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

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Holy God who are sovereign in all of your ways, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of power, the God of all knowing, the God of all present, we pray your blessings upon this august Assembly, upon the Speaker of this illustrious House, upon all of its esteemed Leaders and honored Members. Gracious God, may you impress upon their hearts today to do that which honors you the most, to do that which brings you glory. God, that as they deliberate, that you may grant them wisdom, that you may grant them strength, that you may give them insight into your perfect plan. Will you forever lead them and direct them with your most precious spirit, that they may do that which is right and honorable in your sight and amongst your people. This we pray, Amen."

Speaker Evans: "We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Weber."

Weber - 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."

Speaker Evans: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Greenwood is recognized to..."

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Greenwood: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Greenwood is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

Greenwood: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representatives Barbara Hernandez, Representative Justin Slaughter, and Representative Fran Hurley are excused today."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Welter is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Welter: "Mr. Speaker, Representative Sosnowski is excused for the day from the Republican side of the aisle."

Speaker Evans: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? All recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 110 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on March 23, 2022: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1587, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2803; approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 1172. Representative Willis, Chairperson from the Committee on Adoption & Child Welfare reports the following committee action taken on March 22, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 3130. Representative Harper, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on March 22, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 3184. Representative Moylan, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation,

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Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on March 22, 2022: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 699 and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 3082. Representative Walsh, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on March 22, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 3903. Representative Slaughter, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on March 22, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 3157, Senate Bill 3667, Senate Bill 3932, Senate Bill 3936; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 2565. Representative Ann Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy & Environment reports the following committee action taken on March 22, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 3866; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 3005, Senate Bill 3613, Senate Bill 3626. Representative Carroll, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection reports the following committee action taken on March 22, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 705. Representative Mussman, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies reports the following committee action taken on March 23, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 3914, Senate Bill 4028; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1170. Representative Moeller, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on March 23, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1435, Senate Bill 1486, Senate Bill 4001; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 3707, Senate Bill

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4006, Senate Bill 4024; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 4332, House Joint Resolution 75, House Resolution 585, House Resolution 691, House Resolution 694, House Resolution 695, House Resolution 704, House Resolution 705, and House Resolution 706. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following committee action taken on March 23, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1097, Senate Bill 3650; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 1099. The Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on March 23, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 3793. Representative Guzzardi, Chairperson from the Committee on Housing reports the following committee action taken on March 23, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 702. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on March 23, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 180; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 4219; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 711. Representative Mah, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on March 23, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2243, Senate Bill 4018; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 700 and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 3127. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 745, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth; and House Joint Resolution 83, offered by Representative Hoffman; and House Joint Resolution 84,

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offered by Representative Haas, are referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel is recognized."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that Representatives Guerrero-Cuellar, Meier, and David Friess be allowed to participate and cast their vote remotely."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel has made a Motion that Representative Guerrero-Cuellar, Meier, Representative Friess be allowed to participate and cast their votes remotely. This is a roll call vote. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed '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 Motion, there are 74 voting 'yes', 19 voting 'no', and 5 voting 'present'. And the Motion is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Is Representative David Friess present?"

Friess: "Friess is present."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative David Friess is present. Is Representative Guerrero-Cuellar present?"

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar is present."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar is present. Is Representative Meier present?"

Meier: "Present."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Meier is present."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Conroy, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Conroy: "Speaker, point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

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Conroy: "Thank you. I'd like the Body to help me welcome today two very special people. Mason Smith, who's 13 and goes to Pleasant Plains Junior High, very close to Springfield. And Tyson Smith, who's 10 and in 4th grade at Farmingdale Elementary, also in Pleasant Plains. Mason and Tyson are two boys that I've got to see grow up, as their mom is my LA, Tiffany. And I'm very proud to say that they call me Grandma Deb. Please welcome them."

Speaker Evans: "Welcome to the Capitol. Representative Batinick, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Batinick: "Up in the gallery behind me here, I have Girl Scout Troop 75802 from Plainfield. We have Lolly Maldonado, Ella Widler, Megan Turner, and Gwen Pekelder. And I had them on the floor last night doing Bill review with me, and they actually came up with an idea for Jonathan Carroll's Bill 1915. So, we'll be looking... they'll be filing a hostile Amendment later this afternoon. Thank you very much. Let's welcome them."

Speaker Evans: "Welcome to the Capitol. Representative Niemerg, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Niemerg: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Niemerg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Folks, I have an opportunity to have my first Page as a freshman. It's awesome. Here I have Laura Judge with me. She's a senior at Mt. Carmel High School in Mt. Carmel. She's in the National Honor Society, Rotary Club, and is a student teacher at the elementary school in

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Mt. Carmel. Her future aspirations are to attend Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and earn her poli sci degree. And after that, she wants to get a law degree. So, I think she'd fit right in here with all of us, folks. Her... her dad, Joe, the mayor of Mt. Carmel is here as well. So, can we please give her a round of applause?"

Speaker Evans: "Welcome to the Capitol. Representative Davis, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Davis: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. If I could indulge the Members of the House for just a moment. Back in 2011, just to... a way to acknowledge the need for more diabetes education, more efforts in our communities, we started the Diabetes Caucus. And the highlight of that... of being a part of that caucus was every year we'd have a bowling event. And we would invite Members and staff and ringers like Wayne and his wife to come out and bowl on someone's team. While... while we're in the process of thinking about the possibility of the bowling event, but my objective today is just to encourage you that if you would like to, to please sign up and be a part of the Diabetes Caucus. Unlike some of the other caucuses that exist, this one doesn't cost you anything. All we need you to do is just give us a little information on this document here and you could be a member of the Diabetes Caucus. The mission of the Diabetes Caucus will be to promote sound diabetes policy development, including education of colleagues on key issues from the prospective of consumers, families, and caregivers; the establishment of a form, which political strategies to advance diabetes related issues will be developed; development of local district-centric awareness activities;

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evaluation of legislative and public policy changes for the advancement of diabetes education, prevention, and treatment; and education regarding the differences between type 1 and type 2 diabetes and the dissemination of information regarding such differences; and the creation of a form for dialogue learning and communication with various stakeholders. So, again, there's a lot to be said as to why we started the Diabetes Caucus. It has a lot of lobbyist support from the various pharmaceutical companies and others that work in this space as well. Our annual bowling event is actually a fundraiser that we use those resources to provide the diabetes education events that happen in districts. And all you had to do was sign up for it and say you want one and we'll make it happen in your district. So, absent of being able to pass out the forms, I do have the forms here if someone is interested in being a part of it. You can just fill it out and figure out how to get it back to me, I would very, very much appreciate it. I'm also joined, if he would like to say something, by my cochair of the Diabetes Caucus here on the floor, my colleague Representative Tim Butler. If you'd like to say... don't want to say anything? All right. Man of little to no words, but... and I don't know if you bowl or not... well, never mind. We'll get into that. But nevertheless, hopefully, if not this year, very soon we can get back to our annual bowling event. Obviously, COVID has given us... has presented us where we couldn't come together where we were separated. But as we're getting back to some sense of normal, we're trying to encourage this. So, again, thank you, Mr.

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Speaker. Thank you to all the Members who are indulging me. Hopefully you'll sign up for the Diabetes Caucus. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Representative Davis. Leader Durkin is recognized."

Durkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege. I echo what Representative Davis said. And this has been for a number of years. The last 10 years, the Diabetes Caucus has made a huge difference in the lives of many young men and women who don't come from means, who are left in a very struggling situation when their... when their young child has been diagnosed first that they have type 1 diabetes. I went through that experience 15 years ago with my daughter, and it's very frightening. It's very confusing not only for the parents, but even worse for your child, and they feel isolated. And it's a very difficult situation when they go to class or trying to talk to friends. People really don't know whether or not what this is about, of what... what is diabetes? Can you catch it by somebody sneezing or shaking hands? People are very confused by it. People are confused by the fact that diabetes is two categories. Type 1, which is what people are born with, that they've done nothing to cause it. It's a virus in their systems. Or type 2, which, yes, I have. I'm a type 2 diabetic, which I would hate to say, I think it's probably self-inflicted, but it's just a lifestyle situation. But we have to be able to make sure that there's... people understand the distinction between type 1 and type 2. That's extremely, extremely important. But for purposes of this caucus, raising money at the bowlathon does something very meaningful for these young children from families that who are low income.

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One of the best moments of my life for my daughter was sending her to the Diabetes YMCA Camp for a week. It was very difficult for me to do that, but it's important to know that kids understand that they're not alone, that they're other children who have this that they talk to, that they can walk through the situations and the goods and the bads that they have. And it gives them a sense of community when they've not had that since they were diagnosed. So, what we're doing through the Diabetes Caucus, we're raising money for low-income families to have that same opportunity that I gave my daughter. I want other children, who don't have the money to pay for this out of pocket, to give these kids that opportunity to know that, you know what, it's a big world and there's so much support out there. And as a matter of fact, there's kids who look like you and kids of your same age can get together and create this friendship, which is a bond for life. So, please take that into consideration. And when... please sign up for the caucus and make that contribution. We have made a difference in so many lives over the past 10 years by giving these families that opportunity to let their children be in a safe place, but also to be with other children who have the same health situation as them. But just as importantly, parents... it's a 24/7 job when you're parents... for parents, and I'm glad to do it. My daughter's in college now, and she can handle it. But those parents need a break also, and it helps that family to say, you know what, our child's in good hands. We can sleep through the night. We're not going to do what we normally do. It makes such a difference for so many people, so thank you very much."

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Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Leader. Representative Davis is recognized."

Davis: "Thank you, again, Mr. Speaker. Leader Durkin, thank you very much for those words. And as much as we do the education events that are in districts, some of these resources can do exactly what Leader Durkin just said. For those families that have children that are type 1 diabetic, he has shared on numerous occasions his personal story relative to diabetes, particularly as it relates to his daughter. We're happy that she's grown up and she's been able to manage. And there've been advances in medicine that have helped type 1 diabetes individuals over the years, where they don't have to monitor as close on their own. They have devices and things that can help them get through that. But this is what we're talking about relative to supporting our foundation and helping to try to provide, even if it's just a little resource to help families or even for those companies that are trying to continue to advance diabetes education and those instruments and medicines to help individuals as well. So, I just wanted to make sure that I thanked Leader Durkin personally, again, for sharing his personal story with us and why this caucus is so very important. So, again, thank you very much, Leader Durkin. Again, got forms, please sign up. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Avelar is recognized."

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just... joining the welcomes for a lot of people that we have been able to... to have here in the chambers. I also want to extend a warm welcome to two

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amazing people who make sure that, when it comes to constituent services in our district, that we are doing the best that we absolutely can. So, I just want to welcome to the chambers Jasmine Rubio and Bri Jackson Webber, who are here from my district office visiting today. Thank you. And they're all the way over there."

Speaker Evans: "Welcome to the Capitol. Representative Kifowit, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to acknowledge and to honor two women veterans in recognition of Women's History Month. And one is unable to be here today and one is here today. So, I will start with Brigadier General Patricia Wallace, who is currently serving and unable to be here with us today. Brigadier General Wallace is the deputy... my apologies. Brigadier General Wallace commands the 91st Training Division of the United States Army Reserve. When she took her post, she was the first woman and first African America commander in the division's 103-year history. Brigadier General Wallace is an Army Reserve Officer who was commissioned in 1990. After serving two years of enlisted service, she accepted her ROTC commissioning in the Adjutant General Corps at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice and a Master of Public Administration from Indiana University. Brigadier General Wallace's commissioned career includes her most recent assignment as Brigadier Commander U.S. Army Reserve Pacific Command, Chief of Internal Review 80th Training Command, Richmond, Virginia; Battalion Commander 89th Special Troops Battalion, Kansas City, Missouri. She was

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a Chief of Internal Review, 85th Support Commander, Arlington Heights, Illinois; Operations Officer, 97th Training Brigade, 80th Division, Fort Sheridan; deployed as Executive Officer/Public Affairs Officer, Iraq Assistance Group, 1st Infantry Division, Kuwait; Assistant Brigadier Operative Officer 2nd Brigade, 104th Division, Waukegan, Illinois; Battalion Commandar, 4th Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 100th Division, Harvey, Illinois; Executive Officer, Headquarters, 85th Division; Detachment Commander and Adjutant, 1st Battalion. As you can see, she is highly, highly distinguished. Her military education includes the Enlisted Basic Training, Advanced Individual Training as a 75V (sic-76V), Unit Supply Specialist, Reserve Component; Adjutant General Officer Advanced Course; Combined Arms Services Support School; Mobilization Planning Course; Training Manager Course; Command and General Staff Course; Army War College; Joint and Combined Warfighting School. Her awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Army Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster; the Army Commendation Medal, 3rd Oak Leaf Cluster; the Army Achievement Medal, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster; Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 1 Oak Leaf Cluster; National Defense Service Medal, with a Bronze Star; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal, with Silver Hourglass and 'M' device; Iraqi Campaign Medal with Campaign Star; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; Joint Meritorious Unit Award. And she currently lives in Elgin, Illinois, and I've had the honor of personally meeting her. But all these... all these achievements

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that she has, her decision to join the military was greatly influenced by the support of her parents, her mother, Helen, and her father, William, a Vietnam veteran. Brigadier General Wallace stated about her father that he inspired me to want to serve. He... her father, retired Navy Master Chief Petty Officer William Harper, demonstrated to his daughter that joining the armed services benefits not only yourself, but your community and your nation. Brigadier General Wallace's motivation to serve started with looking to improve herself through education, moved into fostering and enjoined a comradery of others, and finally giving back to the profession while honoring her family which has sacrificed and shared in her success. She engages with soldiers about the advantage, purpose, and value of diversity and inclusion programs in the Army. That is extremely important to Wallace. She is quoted as saying, 'The current diversity and inclusion efforts reaffirm and support her belief in the great institution in which she has dedicated 33 years of her life to and she is proud of how the Army is responding. And while though not perfect, they are striving to be.' So, Brigadier General Wallace believes in embracing diversity and inclusion initiatives, supports the Army's People First priority, and these program, improve recruitment efforts, mentoring, and retaining women and minority soldiers, and ensure that the Army gets the best possible effort from both each soldier. So, her example of leadership has inspired others, particularly women and minorities to answer the call to serve. And as a General Officer, she advocates, paying it forward by mentoring leaders of all levels. And she encourages leaders

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to remember the four tenements of leadership: inspire trust, clarify purpose, align systems, and unleash talent. I hope that the Body will join me in honoring Brigadier General Wallace."

