe that those are two separate Bills. That... what you're suggesting, if that goes through, is similar to what we would have for an aldermanic... an aldermanic race, or a village... a vacancy... excuse me, an aldermanic vacancy. Excuse me. The people of that area have the opportunity to apply and deserve the notice that there's a vacancy that they can apply for. It's really that simple."

Mazzochi: "Right. But... I guess I'm just getting to, even if you give the notice when it... do you still believe it's appropriate

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to then have the entirety of the board, as a whole, selecting the replacement? Because if the rationale behind dividing up the community college districts is that each individual geographic territory would be able to get... you know, would be reduced so that you could have that voice, I mean, the... if as alderman goes... position goes vacant, do you have the entire city council then vote to put a new alderman in place? Or is there a selection that's made within that particular ward district? That... that's one of the things that I'm just concerned about."

Costa Howard: "And I appreciate your concern for the individuals of that area, that they wouldn't have notice. But that's the point, they would have notice. The board would still be choosing because the applicants of that area would be the ones applying because they knew. They knew that there was an opening. So, I... I appreciate that you're concerned and worried about that transparency for the people in that area. But, again, those are two separate Bills. And the goal of this Bill is to provide the public notice that there is an opening."

Mazzochi: "Right. I guess, to the Bill. You know, this is just an area where we're making so many different Amendments to this process of how we're selecting trustees for community college boards and what we're going to do to fill vacancies. I would really like to see them harmonize as one so that we actually have a coherent hole in process and we're not doing these things piecemeal. So, maybe this will be yet another thing that the Senate will have to fix for the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Harris: "Representative Costa Howard to close."

Costa Howard: "This is that simple of a Bill. The goal is for the people in a community to know that there's not some closed session, backdoor deal that's going on for their community college. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 722 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 91 voting in 'favor', 23 voting 'against', and 0 voting 'present', House Bill 722, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative West, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

West: "I was going to comment on the previous Bill, but for now I could do point of personal privilege."

Speaker Harris: "Please state you point."

West: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to just take a moment to explain in detail the importance of transparency... the importance of Representative Costa Howard's Bill. My community college, in my district, has a special meeting tomorrow. On their agenda, plan... on the Section D, we're going to announce the resignation of a trustee. Section E, we're want to appoint the new trustee. In Section F, we're going to swear in that new trustee. What makes it worse is that new trustee is going to be a previous trustee whose term is expiring next month, so now he gets an additional two years. This is why we need transparency in our community college

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board. I was going to mention that in the previous Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Spain, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Spain: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On House Bill 2590, I am a cosponsor of that Bill and would like the record reflect my intention to vote 'yes' on that Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "The record will so reflect. On page 8 of the Calendar is House Bill 1539, Representative Crespo. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1539, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Crespo, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Crespo on Floor Amendment 1."

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker. I ask for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1539, which becomes the Bill. And it grants High School District 211, which serves my district as well as Representative Mussman's and Morrison's district, a temporary exception to PTELL, which would allow the school district to offer an abatement to taxpayers without permanently reducing its aggregate extension base and compromising its financial position in the future. The school district can do this 'cause they incurred less cost this year due to the pandemic. And secondly, they sold some property they had in Schaumburg, and it was a desire of the board and superintendent to abate some of this money back to the taxpayers. And I ask for its adoption."

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Speaker Harris: "Representative Crespo has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment 1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment 1 is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1539, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Crespo."

Crespo: "Mr. Speaker, and I just explained the Bill through the Amendment. So, be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, I appreciate the bipartisan support on this issue. Property taxes are a big issue in our area. I wish the amount was higher, but we'll take what we can get. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Crespo to close."

Crespo: "I thought I'd take a moment and thank Superintendent Lisa Small and the board for taking this initiative. And I ask for your support."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 1539 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 1539, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 16 of the Calendar is House Bill 3107, Representative Evans. Representative Evans. Out of

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the record. On page 22 is House Bill 83, Representative Flowers. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 83, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 83 amends the Education Student Assistance Act by allowing dependents of exonerated persons to be eligible for the exonerated persons grant. The exonerated persons grant was created back in Public Act 99-0199, which, subject to appropriation, would provide an exonerated person with four years of tuition benefits at any Illinois university of higher ed... of higher learning. In the original Act, an exonerated person is an individual who has received a pardon from the Governor of the State of Illinois stating that such a pardon is issued on the ground of innocence of the crimes for which he or she was imprisoned for or an individual who has received a certificate of innocence from the circuit court, pursuant to Section 2-702 of the criminal code procedure. And I just want to remind everyone that when we place innocent people in prison, we also destroyed their families and the opportunities for their families. So, this is a small way of giving back. And so, House Bill 83 would permit the exoneree to transfer the scholarship to a spouse or child. And the Bill will be heard by Appropriations-Higher Education. And I would appreciate an 'aye' vote and be more than happy to answer any questions you may have in regards to House Bill 83."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Keicher."

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Keicher: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She indicates she'll yield."

Keicher: "Representative Flowers, thank you for bringing this back up. I remember a little bit of our dialogue during the visit, during the hearing with committee. I just want to bring a couple of our Members on this side up to speed on it, if that's okay with you. As a baseline, there is already currently a program in place for exonerees to receive a grant to attend higher education, correct?"

Flowers: "You're correct."

Keicher: "And..."

Flowers: "Public Act 99-0199."

Keicher: "And that grant has been funded to the amount of \$150 thousand, correct?"

Flowers: "That is correct."

Keicher: "Okay. And this Bill seeks to expand that beyond the folks who were exonerated, correct?"

Flowers: "That is correct."

Keicher: "To their legal dependents and spouse, correct?"

Flowers: "That's true. Yes."

Keicher: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Flowers: "Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Leader Flowers to close."

Flowers: "I would appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "All those... the question is, 'Shall House Bill 83 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Ness, Ramirez, Omar Williams, Windhorst. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 70 voting

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'yes', 43 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', Constitutional Majority having been achieved, House Bill 83 is hereby declared passed. On page 19 of the Calendar is House Bill 3564, Representative Ford. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3564, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3564, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ford."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the Body. House Bill 3564 is going to be in honor of a man that fought for people in solitary confinement for years. He recently passed away. And I know that my colleague is going to go to her mic and speak about Brian Nelson, who got out of prison. But he was in solitary confinement for 23 years. And today we just want to say, rest in peace, Mr. Nelson, from Uptown People's Law. Alan Mills... they've been working on fixing the solitary confinement in Illinois for a decade. And today we are closer than ever to fixing the solitary confinement. I'm so grateful to the Department of Corrections because they've agreed to move this Bill out of the House, into the Senate with their Senate-picked Sponsor, to codify the language that they would like to see to revamp the solitary confinement in Illinois. So with that, I ask this Body if you have any questions about where we go from here as it relates to this Bill. And I'll remind some people... Oprah Winfrey once said she did tours of

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the federal solitary confinements. And she was shocked and amazed by the conditions that the solitary confinements put people in. And she said, you know what, we have to change the way we treat people because those are the very people that come home and be our neighbors. They're the very people that go to the grocery stores and shop with us. They're the very people that's always next to us. And we have to protect their minds because they will, one day, come home. And with that, I'll take any questions."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Representative Ford. We had a few things in our analysis that I have some questions on, and I hope you can answer them for me. One is, our notes show that there was an agreement to hold this, pending an Amendment in the House. Did I understand that now that Amendment will come in the Senate?"

Ford: "Yes, absolutely right. And I've been working with your side of the aisle to ask for an approval to have this Bill moved to the Senate for the purpose of an Amendment while we work with the Department of Corrections. So, I want to thank you all for that. And we're close to an agreement. The timeframe stalled us, and the Department of Corrections would like to continue to work on it in the Senate."

Windhorst: "Do we have an idea yet of what that Amendment will look like?"

Ford: "Well, it'll be codifying, pretty much, what the Department of Corrections are doing now. And they will do everything

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that they can to make the conditions better. This... Mike Lane has been working very well with us on this. So, I really appreciate Mike calling in the middle of the night trying to make sure that we get this done this year because it's been around for a very long time. And it's time to make improvements to solitary confinement in Illinois."

Windhorst: "Our analysis also shows that the Sheriffs' Association and AFSCME is opposed. Specifically, with regards to AFSCME, do you know what their opposition is?"

Ford: "One more time?"

Windhorst: "No problem. Our analysis shows that the Sheriffs' Association and AFSCME are opposed. Specifically, with regards to AFSCME, do you know what their opposition is?"

Ford: "Well, they're going to be working with us on the Amendment to make sure that the conditions are safe for their members. And that's what I want. I think we have to make sure that whatever we pass and send to the Governor's desk, that people on both sides of the bars are protected."