Speaker Evans: "Please recognize Representative Yang Rohr on this matter."

Kifowit: "No, I have..."

Speaker Evans: "I'm sorry, Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Speaker. My apologies. In the gallery... as I mentioned, I'm honoring two women today. Both women that serve Illinois currently and I know personally. In the gallery today, for Women's History Month, I am also honored to recognize Master Sergeant Ginny Narsete. Master Sergeant Ginny Narsete has a distinguished and long career in the United States Air Force and the Environmental Protection Agency serving the capacity of public affairs. She was honored by the Pritzker Military Museum & Library as being one of the 2018 recipients of the Pritzker Military Museum & Library Founder's Award. Ginny Narsete enlisted in the U.S. Air Force shortly after high school and served in public affairs during the Vietnam War. Later, during Operation Desert Storm, she served a public affairs officer for the... in the public affairs officer for the Commander of CENTCOM, General Charles Horner. Her last duty deployment was during Operation Enduring Freedom in 2002 in Ramstein, Germany. She was assigned to the Crisis Action Team, preparing daily briefings to the 4-star general commanding the European Theatre activities on the War on Terrorism. Narsete's Air Force medals include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with

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2 Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Outstanding Unit Medal, Air Force Reserve Medal, Basic Training, and Armed Forces Service Medal. After leaving active duty, she graduated with a BA in Communications from Columbia College, where she went on to teach as a Professor of Scientific Photography. She started as a medical photographer with the Department of Veteran Affairs, and was later promoted to Chief of Media at Hines VA Hospital. Her private industry experience includes work as a project supervisor for AGS&R Communications, where she produced shows for a number of Fortune 100 companies. She received an MBA from the Keller Graduate School of Management. Ginny was... also served the State of Illinois. She was a Chief of Staff at the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, and she was also employed by the Environmental Protection Agency as a public affairs and community involvement coordinator, managing communications with some of the 40 Superfund Sites and Emergency Responses within the state region. She is a member of the Union League Club of Chicago. Her volunteer activities include the tenure as Commander of the American Legion, where she initiated outreach and donations to veterans, and served other voluntary committees. She served as subcommittee chair of the successful Military Troops for Books Program, sending hundreds of books to active-duty men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, sponsored by the ULCC Library. She also served for five years as the board member for the National Association of Government Communication. Her professional awards include the Lisa P. Jackson Distinguished Public Service Award as an EPA

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Administrator, the Federal Employee of the Year as recognized by the Federal Executive Board, the Air Force Reserve Photojournalist of the Year for five consecutive years, and several acclaimed projects in photography and multimedia. She's also, currently, the founder and leads Operation HerStory, an organization that works to ensure that women veterans are not invisible. After realizing that Honor Flight was almost exclusively men, she went to work. She wants every eligible Illinois woman veteran to have the opportunity to fly on an Honor Flight in their lifetime. And last year, she helped a hundred women veterans, who served during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, take the trip to Washington so that she can enjoy... so that they could enjoy the monuments and the museum dedicated to their service. I'm proud to have known these two dedicated women. And Ginny is actually accompanied by two HerStory Honor Flight attendees. Gwen Diehl from Taylorville, and Paula Annino from Bloomington area. They're in the Navy, the Army. Ginny was in the Air Force. I was in the Marines. Can we give these women a warm welcome, and then..."

Speaker Evans: "Welcome to the Capitol, and thank you for your service. Representative Yang Rohr is recognized."

Yang Rohr: "Thank you. Just want... I just wanted to add my voice to Rep Kifowit's. As part of Women's History Month, I can think of no better way to celebrate than with being and recognizing these women veterans from our community who have played a first-hand role in shattering glass ceilings for an entire generation of women and girls. We are so fortunate to be joined by such a pioneering woman, retired Master Sergeant

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Ginny Narsete. She founded co... cofounded Operation HerStory. It's an organization to serve women veterans and highlight their often-forgotten contributions. My district and I were so fortunate to be able to have her recently at an event to share that story. I encourage Members of this Body to reach out to her and help spread that story to your districts as well. And again, please... please join me in welcoming them to the Body."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Kifowit is recognized."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a second point of personal privilege today. Representing... the City of Aurora is in my district as in a few others. I want to give a warm Springfield welcome to the alder people that are visiting today. Alderwoman Baid, and Alderwoman Smith, and Alderman Donnell, and Alderman At-Large Woerman. If we can give another Springfield welcome these municipal leaders that are visiting Springfield, I would appreciate it. Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ford is recognized."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You look great, sound great. I'm very happy that you're up there. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Ford: "Mr. Speaker, please join me and Members of the House to welcome some phenomenal ladies that... it is Women's History Month, so I have two that's visiting us here, Anita Hutchinson and Nakisha Hobbs. They're women that own a school on the west side and downtown. Please welcome them to Springfield and to the General Assembly."

Speaker Evans: "Welcome to the Capitol. Attention, Members, we're going to start on page 6, Senate Bills-Second Reading. Please

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be prepared. Starting on page 6, under the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 153, Representative Didech. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 153, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 6, we have Senate Bill 928, Representative Hernandez. Leader Hernandez. Out of the record. Continuing on page 7 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 1411, Representative Friess. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1411, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 7 on the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 2974, Representative Davis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2974, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on to page 8 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3146, Representative Collins. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3146, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 8 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3149. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3149, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Continuing down page 8... Third Reading. Continuing on page 8 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 3197, Representative McCombie. Out of the record. Out of the record. Continuing down page 8 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 3215, Representative Stava-Murray. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3215, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 8 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3433, Representative Didech. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill... Senate Bill 3433, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down page 8 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate

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Bill 3465, Representative LaPointe. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3465, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Moving along to page 9 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3470, Representative Collins. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3470, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 9 of the Calendar, under Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3474, Representative Avelar. Representative Avelar. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill... Senate Bill 3474, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 9 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3482, Representative Harper. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3482, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No

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Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 9 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3490, Representative Collins. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3490, a Bill for an Act concerning LGBTQ older adults. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 9 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3495, Representative Willis. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3495, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 9 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3497, Representative Moylan. Representative Moylan. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3497, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 9 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3498, Representative Frese. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3498, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 9 of the Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3609, Leader Hoffman. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3609, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 9 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3633, Leader Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3633, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 9 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3651, Representative Hirschauer. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3651, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 9 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate

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Bill 3652, Representative Hirschauer. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3652, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on the Calendar on page 9, under the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3682, Leader Gabel. Out of the record. Continuing down page 9 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3685, Representative Zalewski. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3685, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Moving along to page 10 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3785, Representative Batinick. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3785, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down page 10 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3786, Representative Avelar. Representative Avelar. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3786, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No

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Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 10 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3787, Representative Carroll. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3787, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down the Calendar on page 10, under the Order of Second... under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3789, Representative Carroll. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3789, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down page 10 of the Calendar, under the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3790, Representative Ammons. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3790, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 10 of the Calendar, under the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3792, Representative Elik. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3792, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down the Calendar, under the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading on page 10, we have Senate Bill 80... excuse me... 3819, Representative Costa Howard. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3819, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down page 10 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3833, Representative Stuart. Out of the record. Continuing down page 10 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3838, Representative Bennett. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3838, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down page 10 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3845, Representative Ammons. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3845, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down page 10 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate

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Bill 3847, Representative Harper. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3847, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 10 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3848, Representative Delgado. Out of the record. Moving along to page 11 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3853, Representative Costa Howard. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3853, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down page 11 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3865, Representative Avelar. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3865, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down page 11 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3867, Representative Didech. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3867, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down page 11 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3895, Representative Zalewski. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3895, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down page 11 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3902, Representative Ammons. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3902, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 11 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3905, Representative Walsh. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3905, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down page 11 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3907, Representative Stava-Murray. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3907, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Continuing on the Calendar, on page 11.. Third Reading. Continuing on the Calendar on page 11, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3908, Representative Walsh. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3908, a Bill for an Act concerning natural resources. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. Notes have been requested but not filed on this Bill at this time."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, please hold this Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Returning on page 11, under Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3893, Representative DeLuca. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3893, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down page 11 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3915, Representative Stava-Murray. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3915, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 11 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3938, Representative Robinson. Would you like to move the Bill to Third Reading? Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3938, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 11 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3939, Representative Robinson. Would you like to move the Bill to Third Reading? Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3939, a Bill for an Act concerning cybersecurity. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down page 11 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3954, Representative Keicher. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3954, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Moving along to page 12 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3957, Representative Davis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3957, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Moving down page 12 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3971, Representative Ford. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3971, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Moving down page 12 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3972, Representative Mussman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3972, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down page 12 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3987... 86, Representative LaPointe. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3986, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down page 12 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3988, Representative Avelar. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3988, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down page 12 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3990, Leader Andrade. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3990, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down page 12 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3991, Representative Collins. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3991, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on the Calendar on page 12, Senate Bills-Second Reading, there's Senate Bill 4000, Representative Robinson. Representative Robinson. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 4000, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefit. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down page 12 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 4013, Representative Mah. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 4013, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on the Calendar on page 12, Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 4014, Representative Mah. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 4014, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down the Calendar on page 12, Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 4016, Representative Mah. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 4016, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down page 12 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 4017, Representative Mah. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 4017, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down the Calendar on page 12, Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 4025, Representative Stuart. Representative Stuart. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 4025, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 12 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate

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Bill 4056, Representative Mussman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 4056, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Returning to page 7 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 1534, Representative Zalewski. Representative Zalewski. Out of the record. Continuing on page 7 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3006, Representative Croke. Out of the record. Continuing down the Calendar on page 7, under the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3036, Representative Tarver. Representative Tarver. Out of the record. Moving forward to page 8 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3459, Representative Halpin. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3459, a Bill for an Act concerning the military. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Moving forward to page 10 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3762, Representative Halpin. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3762, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down page 10 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3777, Leader Greenwood. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3777, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down page 10 of the Calendar, under the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3778, Representative Halpin. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3778, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down the Calendar on page 10, under the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3833, Representative Stuart. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3833, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 10 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3848, Representative Delgado. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3848, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Representative Hirschauer, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Hirschauer: "Quick point of personal privilege, please, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Hirschauer: "I just want to welcome to the chamber the mayor of West Chicago, Ruben Pineda. Hello, mayor. Thank you for coming. He's here along with the mariachi band from Lemay Middle School who performed for the Governor today at Latino Unity Day. So, we're very proud of West Chicago here. Thanks for coming."

Speaker Evans: "Welcome to the Capitol. Returning to page 7 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills—Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3006, Representative Croke. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3006, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Representative Butler, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Butler: "A point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Butler: "I'm proud to be the 2021 ABATE Representative of the Year, the reigning champion from ABATE. Have my vest here today, Chris, so we're all good to go. Just want to invite everybody to the ABATE reception tonight, 5 to 9 p.m. It's one of the funnest receptions you go all year. You probably get to sit on a motorcycle, get your photo taken, which we use against you on a mail piece probably. But stop by the

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Statehouse Inn, 5 to 9 p.m. It's always a good time. Thanks for the guys in leather and chrome being here today and all you do to protect our motorcyclists in the State of Illinois. So, thanks for being here, guys."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Gonzalez, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Gonzalez: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Gonzalez: "Please join the Latino Caucus at Latino Unity Day today for a reception, 6 to 8 p.m. If you want to have an excuse to have a drink, please come on over. We'll be having live music from the Lennon Jazz Project. So, please come on by, 6 to 8. Club... Sangamo Club."

Speaker Evans: "Attention, Members. We'll be moving Senate Bills on Third Reading. Starting on page 4 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bills on Third Reading. We have Senate Bill 62, Representative Williams. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 62, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Williams is recognized."

Williams, A.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill simply addresses the issue of payroll cards. As you may be familiar with these cards, they can be used by individuals to put their paycheck on instead of a bank account, people that are not able to have access to banking, traditional banking services. Currently, the way the law works is a use is considered if the card is used for a cup of coffee or to make a purchase. But it is not considered a use if you simply deposit your paycheck on the card. That creates problems for the users as

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the money is then directly put in the unclaimed property statute after only a year, which, of course, is impractical. This simply makes a correction so that depositing funds onto a payroll card is considered a use under the statute. And I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill... shall Senate Bill 62 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Friess."

Friess: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Friess, please turn on your video."

Friess: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Friess votes 'aye'. Representative Guerrero-Cuellar."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar votes 'aye'. Representative Meier."

Meier: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Meier votes 'aye'."

Speaker Evans: "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 112 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on page 4 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Third Reading, we have Senate Bill 1016, Representative Wheeler. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1016, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Wheeler is recognized."

Wheeler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 1016 is a really important initiative for the folks who live in my area, mainly Oswego, Yorkville, and Montgomery, looking to be able to get Lake Michigan water through the DuPage Water Commission. This Bill adds the appropriate commissions and appointments in order for us to be able to do that. It's an agreed Bill. No known opposition. Appreciate your support."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1016 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all the opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Friess."

Friess: "Aye."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Friess votes 'aye'. Representative Guerrero-Cuellar."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar votes 'yes'. Representative Meier."

Meier: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Meier votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "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 110 voting in 'favor', 1 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 4 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-

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Third Reading, we have Senate Bill 1234, Representative LaPointe. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1234, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative LaPointe is recognized."

LaPointe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 1234 is an effort to restore vehicle emissions testing sites in the City of Chicago. The Bill requires the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to create a plan by October 2022 to bring back the vehicle emissions testing sites to the city. If you represent any part of the City of Chicago, you know that several years ago our testing sites were banished from the city. And when we need to get those cars tested, we have to take a half a day off work, stand in long lines, and drive to the suburbs like Skokie or Crystal Lake. So, this Bill simply asks... mandates the IEPA to create a plan to bring back those testing sites to the city. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Is there any discussion? Representative Butler is recognized."

Butler: "A question of the Sponsor, please."

Speaker Evans: "She indicates she will yield."

Butler: "Representative, did you pick up House Bill 5678 yet, please?"

LaPointe: "But I certainly hope to in the future."

Butler: "Okay. We talked a little bit about this in committee, but... I mean, this is an important thing, obviously, for... for the city, especially in the attainment area around that. Can you explain a little bit the need for this and what's happened over the last few years on these?"