Windhorst: "Thank you. I appreciate you bringing this forward and that explanation. In its current form, I cannot support it. But I will look for the Amendment to come back from the Senate and take a look at that when it does. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Members, this Bill is on the Order of Short Debate. We've had one in favor, one in response. Representative Ford to close."

Ford: "Thank you so very much, Members, for your consideration to House Bill 3564. You have my commitment and you have the department's commitment to bring this Bill back to the House, amend it to codify what the administration is trying to do to

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improve the conditions for members that's incarcerated and the guards that's working in those facilities. So, I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 3564 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Buckner. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 70 voting 'yes', 42 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3564, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 26 of the Calendar is House Bill 3582, Representative Gabel. Please read the Bill. Please move the Bill back to the Order of Second Reading for a Floor Amendment."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3582, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. This Bill was read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Gabel, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Gabel on Floor Amendment 1."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill addresses some changes to the VESSA, the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act. The Amendment... the Amendment does two things. It slightly updates the definition of family, and it deletes provisions amending the Unemployment Insurance Act."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Gabel has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment #1 is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3582, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you. So, VESSA was first... this Bill was brought to me by a constituent whose son was murdered and she needed to get some time... unpaid time off work to go to the trial. And, somehow, the Victims' Economic... VESSA did not apply to her. So, this Bill was first enacted in 2003. It provides unpaid leave, workplace accommodations, and protections against discrimination for workers and their family members who are victims of domestic or sexual violence. What this Bill does is it includes victims of other crimes of violence, such as gun violence. The Bill also makes other Amendments to the law to ensure that it's accessible to survivors, even in the face of some employers who may not understand the true impact of such violence on their employees."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Reick."

Reick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield, please?"

Speaker Harris: "She indicates she'll yield."

Reick: "Representative, we're still looking at opposition here from the business groups, IRMA, and the like. And I believe that the... the opposition stems from the fact that we're looking at broadening, to a great degree, the coverage of this type of treatment. Do you think that maybe what we're doing is going a little too broad in who is subject to this... to this law? I mean, you're going out into family members and things like that. Which... which, of course, that's not to say that there... that these folks who are family members aren't affected by this. I'm not saying that. But as far as putting

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it into statute that they have rights that the employee themselves also have, isn't that taking it a little bit... a little bit too far?"

Gabel: "I don't believe it is. This law, actually, is not that well used. People don't really use it. They don't like to take paid... unpaid time off work. So, people don't use this... this law very willy-nilly. And as I said, it was brought to me by a constituent who was trying to get justice for her son, and it was very difficult for her to do that. I did talk to the Chamber of Commerce. And because of my discussions with them, we did take out the changes to the Unemployment Insurance Act. I did discuss with him also these other small changes that we had made around certification. There's experience now with this Bill, and what they found was that some of the certifications were burdensome. And so, they are changed very slightly to require one notification. You can use the same information over a year. It... it's not... we're not asking for very much in this Bill."

Reick: "Was what you were able to discuss with the chamber and them sufficient to remove the opposition of all the people, of all the groups that were opposed to the Bill at that time?"

Gabel: "The only one that I heard about was the chamber."

Reick: "Well, we have also the Retail Merchants and one other group that I... that skips my memory."

Gabel: "Yeah, IRMA never talked to me."

Reick: "I think that what we... to the Bill. I think what we are looking at here is just a little bit too much of an expansion of application. The Representative, herself, has said that we don't have a tremendous amount of... the people that are now

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covered by this Bill generally don't take advantage of it. To extend it beyond that, I think, just adds additional levels of uncertainty as far as who is and is not going to take advantage of it. I would urge a 'no' vote. Thank you. In fact... oh, I'm sorry. In fact, the Amendment is what caused us to initially go against the Bill in committee. So, I'd urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Gabel to close."

Gabel: "This is a good Bill. It will help victims of violence get their lives back together. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 3582 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 105 voting 'yes', 6 voting 'no', 3 voting 'present', House Bill 3582, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 24 of the Calendar appears House Bill 2521, Representative Gonzalez. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Can you please bring this back to the Order of Second Reading for an Amendment?"

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2521, a Bill for an Act concerning government. This Bill was read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Gonzalez, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Gonzalez on Floor Amendment 1."

Gonzalez: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 1 amends the IELRA to reflect the language of the original draft of the Bill that amends the IPLRA. I seek its adoption."

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Speaker Harris: "Representative Gonzalez has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment 1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2521, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Gonzalez."

Gonzalez: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2521 amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act and the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. It'll allow public employees to choose a union as a representative in the collective bargaining unit electronically and verify that selection through an e-signature. Union cards will be valid for 12, rather than 6, months. It allows that a secret ballot election to choose a union as an employees' aforementioned representative may be done electronically. And it declares, as an unfair labor practice, for an employer to currently replace an employee who participates in the strike. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Reick."

Reick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He indicates he'll yield."

Reick: "Representative, I'd like to focus on the unfair labor practice aspect of this Bill. The other things that you propose in the Bill are, generally, not objectionable. But in

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order to take... what protections do employees now have against retaliatory actions by employers when they go on strike?"

Gonzalez: "Well, usually that would depend based on whether it's an economic strike or an unfair labor practice strike. In this case, what we are trying to make sure is that we protect employees who might be striking through an economic strike. So, at the moment, right now, that's where there isn't too much in terms of protections for those workers, and that's what we're trying to do."

Reick: "So, are you dealing... I may have missed what you said. Are you talking about unfair labor practice strike, or are you talking about an economic strike?"

Gonzalez: "Well, I mean, there already a lot of protections for the unfair... for unfair labor strikes, especially at the federal level. But economic strikes, there isn't too many protections for that. So, this Bill would seek to account for that."

Reick: "Could you flesh out a little bit the concept of an economic strike for me, please?"

Gonzalez: "Well, an economic strike is a strike where workers would be striking based on the wages, hours, benefits, things like that. An unfair labor practice, just to continue on that topic, would be a strike that's based on unfair labor practices. You know, maybe the employee doesn't like the working conditions, things like that."

Reick: "Mr. Speaker, you're hiding behind the desk, but I see you. Can we go to Standard Debate, please?"

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Speaker Harris: "Oh, Standard. Okay. So, we'll be on the timer, three minutes. You've had your three minutes. Who's donating you their time?"

Reick: "I've..."

Speaker Harris: "Bourne."

Reick: "Thank... thank you, Representative. An economic strike. So, what you're saying is that you're expanding the... or actually diminishing... let's talk about it from the standpoint of the employer. You're diminishing the options that an employer has in the face of the economic strike. Is that what you're saying?"

Gonzalez: "I would like to look... I would like to look at it more in a positive light. And I would see it more as us giving the employee more protections when it comes to them being on a strike. At the moment, right now, with this provisions, whenever an employee goes on strike... they can still go on strike. There... a replacement worker can be put there temporarily during the deration of a strike. Once that strike ends, and if that replacement worker still stays there after the strike ends, that's where the issue arises. We want to make sure that when an employee... when an employees' union members are on strike, and the strike ends, that they can come back and get back into their jobs."

Reick: "Representative, CMS... according to our analysis, CMS is opposed to this Bill. Can you tell me whether the Governor is opposed to this Bill?"

Gonzalez: "Well, in conversation with CMS, they did mention that, I believe, the Governor's Office had some... had some qualms with it. But in conversation with the stakeholders with some

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of the unions, yeah, I did have a conversation with them about the issues that CMS had brought up. We decided that, in order to not weaken what we found would be better protections for the workers, we would just go ahead with the Bill as it stands right now."

Reick: "So, you're... so, what you're doing basically is willing to go against your own Governor for... well, our Governor, but the Governor of your Party, for... on this issue. Is that what you're telling me?"

Gonzalez: "I like to look at it as more so of standing for workers. That's as much as I'd like to see it."

Reick: "The... then what type of remedies are available or left to employers in the face of an economic strike? One of the few things they have left is threatening the discharge of people who go out of economic strikes without any kind of authorization, and things like that. What's left for... what's left for an employer to actually keep his employees from walking off the job because they're dissatisfied with how much money they make?"

Gonzalez: "Well, in... we want to... the employer does have a recourse through the use of temporary replacement workers and scabs during the deration of the strike. But I do... I do believe that it's paramount for us to be looking more so from the perspective of the employees assured, I think... I mean, at this... at that point. If the employees are going on strike, there's... I mean, the employer, by nature, already has an advantage."

Reick: "But remember, the employer is the guy that signs the front of the paycheck, not the back of it."

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Gonzalez: "Could you say that one more time?"

Reick: "I would vote... I would urge a 'no' vote on this Bill?"

Gonzalez: "All right."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Meier."

Meier: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He indicates he'll yield."

Meier: "I have some issues with this, the way I read it. I could be wrong. So, maybe you can answer these questions for me. It looks as we're expanding what our unions and our workers can strike for. So, when we have people in our veterans' homes, and we have prisoners in our prisons, and we have residents in our SODCs, you talk about temporary workers, you can't find those temporary workers quickly that know how to run respirators, ventilators... you can't find people who want to change diapers. You don't have people who have trained to take care of these residents. And these residents and the SODCs, they need a normal day. Every day needs to be the same. You can't change that pattern. They don't want a stranger giving them their bath. They don't understand that. They may only have the mentality of an 18 month old. This... giving more rights for strikes can be a horrible situation for... people will die. I mean, how do you train somebody to run a ventilator or a respirator right away? These are people that are state workers right now. We can't just replace them with temporaries. Prison guards need much training. So, as... the way I read this Bill, it puts many people's lives at risk. And some of them are our most vulnerable when you talk about our veterans and our developmentally disabled. So, I think we

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need to address that. So, I'd like to hear how you plan on manning these positions?"

Gonzalez: "I completely understand the worry, especially for those who are the most vulnerable. But, I think, at this point in time, if we look at, maybe the most vulnerable are also the workers. Let's take, for example, the case of the pandemic. Many workers have been going on strike because of unfair labor conditions and things like that, not enough PPE. You know, not enough sanitation, things like that. So, in preparation... in preparation for that, I think those... I mean, at that point too, the workers are also the ones who are vulnerable. I think this will help create a more level playing field for workers, as well as the employers, when it comes... when it comes to them actually... I mean, agreeing on contracts and things like that. I think, given the pandemic, I think all of us can agree that it's provided a few new avenues... I mean, new challenges in labor that we need to address right now."

Meier: "We have wonderful workers at the Murray Center where I often worked with and I often..."

Speaker Harris: "Representative, could you bring your remarks to a close?"

Meier: "Can I have some spare time from somebody?"

Speaker Harris: "Caulkins."

Meier: "Okay. Thank you. Wonderful workers. We had two outbreaks of COVID. We lost one resident who had well lived past his life expectancy. Only 1 out of 240. They were wonderful. They came in, they worked double shifts. They did whatever they had to because they care about those residents. But at the same time, we can't take that risk of having a strike. You

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cannot replace those workers instantly. There has to be a carve out somewhere for our prison guards, our veterans' homes, and these places that have severely mentally and physically handicap residents, because we can't have a strike there. There's nobody there to take care of them. You don't leave a 13-month-old child alone. You don't leave a animal locked in the pen."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Meier, could you bring your remarks to a close?"

Meier: "I just think that a lot of Bills, and Bills that I've passed today, have taken three to four years to be passed. I think we're rushing into a Bill here, right now, that still needs a lot of issues addressed to it. So, I would hope you would hold this Bill and continue to work on it so we have these issues addressed."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Halpin."

Halpin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll just be brief. One of the previous speakers asked what recourse does the employer have left to keep workers from walking off the job because they aren't happy with their pay. And the easy answer is to just pay the workers what they're worth. It's true... it's true for the private sector and should be no less true for our State Government workers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Gonzalez to close."

Gonzalez: "This is my first Bill. So, I think this is... this has been gone pretty well. So, I appreciate the hearty debates, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Help Representative Gonzalez have a really good first Bill. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'."

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Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Collins. Collins, Jones, Mayfield, Tarver. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a vote of 67 voting 'yes', 43 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2521, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 7 of the Calendar is House Bill 1162, Representative Greenwood. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1162, a Bill for an Act concerning education. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Greenwood."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Greenwood on Floor Amendment 1."

Greenwood: "Just one second. All right. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the General Assembly. Floor Amendment #1 makes a technical change and adds the words 'drugs and the dangers of opioid and substance abuse' to the legislation."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Greenwood has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1162, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Greenwood."

Greenwood: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the General Assembly. House Bill 1162 amends the School Code by adding the language of 'discussion of effective methods for the prevention and avoidance of drugs and the dangers of opioid

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and substance abuse'. And I ask for an 'aye'... 'yes' vote...
'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the record reflect that
Representative Brad Halbrook will be excused from voting on
this fine piece of legislation?"

Speaker Harris: "For the day, or just this piece?"

Batinick: "And any further votes that happen this day and early
tomorrow."

Speaker Harris: "The record shall so reflect. Seeing no further
discussion, question is, 'Shall House Bill 1162 pass?' All
those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'nay'. Voting is open.
Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all
voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a
vote of 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present',
House Bill 1162, having received the Constitutional Majority,
is hereby declared passed. On page 20... on page 27 of the
Calendar appears House Bill 3950, Representative LaPointe.
So, should we move this back to Second Reading for a Floor
Amendment? Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3950, a Bill for an Act concerning
education. The Bill was read for a second time, previously.
Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is
offered by Representative LaPointe."

Speaker Harris: "Representative LaPointe on Floor Amendment 2."

LaPointe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 was
unanimously adopted in committee. It's a gut and replace
Amendment that I worked with the Illinois Community College
Board on. It opens up a variety of postsecondary education

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options for our young people with disabilities through dual credit, arrange of education and programing options at Illinois community colleges, and better and earlier information about options, starting with transition services in high school. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no discussion, Representative LaPointe moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3950, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative LaPointe."

LaPointe: "Thank you, Speaker. This is a Bill to expand postsecondary options for our young people with disabilities, intellectual and developmental, as they age out of high schools, which as we know right now is right on their 22nd birthday. This Bill comes to me through my work with a high school in my district, Von Occupational High School, which is also right next to a city college, Wright College, in Chicago. As most of us know, Illinois ranks 44th when it comes to providing support to our children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. And our students experience a cliff of support of options after high school, despite all the capabilities that they have. In short, our community colleges could be doing more to not only offer a range of opportunities but also to communicate those options

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to families so they can take advantage of them. This Bill ensures high schools and community college districts work collaboratively to provide eligible students with disabilities access to dual credit with support when needed. The Bill encourages community colleges to offer a range of programming with appropriate aid and accommodations like credit, noncredit, and career and technical education. And finally, the Bill encourages better communication about options for kids, beginning in transition meetings, by going over those range of options and having the disability coordinators from community colleges participate in those transition meetings. I ask for an 'aye' vote. I'm open for questions."

Speaker Harris: "Well, you're disappointed. There are no questions. So, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3950 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. With 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3950, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 25 of the Calendar appears House Bill 2928, Representative Mazzochi. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Okay, please move this back to the Order of Second Reading. Representative Mazzochi on Floor Amendment 1."

Mazzochi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I present House Floor Amendment 1, and I urge its adoption."

Speaker Harris: "Do you know what is in it?"

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Mazzochi: "What is in the Floor Amendment is actually some additional amended language that moves the American Association of Publishers from opposed to supportive."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mazzochi has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment 1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Representative Mazzochi."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2928, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mazzochi."

Mazzochi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I come before this Body on House Bill 2928. 2928 seeks to relieve college costs for students in two ways. First, it creates a pilot program to create a guided pathway for our students so that they can obtain a 4-year college degree that will cost no more than \$20 thousand for the entire degree pathway. And if you design it right, between Federal Pell Grants and MAP grants, this would be an opportunity to make at least one type of college degree effectively free for low-income students and capped for everyone else. Second, this Bill creates a panel to study and make recommendations on how to better promote the use of open source course materials and how to make it easier for students to identify college courses that make use of open source materials that may be either free in the public domain, or otherwise lower costs, which will also help to reduce college costs, particularly when it comes to books and course materials. With the adoption of House Floor Amendment 1, it

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has caused the opposition to move to support. I am happy to answer any questions. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "And there being... Representative Willis."

Willis: "Will the Sponsor yield, please?"

Speaker Harris: "She indicates she'll yield."

Willis: "So, I see that this is an initiative of the American Publishers Association, but where does the College Board stand on this? And how do we make sure that these degrees are... who was it? College certified, I guess, is what I'm looking for on that..."

Mazzochi: "Right."

Willis: "...that we're just not going and taking classes for the sake of taking classes. Though I am a lifelong learner and I totally believe in that concept."

Mazzochi: "Right, and that's... thank you for asking that question. That's exactly the point of having the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois State Board of Higher Education work together to create the pilot program so that you have a guided pathway that will... that will be amendable to being taken at both our community colleges and a public 4-year university that will satisfy the Higher Learning Commission's accreditation standards, so that you can actually have a degree pathway that is going to be viable and accredited. And that's exactly the point of creating the pathway program, is that you want to make sure that your students are, in fact, taking classes that will get them through that degree efficiently, effectively, and... and once that model is in place, it can be rolled out for all of our other community

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colleges and 4-year universities, hopefully, so that we can have at least a capped tuition pathway."