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LaPointe: "Yeah. Well, part of the need is just the lack of testing sites in the City of Chicago. But the other thing is technology in terms of how we test for emissions is evolving, continues to evolve in the last seven years. So, when the IEPA creates this plan, that's one of the things they're going to be looking at."

Butler: "Thank you, Representative. And I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicated she will."

Batinick: "Representative, I think there's a mistake in our analysis. I just want to confirm that... confirm that for my Members. It actually says that this went through the Senate 39-14, but I believe it went through unanimously. Do you have that recollection as well? Is that in your analysis?"

LaPointe: "Yeah. Our analysis says it did go through the Senate unanimously."

Batinick: "Okay. So, 50-0, not 39-14. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative LaPointe to close."

LaPointe: "If you represent any of the City of Chicago, this will help your constituents who drive vehicles. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill'... excuse me... 'Senate Bill 1234 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Friess."

Friess: "Yes."

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Clerk Bolin: "Representative Friess votes 'yes'. Representative Guerrero-Cuellar."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar votes 'yes'. Representative Meier."

Meier: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Meier votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "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 105 voting in 'favor', 5 voting 'against', and 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on the Calendar on page 4, Senate Bills-Third Reading, we have Senate Bill 1571, Representative LaPointe. Out of the record. Continuing on page 4 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Third Reading, we have Senate Bill 1633, Representative Mason. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1633, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mason is recognized."

Mason: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 1633 passed out of the Senate unanimously. It amends the Nursing Home Care Act. It states that nursing home residents have the right to be treated with dignity and respect. It ensures a written grievance procedure with time limits for a response, informs them of the right to have an advocate, and requires documentation retention, and ensures information about the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1633 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Friess."

Friess: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Friess votes 'yes'. Representative Guerrero-Cuellar."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar votes 'yes'. Representative Meier."

Meier: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Meier votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "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 112 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on page 4 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Third Reading, we have Senate Bill 1711, Representative Hirschauer. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1711, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hirschauer."

Hirschauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 1711 is an initiative of IDNR to align the Historic Tax Credit Preservation Act with the corresponding federal program and to make technical changes to help the Department of Natural Resources administer the program. Programs like the tax credit outlined in 1711 serve to not only preserve our

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historic buildings but are proven to revitalize communities and spur economic growth. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1711 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Friess."

Friess: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Friess votes 'yes'. Representative Guerrero-Cuellar."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar votes 'yes'. Representative Meier."

Meier: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Meier votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "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 112 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on page 4 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Third Reading, we have Senate Bill 1915, Representative Carroll. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1915, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Carroll is recognized."

Carroll: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, distinguished Members of the chamber. I present to you SB1915, which amends the Procurement Code by establishing bid preference for bidders who will fulfill a state contract through the use of

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compostable foodware or recycling foodware, excuse me, provided that the bid is not more than five percent of the cost of products that are single-use plastic. And this will help us, kind of, eliminate the plastic waste that we're seeing all over the state. This Bill was extensively amended through the Senate to meet some of the opposition's needs. And I'm happy to answer any questions on this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

Batinick: "Representative, how did this pass the Senate? There was some opposition in the Senate, correct?"

Carroll: "Yeah, I... if you give me a second, I can pull up the vote total for you if you want. I don't... I don't know the exact numbers on that. I know it passed... I know it passed pretty substantial. I don't know that it..."

Batinick: "I think 32 to 13..."

Carroll: "Okay."

Batinick: "...is what we had. So, you had a little bit... couple more than the majority. And then we show a lot of... show a lot of the Environmental Council, Environment Defenders of McHenry County, Environmental Law are all in support. Sierra Club. We have a lot of opposition too. We have the Illinois Chemical Industry Council, Illinois Manufacturers' Association. American Recyclable Plastic Bag Alliance for some reason is against this. And I know we spoke about this earlier before you got on the floor, but Plainfield Girl Scout Troop 7508 I

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know was late opposition to the Bill. Have you spoken to any of the opposition?"

Carroll: "Well, I received an interesting photograph of one of the girls that was opposing the Bill, and they actually had some interesting ideas. And as... as we've learned in this job, Sir, every Bill should be an evolving process, and I'm always open to their suggestions as we move forward with this legislation. I actually think they have a good idea."

Batinick: "Okay. So, is this... but we don't have time to fix this in the Senate. You're running this now, correct?"

Carroll: "I'm looking for the button. I don't see it. So, no, it's got to stay here."

Batinick: "Okay. So, for those Girl Scouts, would you pull the Bill from the record and continue working with them or do you want to go for the vote now?"

Carroll: "Why don't we go for the vote now and then I will... as I agreed to some of the opposition, I'm happy to amend the Bill and do some work on it after we pass it... pass it here now."

Batinick: "Okay. Thank you for your indulgence."

Carroll: "You're welcome."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? We have Representative Davis for questions."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

Davis: "I... I apologize, Representative. I'm not going to be as jovial as Representative Batinick with my questions."

Carroll: "Okay."

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Davis: "So... and I know it's a Senate Bill and may not know everything, but as a procurement related deal, which agencies might a Bill like this apply to?"

Carroll: "Give me a second. I'm just looking up... give me... it'll be through like some of the... so, it'd be like through the state. It'll be through... some of that. The... the state parks will take care of that. So, like, some of the state parks and... will be responsible for that."

Davis: "Okay. Would you imagine commissary contracts, the DOC, or something like that or... or companies that supply those kind of goods to DOC as well?"

Carroll: "Yes."

Davis: "Or... or is it really geared toward DNR and places like that?"

Carroll: "Yes, exactly. Yes, DNR. Yes."

Davis: "That's where it's geared?"

Carroll: "Yes."

Davis: "Okay, but it is possible that other companies can use this to get the additional points in other state agency procurement opportunities?"

Carroll: "Yes, that's correct."

Davis: "That'd be fair?"

Carroll: "Yes."

Davis: "Okay. All right. The reason I'm asking is, obviously, creating preferences also impacts diverse procurement as well so that a company that's not diverse may get extra points and then could maybe get a contract that a diverse opportunity could have... could have bid on. So, I just... not for you. Probably wish we had... or maybe had more time to discuss this

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over in the Senate first. But nevertheless, I appreciate your effort. I'm going to support your effort. And maybe, again, if this is something you truly have an interest in, then maybe we can talk a little bit more about it so that it doesn't necessarily take away from some of the diversity that we're trying to bring to the state as well. Thank you."

Carroll: "And I'll... I'll respond to that. Can I respond to that real quick to Leader Davis? I agree with you, and I want to make sure that certainly we incorporate any... any businesses, especially minority-owned or other businesses like that have an opportunity for this as well. So, I'm happy to talk to you about that further."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? Leader Flowers is recognized."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Gentleman yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

Flowers: "Representative, is this a set-aside program?"

Carroll: "I'm sorry?"

Flowers: "Is this a set-aside program?"

Carroll: "I... I'm not sure. I'm... what do you mean?"

Flowers: "You don't know what a set-aside is?"

Carroll: "No, I'm sorry. I don't understand."

Flowers: "It's... this Bill is giving a five percent preference to a certain group of people to establish a... it's establishing a bid preference for bidders who will fulfill a state contract through the use of the compulsive... compostable foodware or recyclable foodware."