Willis: "And do we have set degrees that we're looking to promote as we do this? 'Cause we know that there are certain areas that we certainly have a shortage of qualified work applicants, you might say. Whether it's in nursing or education, just come to my mind as a couple them right off the top of the head."

Mazzochi: "Sure. And I think that to get started, one of the things that I'm focusing on... or after consulting with various potential stakeholders who would be actually providing the educational courses, is that if you start in the humanities, that's the best way to actually be able to get the degree credentials that's capped at \$20 thousand. Once you build that model, it may very well be that there are ways that you can extend it into other areas. But one of the things that we found, when I was at college in DuPage, is that there were many students where they were really trying to just get that degree so that they could have the credential that would make them eligible for a whole host of jobs. So, while I certainly appreciate that there are many jobs that are underserved and we need workers, this is addressing a different problem. Which is, for many jobs, that would be including entry-level jobs, you can't even get your foot in the door without having a college degree. So, the substance of the degree may not necessarily be as important to the employer for screening purposes as simply the fact that you have a four-year college degree. And that's what this is targeting."

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Willis: "Okay. I have just two more questions for you, if you'll indulge me."

Mazzochi: "Sure."

Willis: "Do we have the support of the Board of Higher Ed and the College Board to actually put this... it's basically going to be a commission that's going to have to put to... gather this pathway. Are they willing and do they have the time and the money? I mean, it's going to cost human resource, if nothing else, to be able to do this."

Mazzochi: "Yes. And actually, I have discussed it with them. And they did not slip in opposition to the Bill. One of the things that I am aware of is that... actually, there are individuals at the College of DuPage who are ready to actually provide their services to the Illinois Community College Board to design the program. And there's also the opportunity to get independent third-party grant funding as well. So, it won't even cost the state any money."

Willis: "Okay. So, you partly answered that. So, there would be independent grant money that would cover for this, but..."

Mazzochi: "Right."

Willis: "...would there be any other expense? You talked about students being able to qualify for Pell Grants. I'm assuming MAP grants would be continually pushed in this also and other, certainly, grants that would be available to low income students. But what about the average income student that would... often times gets missed?"

Mazzochi: "Right. And that's the whole point of trying to design the degree program precisely so that colleges can offer it for an all-in 4-year pathway of no more than \$20 thousand."

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And between making use of online courses, community college classes, as well as your four-year universities. This is why, again, I say you have to design the program first so that you can target what's going to be most effective way to bring that degree cost down to cap the cost. Then you'll be able to expand it and roll it out to other schools."

Willis: "Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mazzochi to close."

Mazzochi: "Thank you. This Body has looked at many ways to provide more funding for higher education. But this is the first time that the Body is also going to take steps to make sure that Illinois has a four-year degree program with a tuition costs that are capped at a clear number so that, when a student chooses a degreed program, they will know exactly how much it will cost, will not have to deal with the anxiety of wondering whether the costs are going to go up from year to the next, whether the financial aid will come through, and whether you are going to be priced out of a college degree in future. I do want to thank Leader Ammons and several others for joining with me on this Bill to help make college more affordable. And I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 2928 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a question of 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2928, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Ozinga, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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Ozinga: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like the record to reflect that my intention was to vote 'yes' on a House Bill 3223. I would appreciate the record.."

Speaker Harris: "The record shall so reflect. On page 16 of the Calendar is House Bill 3107, Representative Evans. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3107, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Evans."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Evans on Floor Amendment 3."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the great Members of this Assembly. We're disregarding the other Amendments, only adopting Amendment 3, which is the gut of the Bill. Amendment 3 does three things, which is the entire Bill. Amendment 3 extends the sunset for the tax credit. Amendment 3 increases the tax credit from 13 million to \$32 million off of donation tax credit, and also sets a continuation of growth. And Amendment 3 sets... increases the threshold to 120 percent of the area median income for units of sale. So, I request adoption."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Evans has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3107, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Evans."

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Evans: "Thank you, again. I explained the Amendment, which is the Bill. Again, the donation tax credit is extended for a few more years under donation accredited program. It is now limited to \$32 million instead of \$13 million. So, more opportunity for development. And the... and there's an increase in the threshold to 120 percent of the area median income or for sale. So, I'm available for questions, request your support."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Reick."

Reick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He indicates he'll yield."

Reick: "Representative, earlier tonight we had a very robust conversation with regard to the possible clawback of federal funds if, in fact, we, after March 3, 2021, increase a credit or create a new tax cut, or something like that. In light of that conversation... which we could go through again if you wish, but I don't think we need to because it was very robust and I think everybody understood it."

Evans: "Yes."

Reick: "I... this thing went on... you know, we're running the risk, again, of having the Federal Government clawback money that comes from an increase in credit. Now, the credit itself, I have... I'm in as big a favor of affordable housing as anybody. But to go from 13 to 32 million dollars just might make the Federal Government wonder why it is Illinois is increasing credits in the middle of a financial bailout that indicates that there is a possibility of clawing that money back. Can you... can you address that question, please?"

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Evans: "Thank you, Representative Reick. I think you used a lot of terms. You used maybe, could, possible. And, right now, we're working on legislation that's definitive in nature. This..."

Reick: "Well, the... the ARPA Act is also definitive in nature in the fact that no state may indicate... may enact up, including a tax credit, after a particular date that would allow for that void that is being created by that tax credit to be filled with federal funds. Such that, if between March 3, 2021 and sometime in 2025 that money is spent, it could be clawed back by the Federal Government. So, I would be very... I would ask, not that I'm against what you're trying to do..."

Evans: "Yeah."

Reick: "...but I would ask that maybe we pull back a little bit, take some time, look to see exactly what that impact is going to be because ARPA is pretty plain on its impact here. I didn't... I don't want to say maybe, but we have a situation here, much like we had with the previous Bill that we discussed this on, that we may be looking at... and I believe we are looking at the distinct possibility of having \$19 million clawed back on our federal money because that's the amount by which we increased that credit."

Evans: "Yeah, and I..."

Reick: "I urge... I urge caution, Mr... Representative."

Evans: "Yeah. And again, with dealing with federal funds, there's always caution, I think. We're one of the largest states in the nation, and I trust our administration to understand how to properly handle federal dollars. I think your concerns are noted, but I think they're not really germane to what we're

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doing here. The donation tax credit is an established program done through IHDA to increase development and bring back additional tax dollars with the development and the (unintelligible) and then the growth for developing. So..."

Reick: "To that extent... to that extent, Representative, you're right. It is an existing tax credit. It's the fact that the tax credit is being increased within this blackout period, so to speak, that is giving me some very strong indications that we may end up having to pay this money back. So, to that extent, I'm going to... I'm going to vote for your Bill, but I want to do it with a warning that if the feds come back and say, Representative Evans, nice job, we understand what you did, but we want our money back, you don't come to me and say you weren't told. Okay?"

Evans: "Yeah, great. And I appreciate... again, I appreciate your concern. Whenever we're dealing with federal dollars, particularly in this time of COVID when there's an expectation for us to receive a large amount of federal dollars, in which we need and deserve in this moment, but I think your concerns are just not germane to what we're doing today."

Reick: "Fair enough."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Evans to close."

Evans: "Thank you. I request your support."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 3107 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; all those opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present', House Bill 3107, having received a Constitutional

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Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 21 of the Calendar is House Bill 3893, Representative Lilly. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3893, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3893, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Lilly."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the late evening. We present HB3893, which requires DOC to enter into contracts with state departments to help persons released from the Department of Corrections into obtaining services that they need 45 days prior to release. Services and resources that the state provides in the area of housing, public assisting, employment, and transitional assistance to prevent recidivism. I ask for your 'aye' vote if you have no questions at this late hour."

Speaker Harris: "Representative... Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "Indicates she'll yield."

Batinick: "And, maybe, could Patrick Windhorst come over here? Representative, there was a whole bunch of 'no' votes in committee. What was the nature of the 'no' vote?"

Lilly: "Excuse me, Sir?"

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Batinick: "There was a bunch of 'no' votes in committee. I think there was discussion about the cost between all the departments."

Lilly: "We have no opposition and no position."

Batinick: "Okay. Do you have a cost? So, there was some concern about the cost between all the departments in implementing this program."

Lilly: "We have no opposition, no position. So, I don't have that information. No one has brought that to my attention."

Batinick: "You don't have the cost? Okay. We'll move to the vote. Probably be a lot of red over here, a lot of green over there. Enjoy."

Lilly: "Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Lilly to close."

Lilly: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "So, the Motion is, 'Shall House Bill 3893 pass?' All those vote 'yes'... all those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 72 voting 'yes', 41 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3893, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 14 of the Calendar is House Bill 2653, Representative Mason. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2653, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2653, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mason."

Mason: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2653 requires a group accident and health insurance policy to cover medically necessary colonoscopies that occur as a follow-up to a positive result from an initial noncolonoscopy colorectal screening. So, if you've seen the commercials for the cute little boxes that come in the mail, and you send your sample in, if you get a positive result from one of those tests, it requires insurance companies to cover the follow-up colonoscopy just as they would your regular preventive. Right now, through a loophole, those colonoscopies are being designated as diagnostic instead of preventative because there was an initial first step. Recently, the... at the federal level, the House passed a fix for Medicare, ensuring that those colonoscopies would be covered. And it's really important. Last month was Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, and this Bill is really personal to me because both of my parents had colon cancer. In fact, 150 thousand individuals are diagnosed every year with colon cancer and 53 thousand die every year. The crazy thing is that colon cancer is very, very easily curable when caught early and preventable if caught early enough with regular screening. So, this is something that will save money in the long run because certainly a colonoscopy is less expensive than a case of colon cancer. And it will encourage people to get those follow-up screenings after a positive test result. Because right now, many people, if they get the positive test result from the

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little box, they don't go for the follow-up colonoscopy if they have a high deductible plan because the average cost of a colonoscopy can range from 2 thousand to 5 thousand dollars. And that delay, because of lack of funding, is causing people to have full-blown cancer. I welcome any questions, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Morgan."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She indicates she'll yield."

Morgan: "I have a question for the Sponsor for legislative intent purposes. Representative Joy... Representative Mason, just to confirm, this Bill is intended to cover diagnostic colonoscopies for those individuals who receive a positive or inconclusive FIT or garden test. Is that correct?"

Mason: "That is correct."

Morgan: "Thank you, Representative. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mason to close."

Mason: "Thank you very much. This is supported by the American Cancer Society, neutral by the insurance... insurance agencies. It's late, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "So, we... there was a question for legislative intent. That's different than a question in response. Representative Brady, and then we'll go to the vote."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She indicates she'll yield."

Brady: "Representative, just quickly, from committee... I'm trying to remember here and recall. From the insurance carrier side of this, who will pay for the test that you're talking about, right now, that you're trying to do the preventative test?"

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Mason: "After this Bill is passed?"

Brady: "Yeah. What's your Bill intending to..."

Mason: "The insurance company."

Brady: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Mason: "Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "So now, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2653 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a vote of 75 voting 'yes', 36 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present', House Bill 2653, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. So, Members, just an observation from the Chair. We have a rather long list still of Bills to go through. So, yeah, succinct presentation, succinct questions, and succinct responses will probably help us get through the evening a little bit quicker. On page 2 of the Calendar appears House Bill 7, Representative Mayfield. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 7, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Mayfield."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mayfield on Floor Amendment 3."

Mayfield: "Can you... can we adopt Amendment 3 and debate the Bill on Third?"

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mayfield moves to adopt Floor Amendment #3. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

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Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 7, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Thank you so much. I know everybody's phones have been ringing off the hook on this Bill, and I'm going to ask for your indulgence. I've been working on this Bill since January. Last year, I passed this Bill out of this House with bipartisan support, 109 votes. So, a lot of the Members who are saying that they're not going to vote tonight, you voted last year, and you're saying 'no' because of the unions that are calling you. Let me just say that these same unions did not take the time to pick up the phone to call me. They did not come to committee to testify against the Bill. But yet, they are pushing really hard. This Bill creates a commission. The unions are on the commission that they are voting against. A commission that gives them a voice. This Bill does not force consolidation. What this Bill does is it holds community meetings across the state, looking at where the efficiencies are, where it is in the best interest of the students.. let's go there again, the best interest of the student, not the superintendents who are opposed to the Bill, because they're looking to hold onto to their 250 and 300 thousand dollar jobs. So, of course, they're going to be opposed because it's all about job security for them and not what is in the best interest of the students. We all know, and you can look up the data yourself, it is out there that, when you have a unified school district, you have continuity in education.

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What does that mean? You have one curriculum that is feeding from the elementary school into the high school. Our children have higher test scores when they have continuity. They have higher SAT scores when there is continuity. They are more likely to go to college when there is continuity. But yet, we have so many individuals that are saying it doesn't matter what is best for the student because I want to hold on to my job, my \$300 thousand administrative job. They're also not looking at the fact that we are levying taxes. All of us go out and we knock doors. And when you're out there knocking doors, the number one complaint that we hear from our constituents is that their taxes are too high. Well, when you're being levied two, three, four times because of the schools in your district, of course your taxes are going to be high. This is an opportunity to stop taxing our constituents out of their houses. This is an opportunity to actually lower their tax bills by reducing their levies. There is a great opportunity here to actually do some of the things that we promised. I'm asking for an 'aye' vote. I'll take any questions."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Bourne."

Bourne: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She will yield."

Bourne: "Thank you. Representative, I wanted to ask you a couple of questions to clarify what I've had constituents ask me. Does this ultimately end up in any action that is not decided by voters?"

Mayfield: "Absolutely not. The voters have the final say."

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Bourne: "Thank you. Also, is this primarily aimed at nonunit districts?"

Mayfield: "Absolutely not. We look at all districts throughout the state, and we're looking for efficiencies where it makes the most sense. So, if districts are 10 miles apart, if there's transportation issues, if we've got children crossing hazardous roads, all of that is taken into consideration. It is what is going to be in the best interest of that community. And we are holding a community meeting for feedback from that community."

Bourne: "Thank you. Representative, earlier today we voted on a commission that was sponsored by this side of the aisle that would hopefully help find efficiencies in our local governments that I think we all strive to find. I was proud to vote for your Bill when you brought it last General Assembly. I think this is a much better Bill, with you being able to work with those who are opposed to it, than the one we voted on last time. So, I appreciate you working with the opponents, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mayfield to close."

Mayfield: "I worked.. and thank you, Representative Bourne. I will say, I worked with the opponents on this Bill. Those opponents that took the time to reach out to me, to show up in committee and express to me what their concerns were. Ninety percent of what they asked for is in this Bill. I gave the opponents what they asked for in this Bill. Those phone calls that you're receiving are from individuals who did not take the time to come to committee or to have the decency to have a conversation. I'm asking for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 7 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 42 'yes', 55 'no', and 3 voting 'present', House Bill 7 has failed to achieve a Constitutional Majority. On page 7 of the Calendar appears House Bill 1207, Representative Moeller. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1207, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Moeller."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Moeller on Floor Amendment 1."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 1207 came to me via the Illinois Manufacturers' Association requesting a minor change to the Equal Pay Act of 2003. The change allows employers and employment agencies to discuss unvested equity or deferred compensation with an applicant for employment that the applicant would forfeit or would be canceled because of the applicant's resignation from their current employer. If, during the discussion, the applicant voluntarily and without prompting discloses the likely forfeiture or cancellation, an employer is not in violation of the Act for requesting verification of the aggregate amount from one of the following, at the applicant's choice. Either the applicant's current employer or the business entity that administers the funds. As the Body knows, we passed a Bill a couple years ago that would prohibit employers from asking for prior wage information. This change

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is being made so that, in the specific and very narrow instance where a candidate for employment asks to have unvested equity or deferred compensation benefits match, a prospective employer can just confirm that that actual benefit exists. Happy to answer any questions and would request an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "There being no seeking to speak... oh, I'm sorry. This is an Amendment. Representative Moeller moves to adopt Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment 1 is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1207, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Would ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "There being no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Tarver. With a vote of 112 voting... Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 1207, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 14 of the Calendar is House Bill 2789, Representative Mussman. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2789, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time, previously."

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Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Mussman."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mussman on Floor Amendment 2."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 2789 provides IDPH shall establish requirements, by rule, for safely providing for in-person instruction, covering such aspects as social distancing, cleaning protocols, and symptom screening. Provides that IDPH and local health departments will have the authority to enforce those rules and to take action to protect the health and safety of the staff and students if an investigation shows that they are in violation. All complaints and related documents shall be maintained and are subject to the Freedom of Information Act."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mussman has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2789, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mussman."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. So, essentially, that House Amendment becomes the Bill. The stakeholders are very invested in trying to come to a resolution that provides clear guidances, while also allowing flexibility to adapt to the changing conditions. It also makes certain that it is clear how these rules will be enforced and

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by who. I know that they are committed to continuing this conversation in the Senate to make certain we have a plan that can work effectively for the concerned parties and allow parents, students, and staff to feel that they are returning to safe and healthy learning environment. I am happy to answer any questions and appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative... Representative Bourne."