Carroll: "Yes."

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Flowers: "So, it's giving a preference. So, there's a group of people already that you're going to prefer to get this particular contract?"

Carroll: "I'm not sure about... I think it's five percent greater of cost. So, I don't think it's necessary... so, in other words, if it's from a single-use plastic to a compostable item, it can only be five percent more of the cost. So, I don't know if we're specifically preferencing vendors more so than cost."

Flowers: "Okay. It says bid for... preference for bidders."

Carroll: "Yes."

Flowers: "So, do you know if... how many... are there any minority bidders for this type of program? Are you aware?"

Carroll: "Leader Flowers, I'm not sure about that. I mean, and I... you know, Leader Davis had asked me some of the same questions, and I'm certainly open to making sure that this process is equitable both financially and for minority-owned businesses as well."

Flowers: "Thank you very much. I appreciate that."

Carroll: "Any time."

Speaker Evans: "For further discussion, we have Representative Davidsmeyer."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

Davidsmeyer: "Representative, have you ever used a cardboard knife and fork?"

Carroll: "I don't remember, so I'll say no."

Davidsmeyer: "I assume you haven't. I can't imagine they'd work very well. I've used... recently, I went through a McDonalds,

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if you can imagine that. I've got one of these right here. And it wasn't my normal one. They had cardboard straws. You know how long those things last?"

Carroll: "I'm going to assume they don't last as long as plastic ones."

Davidsmeyer: "Not very long. And because of the coating on the outside, my understanding is that they're not easily recyclable either. So, does this require them to use biodegradable alternatives if it's less than five percent greater than the lowest bid?"

Carroll: "Yes, that's correct."

Davidsmeyer: "It requires them to do this?"

Carroll: "Well, I don't know if it'll... I mean, that's kind of a... that's kind of a broad term, Sir. I would say that it... it strongly encourages. I don't know if we want to use the word require."

Davidsmeyer: "It... it just allows them to do so then?"

Carroll: "Yes. Yes."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. Not required. I just... I can't imagine... I'm just trying to figure out what other opportunity... do you know what other options there are out there for biodegradable silverware and straws and things of that sort?"

Carroll: "Well... and look, I think we're evolving through the process that we're trying to find biodegradable things. Like, I know of somewhere, I think they were using cornstarch to make like... knives and forks and things, which is a little more durable than the cardboard example you used."

Davidsmeyer: "Yeah."

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Carroll: "Again, I think cutting with cardboard would probably be hard. Except my hand, I always cut my hands on boxes. But I don't think it's the same thing as cutting for food. So..."

Davidsmeyer: "So, apparently, it does... okay. Apparently, it does say after 2023 they will be required to take the biodegradable version if it's less than five percent over the lowest bid."

Carroll: "Okay. And I apologize. I was just trying to see you..."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. Yeah, no problem. I... I just think we may be forced to take options that aren't really viable options. Just because it calls it a biodegradable fork, doesn't mean it's actually... can be used very well as a fork. So, I... I hesitate to put this requirement in place until there is a guaranteed legitimate option. So, I understand what you're trying to do and I don't think it's a bad direction to look at, but the requirement kind of concerns me."

Carroll: "I understand, Sir. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Carroll to close."

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

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1915 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Friess."

Friess: "No."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Friess votes 'no'. Representative... Representative Guerrero-Cuellar."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar votes 'yes'. Representative Meier."

Meier: "No."

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Clerk Bolin: "Representative Meier votes 'no'."

Speaker Evans: "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 66 voting in 'favor', 44 voting 'against', and 2 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Smith, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Smith: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Smith: "Today I have some mayors from my district here, and I'd like everyone to give a big Springfield welcome to Mayor Derrick Burgess from Sauk Village, Illinois, Mayor Patty Eidam from Lansing, Illinois, and Mayor Jada Curry from Lynwood, Illinois. Give it up."

Speaker Evans: "Welcome to the Capitol. Those are my mayors as well. Representative Hernandez, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Hernandez, L.: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Hernandez, L.: "I just ask the Body for a warm welcome to what I think is the best firemen, Local 717, Cicero firemen. Let's say a... let's say hello to them and welcome them."

Speaker Evans: "Welcome to the Capitol. Representative Avelar, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Avelar: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

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Avelar: "I wanted to also give another warm welcome to the mayor of Bolingbrook, Mayor Basta is here as well. So, I just want to say thank you for coming today, and we appreciate you."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, and welcome to the Capitol. Returning to page 7 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 2803, Leader Harris."

Harris: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Floor Amendment #1 amends a Bill sent from the Senate dealing with the unemployment insurance issue that the state Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund is doing. In addition, besides appropriating \$2 billion to help solve that problem, this Amendment goes further in our fiscal responsibility by significantly reducing our group insurance trust.. employee group insurance trust debt, the pension debt, and also fully funds College Illinois!."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Republicans requests an immediate caucus."

Speaker Evans: "Do you have a time that you're requesting?"

Batinick: "My guess is ours will be shorter than yours."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. One hour. Thank you. Leader Greenwood."

Greenwood: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Democrats would like to request a caucus meeting immediately in Room 114."

Speaker Evans: "Both Democrats and Republicans will caucus. We shall stand at ease to the call of the Chair."

Speaker Andrade: "The House will be in order. The House will be in order. Leader Andrade in the Chair. Mr. Clerk, please take this Bill out of the record. Please listen, 'cause you will

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ask again. Members, we will be breaking for committees. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees will be meeting immediately. State Government Administration will meet in Virtual Room 4. Labor & Commerce in Virtual Room 3. Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools in Virtual Room 1. Immigration & Human Rights in Virtual Room 2. Meeting at 6:00 is Counties & Townships in Virtual Room 1, Higher Education in Virtual Room 3, Appropriations-General Services in Virtual Room 5, Economic Opportunity & Equity in Virtual Room 2."

Speaker Andrade: "Once again, Members, we will break for committees and we will return to the floor for business. Again, we will return to the floor for business after committees. Thank you. The House will stand in recess to the call of the Chair. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Report. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on March 23, 2022: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House... correction, Senate Bill 2803."

Speaker Evans: "Evans in the Chair. In our Calendar on page 7, on the Orders of Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 2803, offered by Leader Harris. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2803, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been

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approved for consideration. Floor Amendment 1 is offered by Representative Harris."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Harris on the Amendment."

Harris: "Mr. Speaker, I move to table Floor Amendment #1."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Harris wishes to withdraw Amendment 1."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Harris and has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative... Leader Harris on the Amendment."

Harris: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could we adopt the Amendment and then debate it on Third Reading?"

Speaker Evans: "Leader Harris moves to adopt Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 2803. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2803, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Harris, to the Bill on Third Reading."

Harris: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 2803 is a Bill with four parts. All of them deal with improving the fiscal stability of this state and furthering Governor Pritzker and this chamber and the Senate's efforts to restore our state to strong fiscal stability and strong standing economically. We know this is just one more step and there are many steps to go, but this is a major one to address a problem that came upon us suddenly

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during the COVID epidemic. And also, to address some problems that have been with the state for several years before the COVID epidemic. So, the four pieces of this Bill are, it appropriates \$2.7 billion from the ARPA federal funds to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund to help resolve the problem of the \$4.5 billion debt that is in the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. Originally, the Bill had a \$2 billion number in it and that number came from what an average of other states have contributed toward unemployment insurance trust funds, which is about 25 percent of their ARPA appropriations. And 25 percent of our 8 billion was the 2 billion. I'm proposing this \$2.7 billion today to further increase and further stabilize the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and to reduce the obligations that the negotiators from business and labor and the caucuses and the Governor's Office are working through to resolve the rest of the 4.5 billion, which will likely come from a combination of changes to premiums, benefits, or bonded borrowing and repayment over a period of time. The \$2.7 billion is a major investment. We hope this will speed things along and bring those negotiations to a rapid close. This Bill only does the appropriation. The actual substantive language about the... the final solution to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund will be going through the agreed Bill process as a separate substantive Bill. The other items addressed in this Bill solve several long-term problems for the State of Illinois at long last. We pay down \$898 million in unpaid backlog bills in the group health insurance program. This will save us, this year, probably about \$100 million a year in interest costs. In prior years, our inability to have

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paid down this backlog of bills has cost us up to \$400 million in interest costs. So, paying down nearly \$900 million of our group insurance debt is taking another major piece of debt off our books once and for all. We're also putting \$230 million into the College Illinois! fund. And as you know, this fund has had solvency problems for many years and has put at risk the college education of young people in 25 thousand Illinois families who had invested money through the College Illinois! program. With this investment of \$230 million today, we will completely restore that fund to health and pave the way for a whole new generation of students to get their college degrees. And finally, as you know in the Governor's introduced budget, as we have the last several years, the Governor has fully paid our pension obligations as required by law. This year, we would like to go beyond what our required legal obligations are, pay 300 million more in the pensions from the FY22 in this supplemental and in the Governor's introduced, which we'll be presenting at a later time. There'll even be more payment into the pension system, which will reduce our liability, just with what we're doing today, by over 1.08 billion over the course of the next several years. So, this is a tremendously important package to resolving our state financial situation. We are taking care of in a day what took years and years to build up. I think it's a great piece of legislation. I know over here we're proud to support it. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Leader Harris. Is there any debate?
Leader Demmer is recognized."

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Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Folks, we're here today to debate a Bill that's addressing one of the most pressing issues that effects Illinois workers, and that is a four and a half billion-dollar debt in the state's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. Now, this debt didn't just arise today. It started two years ago at the beginning of the pandemic when the Governor's stay-at-home order required all nonessential businesses across the State of Illinois to close. And those workers at those businesses had no choice but to file for unemployment benefits. We also knew this debt was coming. At the time we began, we had a positive \$1.2 billion balance in the state's unemployment fund, and we watched as that quickly deteriorated to a four and a half billion-dollar deficit. We raised the alarm about this in previous years. Over a year ago, we were bringing a spotlight to this issue, warning of the dire consequences of inaction, of the dire consequences of delay. So, you might ask, what happens when our unemployment insurance trust fund is in debt? Two things. One, a major tax increase on every job in the State of Illinois. And two, a benefit reduction for every worker in the State of Illinois. It's a lose-lose scenario. Taxes go up, benefits go down because the fund is in debt. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had some tool, some resource we could dedicate to avoid that lose-lose scenario and instead turn it into a win-win? Great news, we do. We have a \$6.9 billion balance that we've received from the Federal Government from the American Recovery Plan Act. Six point nine billion dollar balance in the fund today, you can check the status of it yourself. And we're talking about a \$4.5

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billion debt. Yet, this Bill only dedicates \$2.7 billion towards that debt, leaving us nearly \$2 billion in the hole still. The purpose of COVID relief funds from the Federal Government was to provide relief for states who... who experienced the negative financial impact that the pandemic caused. A one-time solution for a one-time problem. We have those funds today still. We have the ability to solve that today still. We talked about it last year during budget debate. You might not remember, the debate only lasted 10 minutes, and it was at midnight on the last day of Session. But we asked, did last year's budget pay a dime towards this debt? And the answer was no. And in the intervening time, every day that's gone by, every hour that's ticked off the clock, we've incurred more and more and more interest penalties. Tens of millions of dollars that we've wasted because of our inaction. But the good news is that can stop today. We can solve this one-time problem once and for all. We can use the relief dollars that came from the Federal Government to solve the problem we face today. We can take the COVID hit out of unemployment for the future. This Bill leaves a debt in the unemployment system. The only way to close that debt is to raise taxes and to cut benefits. We have the opportunity to vote for full funding of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. We have the opportunity to do that today. We'll offer the Amendment, just say the word. Let's not put Illinois workers and Illinois jobs under the microscope of a tax increase and a benefit reduction. As the worldwide economy heads towards what's likely to be a recession, this is the last thing that we need for Illinois

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jobs, the last thing we need for Illinois workers. Vote 'no' on this Amendment and let's adopt one that solves the problem once and for all."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Marron is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicates he will."

Marron: "Thank you. Leader Harris, could you tell me what was the total dollar figure of ARPA funding that the Federal Government allocated to the State of Illinois?"

Harris: "It was about 8.1 billion."

Marron: "Eight point one billion. Could you tell me how much of that balance has not been spent today?"

Harris: "There's a difference between spent and appropriated. I know 3.5 billion remains unappropriated. I think there's a chart that shows how much is appropriated. But as yet, unspent on things like hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care."

Marron: "Correct. And I appreciate the fact that you made the difference between spent and allocated because allocated may be promise for Member initiatives or for pet projects, et cetera. But spent, we have about \$6.9 billion left. A couple other questions. Since this began two years ago, how many emergency COVID-related Executive Orders has the Governor issued?"

Harris: "You know, I know he's issued enough, but I bet you've counted. So, tell me. How many did he issue?"

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Marron: "A hundred and four. And so, the last question that I have, how many times has this Body voted to give the Governor authorization to shut down businesses?"

Harris: "I don't believe that issue has come before us."

Marron: "You are correct. I would agree with you, Sir. To the Bill. I'm going to tell a story. It's a story about a worker. It's a worker, could be a man, could be a woman, could be an older worker close to retirement, could be a young worker fresh into the workforce, a worker that maybe they love their job. They go to work every day. They like where they work. They like their employer. And maybe they're not getting rich, but they... they enjoy working hard and providing for their family. Maybe they make enough money to save a little back and to save for their... their children's college education or to put away some for retirement. And in March of 2020, two years ago, one day this worker was told that they couldn't come to work anymore because the Governor shut their employer's business down. Fast forward a month later and that same worker is now running out of money, is panicked, doesn't know how they're going to put food on the table, doesn't know how they're going to cover their mortgage. They're panicked. And they spend every day, every hour of the day, day in and day out calling the Illinois Department of Employment Security trying to file an unemployment claim. This is not a made-up, fabricated story. This is a story that happened thousands and thousands of times all over the State of Illinois in all of our districts. And if all of you were like me, and I assume you were, you were getting calls from these people, panicked, heart-wrenching stories of people who

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didn't know what they were going to do anymore. I was answering, as I'm sure you all were, phone calls on my cell phone, text messages, Facebook messages, emails, all hours of the night, heart-rendering stories all because one man made the decision to shut down businesses. And none of us had the guts to actually take a vote on that. And so, fast forward two years later, this was the greatest unemployment crisis in the history of this state. It left us four and half billion dollars in the hole in the Unemployment Trust Fund. And now, instead of taking care of all of it, we're only going to take care of \$2.7 billion. So, the same people that went through all the pain and all the suffering two years ago are the people that are going to be on the hook today to pay for this out of unemployment benefit cuts. When is the Governor going to take responsibility for what he did? And if the Governor's not going to take responsibility for it, when are we going to take responsibility for it? We can do better. Pull this out of the record. We can stay here all night long if it takes. We can take care of this. And we can do better for the workers, the men and women that make this state work, so that they will not be on the hook with benefit cuts for the balance of this debt. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Zalewski is recognized."