Bourne: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll go to the Bill. For those of you who've been asking for any kind of legislative oversight on the COVID restrictions, this is absolutely the opposite of that. This Bill will provide that ISBE is the one making the decisions on whether your students can be in school. This means that, for all of the schools who worked really hard to get students back in seats, I'm sorry, the state now says you're closed. This takes away all local control. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Mussman to close."

Mussman: "So, I do want to clarify it's actually IDPH that would be making and enforcing the rules. It would not be ISBE. Again, appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 2789 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 70 voting 'yes', 42 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2789, having achieved the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 13 of the Calendar is House Bill 2574, Representative Murphy. Out of the record. On page

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26 of the Calendar is House Bill 3657, Representative Robinson. Let's roll this back to Second Reading, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3657, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Robinson."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Robinson on Floor Amendment 1."

Robinson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Members of this Body who came out to my district and supported me when the oldest hospital in Chicago, that for over 100 years cared for citizens that could not go anywhere else in Chicago for care. Trinity Healthcare, a billion dollar corporation, whom has 2 other hospitals in Illinois and 92 hospitals in the U.S., decided to close this very important hospital that, again, cares for citizens that could not go anywhere else. To make matters worse, Trinity decided to close this hospital in the midst of COVID. Colleagues, I pray that none of you have to go through this travesty in your districts. Mercy Hospital is on the brink of being saved. But Speaker Welch, Representative Rita, Representative Willis all, unfortunately, had to deal with the same travesty in their districts. HB3657 will help equitable access to health care services in Illinois by preventing hospital service cuts and facility closures. This legislation helps to protect access to health care for our most vulnerable residents by preserving safety net services at safety net hospitals and critical access hospitals across this state. Colleagues, we are here to make sure that every person in the State of Illinois has access to quality health care. That is why we are in this Body. And so, I ask everyone

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under that sound of my voice to vote for this important Bill to make sure, again, that every citizen in the State of Illinois, no matter how you look, no matter your finances, can get access to quality health care. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Robinson has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3657, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Robinson."

Robinson: "Again, I ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "He indicates he'll yield."

Demmer: "Representative Robinson, this Bill, I believe, was in the record previously and we had a short discussion on it. I believe your Amendment made one substantive change to the underlying Bill, and that was to remove the provisions that would place a hospital in receivership should they close outside the parameters of this Bill. Is that the only substantive change in the underlying Bill?"

Robinson: "Yes, Leader Demmer."

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Demmer: "So, as you've laid it out today, you make a number of changes to the Health Facilities and Services Review Board and the certificate of need process for closing a hospital facility or a service line of a hospital facility. We've made changes to the CON closure process in 2019 in Senate Bill 1793, in 2020 in Senate Bill 2541, in 2021, just this year, in Senate Bills 1510 and House Bill 158. Have we had an opportunity to see any of those changes in action before we make these proposed changes here tonight?"

Robinson: "Leader Demmer, that's a great question. And we have not because hospitals continue to close, particularly in poor black and brown communities, Leader Demmer."

Demmer: "So, we've... we have made reforms to the closure process, through the certificate of need, and we have not seen those... those changes followed, yet we're making further changes to that system. We made changes just two months ago that have not applied to any hospital in the state so far, yet we're making further changes here tonight. I have to ask, in a situation where a hospital... let's say it's a stand-alone, independent hospital. It is losing money, is bankrupt, is on the verge of closure. This Bill would prohibit them or try to block them from closing. What happens?"

Robinson: "Leader Demmer..."

Demmer: "How does a hospital stay open if they're... if they're unable to make payroll?"

Robinson: "Leader Demmer, I look forward to working with you to make sure that does not happen. We need to make sure that we are properly funding critical access hospitals and safety net hospitals across the state for that not to happen. This Bill

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speaks to organizations, corporations like Trinity Health, that I've mentioned. A billion dollar corporation that has other hospitals in this state that's decided to close this hospital in the midst of COVID. That's the issue."

Demmer: "But the truth is, this Bill applies to not just Trinity but to every hospital in Illinois."

Robinson: "Exactly, Leader Demmer."

Demmer: "And to every service line of every hospital in Illinois. So, there are many hospitals in the state where a service line... many small hospitals, many safety net hospitals, who have a difficult time recruiting physicians or providers to come in and operate a service line, where maybe in this hospital the service line is one person. Maybe that one person decides to take a job someplace else. How does that hospital continue to operate a service line if their provider is gone? Under your Bill, you've established a private right of action for an individual to be able to sue the hospital because an individual provider decided to leave and they can no longer offer a service. How does that remedy the health disparities? How does that not simply saddle the... a hospital who's already struggling with a loss of a service line? Now, with lawsuits suing them for something that was outside of their control?"

Robinson: "Leader Demmer, again, I understand that we have several hospitals in our state that are struggling. Many of them, separate from Mercy in my district, are right next door. And I look forward to working with you to make sure that safety net hospitals and critical access hospitals across this state are properly funded. That way everyone has the opportunity to

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get quality... to get access to quality health care. That's the issue."

Demmer: "I understand that issue. I support you and our efforts, jointly, to address that issue. This Bill does not address that issue. This Bill addresses symptoms, rather than the root causes. This Bill seeks to address the symptoms of one hospital, which I agree with you is, unfortunately, in a very precarious position. And simply to apply a symptomatic treatment to all hospitals in the state, to all service lines, all components of those hospitals, in every single part of the state... it makes changes to a process that we just amended two months ago. It establishes a private right of action that could result in millions and millions of dollars of legal fees and settlements from hospitals big and small for services that were discontinued at, literally, no control of those hospitals. We need to find a way to work together to analyze what hospitals need and how we can support those hospitals. What's proposed in this Bill misses that mark, and may have a severe and unintended consequence on many other hospitals who are not today in jeopardy but who could be in jeopardy as a result of the changes in this Bill. At this time, with this... the texts of this Bill, I have to urge a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Robinson to close."

Robinson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To Leader Demmer and my colleagues on the other side, I look forward to working with everyone in this chamber to make sure that we pause hospital closures in this state and we continue to work for the people of this great state to make sure, again, that everyone has

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access to quality health care in this great state. So, again, I repeat, I look forward to working with everyone in this chamber to make sure our constituents have access to quality health care. And I ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 3657 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Croke. Mazzochi. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a vote of 70 'yes', 41 'no', 0 'present', House Bill 3657, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page... on page 13 of the Calendar is House Bill 2433, Representative Ness. Representative Ness on... Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2433, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Ness."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ness on Floor Amendment 2."

Ness: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the Assembly. This is a gut and replace Amendment that places a member from a local health department onto the Long-Term Care Advisory Commission for the purpose of building more partnership and collaboration between the local jurisdiction and state authorities."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ness has moved for the Amendment of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'yes'; all opposed say 'no'. The 'yesses' have it. And Floor Amendment #2 is adopted. Anything further, Mr... I'm sorry. Representative

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Hammond, did you want to speak on the Amendment or the Bill?
The Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Representative... please read the
Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2433, a Bill for an Act concerning
regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ness."

Ness: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. So, this Bill
is a... the intention of this Bill initially was to create more
oversight and partnership to protect... to review nursing home
complaints for people living in congregate living facilities.
A year ago, when I was on the county board, I was on the
public health committee. And it was at time that I learned
that the state has oversight of nursing homes. And how I
learned that was when multiple constituents were calling
myself and fellow board members about their members in nursing
homes, where COVID was starting to flourish, they were very
concerned. And we were told from our local authority that
it's not their jurisdiction. It's the jurisdiction of the
state. With over 1300 facilities, that's a lot to oversee.
And, of course, in COVID, we saw the results of that. Many of
the deaths occurred in nursing homes. So, this Bill's intended
to created more eyes on nursing homes and to create a
partnership between local authorities, who are often closer
to the facilities in their communities and could respond.
After some discussion and learning a lot more about what that
would actually mean, this Bill is a first step towards that
goal. And by having a local health department person on that

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board, it starts to open up dialogue of where those collaborative opportunities might exist. This Bill also creates accountability, requiring IDPH to send a report to this Body concerning the complaint process and the number of complaints received as well as the outcome of those complaints. And I ask for an 'aye' vote. I'm open for questions. Thanks."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Caulkins."

Caulkins: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "She indicates she'll yield."

Caulkins: "Thank you. Representative, what oversight authority does the local health department have on a long-term care facility?"

Ness: "They do... currently do inspections in kitchens and other areas, similar to what they would do in any other business in local health department capacity. So, bacteria of food, things like that."

Caulkins: "I thought the state had the authority... oversight of long-term care facilities."

Ness: "They do."

Caulkins: "And they issue... they do kitchen inspections. They do fire inspections. They answer complaints. So, you're suggesting that we allow the local county health departments to investigate complaints in a long-term care facility?"

Ness: "This Bill doesn't do that. All this Bill does is places a local health department person on the Long-Term Care Advisory Board. So, it's just expanding the board. It's an appointment."

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Caulkins: "Okay. But what's the purpose then of having someone from a health department on the Long-Term Care Advisory Board?"

Ness: "Because eventually, if there was an opportunity for local authorities to respond to those complaints, it might help those complaints be mitigated more quickly, and thereby reducing harm to the people who live in those facilities."

Caulkins: "But the local health departments don't have any licensing authority. They don't have any ability to respond to a complaint in a long-term care facility. I mean, this is all done by the state. You know, we talk about COVID, perhaps the state has infectious control people. They have inspectors, licensure inspectors. What do you see then is the role of a local health department?"

Ness: "So, 60 percent or more of the deaths in McHenry County from COVID occurred in long-term care facilities. There were significant outbreaks in a couple of those facilities. And had there been, perhaps, an ability for local authorities to respond to that, we could've perhaps saved some lives. So, this... the idea is really... it's the beginning of a... perhaps an opportunity where those collaborative opportunities can exist for local authorities. You're right, they have no jurisdiction as of right now. It just puts them on that board as a conversation."

Caulkins: "I appreciate you bringing up the fact that over 50 percent, or around 50 percent of the fatalities..."

Ness: "Sixty percent."

Caulkins: "...from COVID occurred in long-term care facilities."

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Speaker Harris: "Representative, could you wrap up your question, please?"

Caulkins: "But that's not... I mean, in our county, they did everything they could to provide PPE. I mean, the health department was involved. They were providing help, but it's incumbent upon the State of Illinois to bring in the infectious control people. It's incumbent upon IDPH to be involved. And sitting at home, not going into these facilities, is really what created this pandemic, these epidemics outbreaks in long-term care facilities. We had one in our county that was very deadly, and I don't... I guess, I don't see where it is that you put a member of the county health board..."

Speaker Harris: "Representative, could you wrap up your question?"

Caulkins: "To the Bill. This is... this is creeping government into an area that they don't belong in. We have adequate supervision if the people that we employ in Illinois Department of Public Health would do their jobs. We don't need to expand the right to..."

Speaker Harris: "Representative."

Caulkins: "I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ness to close."

Ness: "Thank you, Speaker. I appreciate... I appreciate the comments made. And I would argue that instead of an expansion, looking for government... government entities that are already doing similar work, looking for ways to work together in order to expand security and build a sense of security for people living in long-term care facilities and their loved ones who placed them there, that they have... that they know that they're

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being cared for in the way that they should be. And so, the goal of this is to create, without adding personnel, if there's a way for us to build more capacity in the role of nursing home complaints, then that's what this Bill aims to do. But at the very least, all this Bill really does is adds an individual to a board that already exists. And I request an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 2433 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 106 voting 'yes', 3 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present', House Bill 2433, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 5 of the Calendar is House Bill 375, Representative Smith. Representative Smith. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 375, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Smith."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Smith on Floor Amendment #1."

Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 is a gut and replace, which changes a 60-day notice to a required 30-day notice, and then another notice 14 days before the beginning of the academic term. Board of trustees must notify the adjunct professor about the status and enrollment of the class the teacher was hired to teach. I urge..."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Luft. You going to wait 'til Third? Okay. Representative Smith has moved for the adoption

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of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'yes'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Floor Amendment #1 is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Smith on House Bill 375."

Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Harris: "Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 375, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Smith."

Smith: "Thank you, once again, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is an initiative of the Illinois Federation of Teachers and University Professionals of Illinois on behalf of the members who felt they would not receive an adequate notice about the cancellation of their courses. This Bill just provides notice to the adjunct professors whether or not that class may or may not exist. It gives them ample time to look for other work instead of at the last minute cancelling the class. I urge an 'aye' vote. Push the green button, please."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Luft."

Luft: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If the record could show that on House Bill 7 my intent was to vote 'no'."

Speaker Harris: "The record shall so reflect. Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We got a bunch of opponents. We're going to vote 'no'. Look forward to the vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Smith to close."

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Smith: "Let me say this. With this Amendment, most opposition was neutral. So, I don't know what you're looking at, but I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall everyone whistle, and shall House Bill 375 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 74 voting 'yes', 38 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', House Bill 375, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 26 of the Calendar is House Bill 3195, Representative Stuart. And could we move this back to the Order of Second Reading for an Amendment?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3195, a Bill for an Act concerning health. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Stuart."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Stuart on Floor Amendment #1."

Stuart: "The Amendment just reflects some language that came from discussions with Builders Association to fine tune definition of what exactly makes a restroom."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Morrison, do you want to talk now or on Third Reading? Okay. So, Representative Stuart has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'yes'; all opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment #1 is adopted. Third Reading. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3195, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Stuart."

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Stuart: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill simply is permissive. It allows entities to create multi-stalled gender-neutral bathrooms, if they so wish."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Harris: "Indicates she'll yield."

Morrison: "Representative, on page 1 of your Bill, it says, 'The purpose is to promote the privacy, safety, and gender inclusivity of all Illinois residents and visitors.' How... have you talked with residents who feel that this takes away their privacy, that takes away thier safety?"

Stuart: "No. And that's why this is permissive. I've talked to businesses who would like to put these restrooms into their places because either their patrons or their employees have asked for it. But our laws don't allow it. So, this is simply permissive. It's a very pro-business Bill."

Morrison: "Sure. Can you... you know, page 2 of your Bill says any person of any gender. How do you define gender?"

Stuart: "People self-define the gender that they identify with. Basically this just means that anybody can, for lack of better terms, pee and poop in the same place. It's all... it's what we do in a restroom."

Morrison: "Mr. Speaker, I'll just go to the Bill. So, it... it doesn't... it's not hard to do new searches on how many times, and primarily women in women's facilities, women have had their privacy violated, their safety violated. If you've talked to supporters of this Bill, I don't think that you've talked to a very wide swath of your constituents or others. I talked to someone today who said she would feel very

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uncomfortable in this facility while there are stall dividers. Once she exits that, she could be in this very vulnerable position with somebody who may or may not pass as female. Your Bill doesn't define anything. It could be anyone claiming anything. What's happening is, little by little, these private spaces are being eliminated. Who's ultimately hurt by this? Women and girls. They're starting with 'may', expect this to be a 'shall' at some point. In my own district, we just had a situation a week ago. Headline in the *Daily Herald*, 'Arlington Heights man charged with videotaping women in a Rolling Meadows restaurant restroom'. Another one, this is from a few years ago. Wheaton College, 'Sentencing expected Thursday in Wheaton College Spy Camera Case'. And listen to what the women said who finally discovered that they were being watched, via camera that had been placed in their locker room. Several of the women on the video sobbed as they learned from a Wheaton College security officer that a wrist watch was secretly placed in their bathroom by a male friend, who had been recording them using the washroom and shower for months. No one knew at the time that the watch was still recording their reactions. They were sobbing. Another headline, 'Elgin man charged after camera found in women's bathroom'. It's... all you're doing is setting up more situations that are going to hurt women and girls. And I'll close with this. You know, ideas have consequences. Bad ideas have victims. Please vote 'no'."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Stuart to close."

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Stuart: "All we're doing is allowing the opportunity to create these types of bathrooms, and I would appreciate a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 3195 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 63 voting 'yes', 43 voting 'no', and 1 voting 'present', House Bill 3195, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 12 of the Calendar appears House Bill 2380, Representative Walsh. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2380, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendments 2 and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Walsh."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Walsh on Floor Amendment 2."

Walsh: "Floor Amendment 2 shortens the sunset date from five years to three years. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Harris: "Representative... Representative Walsh has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment 2. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Walsh."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Walsh on Floor Amendment 3."

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Walsh: "Floor Amendment 3 is a... an Amendment from Comcast that would provide residential customers of proposed termination of nonpayment of a bill in electronic format if they're getting their billing via email, in addition to providing that notice by mail. And it would not be able to be processed... or proposed termination until after 24 days after the date of the last billing cycle. And I'd ask for its adoption."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Walsh has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Motion is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2380, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Walsh."

Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 2380 is the sunset extension for the telecommunications and the Cable and Video Competition Act. With the Amendments, it would shorten the sunset from 2026 to 2024, which would be a three-year extension of the Bill. And the Bill also enables CenturyLink to get the same approval process for the carrier of last resort obligations. Currently, AT&T is the only telecom company in Illinois that qualifies for this consideration. Be happy to answer any questions and ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no one interested in speaking, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2380 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all

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voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 2 voting 'present', House Bill 2380 is hereby declared passed. Representative McCombie, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

McCombie: "Please let the record reflect that I meant to vote 'yes' on HB375."

Speaker Harris: "The record will so reflect. Representative Scherer, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Scherer: "Please let the record reflect I meant to vote 'no' on HB3195."

Speaker Harris: "The record will so reflect."

Scherer: "Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "On page 21 of the Calendar is House Bill 3862, Representative Sosnowski. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3862, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Sosnowski."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Sosnowski on Floor Amendment 1."

Sosnowski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is an initiative of the Command Officer Association. Just a simple change that requires any spot lamp on a motor vehicle that shall admit a white light without a glare. There was an Amendment, that you'll see, that was in committee, suggested by Representative Williams, which should've taken care of any concerns. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Sosnowski has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye';

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opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Motion is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3862, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Sosnowski."

Sosnowski: "I have nothing further to add. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 3862 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3862, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 14 of the Calendar is House Bill 2785, Representative Williams. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2785, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Ann Williams."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Williams."

Williams, A.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Both of these Amendments just ensure that we facilitate the transfer of the Office of Energy and Recycling from the DCEO to the EPA."

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Speaker Harris: "Representative Williams has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment 1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment 1 is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Ann Williams."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Williams."

Williams, A.: "Again, a technical change to facilitate the transfer of the Office of Energy and Recycling."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Williams moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2785, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Williams."

Williams, A.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, this implements an Executive Order from a few years back, which just moves the Office of Energy and Recycling from DCEO to EPA, reducing the administrative burdens on the agency and facilitating a smooth transfer by codifying the components of the office. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Luft."

Luft: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, could the record show that my intent was to vote 'yes' on House Bill 375?"

Speaker Harris: "Yes, it could. All right. Seeing no further requests to speak, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2785

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pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2785, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Halpin on House Bill 3823. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3823, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3823, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Halpin."

Halpin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3823 is a change to the notice of advertising of a self-storage lien sale. It's an initiative to try to make sure that bidders on the sale are more easily reached in a cost-effective way. And I want to address a couple of concerns that did come up in committee, although ultimately it passed unanimously from the committee. The first is that this Bill doesn't change anything regarding the notice to the owner of the unit. The notice to the owner is still to go either in person, or by verified mail, or e-mail to the owner of that unit. A second concern that was raised in committee about how this affects black-owned newspapers in certain of our communities here in the State of Illinois. And the intent here is certainly not to avoid any

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particular newspaper, but the reality is that advertising in the newspaper for sale is not as effective as it once was, although it may still be the best means of getting information to the community in certain localities. There is opposition from the Press Association, but I would still ask for your 'aye' vote. Always reluctantly able to answer questions. And again, ask for a 'yes' vote. Thanks."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3823 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a vote of 103 voting 'yes', 4 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3823, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 253, Representative Buckner. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 253, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Buckner."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Buckner on Floor Amendment #1."

Buckner: "Mr. Speaker, Floor Amendment 1 actually becomes the entire Bill. So, can we adopt it and then go on to debate from there?"

Speaker Harris: "Representative Buckner has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 253, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Buckner."

Buckner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is actually the first Bill that passed committee in this General Assembly. It's a statewide plan that's aimed to effectively manage state supported public transit assets, including vehicles, facilities, and other infrastructure. The goal of this transit asset management plan is to preserve and modernize capital transit assets that will enhance the performance of the system. The vehicle's operating in the peak hour and all all-fixed route modes and transit services having fewer than 100 vehicles and one nonfixed route. It also creates a performance-based project selection. And it does not apply to state matching funds for federally approved congestion mitigation and their equality improvement projects. I want to be very clear and go on the record as saying that this... this Bill does not touch the historical Chicago downstate split when it comes to transportation infrastructure dollars, and worked with both sides on this. Labor is neutral. And we have a bunch of proponents. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 253 pass?' All those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With a vote of 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 253, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby

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declared passed. Representative Hurley on House Bill 36...
3666. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3666, a Bill for an Act concerning
regulation. The Bill was read for a second time, previously.
No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by
Representative Hurley."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Hurley on Floor Amendment 1."

Hurley: "Floor Amendment 1 just eliminates all the opposition and
puts AARP, SCIU, and somebody else in favor."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Hurley moves for the adoption of
Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'.
In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the
Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, anything further?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Harris: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3666, a Bill for an Act concerning
regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Hurley."

Hurley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the General
Assembly. This Bill just allows the nursing homes to give
somebody a Bill that hasn't paid over COVID. And if they're
not private payers and they don't have money, it lets them
help them fill out their Medicaid application. I'm here for
questions, and I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Harris: "Seeing no... well, you spoke too soon. Your will
worked. They dropped off, all of them. Okay. So, the question
is, 'Shall House Bill 3666 pass?' All those in favor vote
'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted
who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?"

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Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 2 voting 'present', House Bill 3666, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to do Consent Calendar-Third Reading. On page 33 of the Calendar appears Bills on Consent Calendar-Third Reading-Second Day. As a reminder, we are preparing to vote on Bills appearing on the Consent Calendar. After the Clerk reads the Bills, we will take one vote on those Bills. If Members wish to be recorded voting as anything other than 'yes' on any of the Bills, Members can have those votes recorded separately by filing a signed letter with the Clerk today. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Consent Calendar-Third Reading-Second Day. The following Bill was removed, previously. House Bill 2431 was removed and has actually been passed by the House, previously. The following Bills are Third Reading... going to be read for the third time. House Bill 2425, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2426, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 2427, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2432, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2435, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 2438, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2454, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2499, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 2533, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2550, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 2554, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2567, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 2569, a Bill for an Act

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concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 2570, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2589, a Bill for an Act concerning substance use disorders. House Bill 2620, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2621, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2643, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2755, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 2766, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 2770, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 2778, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2795, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2806, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2825, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 2826, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2833, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2834, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 2860, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2870, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2894, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2914, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2922, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 2939, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2947, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2985, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2987, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 3031, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 3065, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 3069, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 3080, a Bill for an Act

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concerning regulation. House Bill 3097, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 3113, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 3116, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 3136, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 3138, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 3167, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 3173, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 3174, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 3175, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 3178, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 3190, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 3202, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 3217, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 3248, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 3255, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 3262, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 3265, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 3267, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 3280, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 3295, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 3302, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 3310, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 3313, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 3329, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 3359, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 3372, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 3445, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 3470, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 3474, a Bill for an Act

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concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 3484, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 3504, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 3515, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. House Bill 3520, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 3561, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of these House Bills."

Speaker Harris: "Attention, Members. We are going to be voting on all Bills on the Consent Calendar-Third Reading-Second Day, beginning on page 33 of the Calendar. There will be one vote on these Bills. It is anticipated that Members will vote 'yes'. If Members wish to be recorded as anything other than 'yes' on any of the particular Bills, Members may file a signed letter with the Clerk indicating those separate votes. That letter must be filed today. Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Mr. Speaker, is there any way we can extend that six-minute deadline to go through the Bills? Maybe suspend the rules or do something magical so we can fill out that form, until tomorrow morning or something? I see nodding."

Speaker Harris: "We can extend the deadline until 12:30 a.m."

Batinick: "That's fantastic. Thank you. Appreciate it. I urge..."

Speaker Harris: "The question is, 'Shall the House Bills on the Consent Calendar-Third Reading-Second Day pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the Consent... the Consent Calendar-Third Reading-Second Day, having received a

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Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Second Reading of House Bills. House Bill 359, a Bill for an Act concerning military service. This Bill's been read a second time. House Bill 3966, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. These Bills will be held on the Order of Second Reading."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Lilly, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

Lilly: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, I just wanted to share my seatmate, Jehan Gordon-Booth, lost her father on yesterday. And it's been a tough loss for her for a couple of years now, and she's not taking it very well. I ask that you keep her in your prayers, keep her in your thoughts, and this would comfort her through these difficult times. Thank you, and can we just have a moment of silence for the Booth family?"

Speaker Harris: "The House will take a moment of silence for Leader Jehan Gordon-Booth and her entire family. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 233, offered by Representative Didech. House Resolution 234, offered by Representative Flowers. And House Resolution 235, offered by Representative Guerrero-Cuellar."

Speaker Harris: "Leader Evans moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed

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say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Evans moves that the House stand adjourned until Friday, April 22, at the hour of 10 a.m. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."