Zalewski: "Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. I got to... we've heard a lot of lectures from the other side of the aisle over the course of the last several years about finances, but to call this Bill fiscally irresponsible is, quite frankly, beyond the pale. We are beating a deadline of April 1 to deposit the money because we may have to cut worker benefits. Those are

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your workers, and those are our workers. And to suggest that we're taking some sort of easy way out here and not doing what's fiscally responsible is absurd. I'd give Representative Hoffman's 'Where's your plan?' speech, but this is a serious moment and he's way funnier than I am at giving it. Please, please, if you wish to be taken seriously when it comes to matter of budget and fiscal responsibility, when it comes to a tough vote that you know is tough for you and that you know if tough for us, do not get up and give lectures to us based on things you know aren't true. This is an important piece of legislation we have to deal with tonight or else both workers and businesses will suffer immeasurably. This deserves an 'aye' vote. Vote 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Representative. Leader Batinick is recognized for an announcement."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Keith Sommer will be excused for the rest of the day."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. Continuing debate, Representative Wheeler is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicates that he will."

Wheeler: "Leader Harris, is there any General Revenue Funds addressed in this Bill?"

Harris: "I missed your question."

Wheeler: "Are there any General Revenue Funds being..."

Harris: "I don't believe so."

Wheeler: "Okay. I thought there were."

Harris: "Give me one second."

Wheeler: "Sure."

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Harris: "I'm sorry. The ARPA portion is... the unemployment portion is ARPA. The rest is all GRF. The rest is all GRF. The College Illinois!, the repayment of the insurance debt, and the pension is all GRF."

Wheeler: "Right around \$300 million. So, I guess that begs almost like a tradition for you and me this time of the year to ask if there happens to be a revenue estimate somewhere included in this measure."

Harris: "These are FY22."

Wheeler: "Oh, fantastic. So, we're not even moved on to the next year yet. Excellent. Well, I'll look forward to the revenue estimate when we get to the next year's appropriations. In the meantime, Leader Harris, you're more than aware that unemployment fraud hit this state probably as hard as any state in the country. Months ago, we had a hearing held, IDES was there. We asked many questions multiple times pertaining to an estimate of what the cost of the fraud was to Illinois' unemployment system. Do you have any estimate that you could offer to the Body tonight of what that fraud cost was?"

Harris: "I know there are estimates out there done by the Attorney General. I'd have to look them up."

Wheeler: "Do you have any... any clarities to when we might actually get a real answer on that, an investigation or a hearing that will give us an answer on that fraud amount?"

Harris: "What I know is there's ongoing investigations in Illinois from our Attorney General, other state's attorneys general, the Federal Government into all these organized fraud things. I don't know the status of all those investigations."

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Wheeler: "Thank you, Leader Harris. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, estimates of our state as far as the unemployment fraud ranged originally from 500 million to a billion dollars. Again, that was earlier discussions. However, the acting IDES director, this was last week, mentioned that... you know, she couldn't offer any clarity Illinois' situation, that other states, somewhat similar in Illinois the population, had fraud levels that hit the 4-to-8-billion-dollar range, as much as our entire trust fund deficit. Just imagine for a minute if this entire trust fund deficit is all related to fraud and that really... that disturbs me. The Federal Government has recognized that the impact of COVID on employment was huge and sent billions of dollars of support to our state through CARES and ARPA funding in order to mitigate the effect of COVID and the spikes of unemployment costs that came along with that, including the pervasive unemployment fraud. (unintelligible) states like ours. Thinking that, you know what, since job creators and workers didn't cause these problems, they shouldn't have to be at risk of paying higher taxes or taking benefit cuts. So, by not paying the UI Trust Fund deficit with unspent ARPA money, this Bill has the effect of saddling job creators with a massive tax hike on every job in Illinois and a potential cut to benefits for workers who need help, even though we were given... we were given all the money we need to cover the entire trust fund deficit and still have money left to pay COVID-related expenses. So, saying that we can't fix the problem with just ARPA money that hasn't been spent yet is kind of a new fraud. This Bill is an election year fraud that is

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unnecessary tax increase on every job in Illinois so job creators and every day folks needing unemployment benefits get to pick up the tab for a full-on Democratic election year spending spree. Folks, this is where fraud meets fraud. The result, Democrats stick Illinois working class and job creators with the bill just as they're climbing out of the huge hole left from COVID. The first unemployment fraud was a criminal conspiracy against the State of Illinois. Today's fraud is conspiracy against workers and job creators that's being perpetrated by the Legislators who vote 'yes' on this Bill. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Representative Wheeler. Representative Mazzochi is recognized."

Mazzochi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield on SB2803, Amendment 2?"

Evans: "He indicates that he will."

Mazzochi: "The Illinois Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund must, by law, have cash reserves of 1 billion. And currently, because of the COVID unemployment claims, some of which were valid, some of which were fraudulent, the Governor won't tell us how much in each category and you don't know, we're 4.5 billion in the hole, not including that 1 billion mandatory reserve. So, Leader Harris, that means we need to put 5.5 billion into the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund to be out of federal debt and fully compliant with our statutory reserve requirement. True?"

Harris: "I'll take your word for it."

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Mazzochi: "All right. Well, let's go through some of the history. To handle the unexpected \$4.5 billion COVID loss, the Federal Government lent us 4.5 billion, right?"

Harris: "What were you saying? I'm sorry."

Mazzochi: "They lent us 4... the Federal Government lent us 4.5 billion to handle the unexpected \$4.5 billion COVID loss, right?"

Harris: "I think that number's right, yeah."

Mazzochi: "All right. And the feds even waived the interest on that 4.5 billion as long as we paid it off by September 30, 2021, right?"

Harris: "I assume you're right."

Mazzochi: "All right. Well, but typical for Illinois, we didn't pay it back on time. So, instead, we've accrued... the 40 point... 41.5 million in new interest payments so far, and this is going to accrue to 81 million if we don't pay this off by September 30, 2022. Is that fair?"

Harris: "Say that again."

Mazzochi: "All right, you don't know. I'll keep going. The Federal Government gave Illinois about 11 and a half to 12 billion in various COVID-19 relief funds under the ARPA and CARES program. So, now in 2021, I believe Governor Pritzker at one point falsely claimed that we couldn't use any that 8.1 billion in ARPA funds to pay down our unemployment debt. But in reality, one of the things that Congress said we could do with their COVID relief funds was to pay off our federal debt for the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. And, Leader Harris, other states have done that very thing for that very purpose, right?"

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Harris: "I think you're correct, yeah."

Mazzochi: "All right. So, to the Bill. Governor Pritzker has already spent or promised most of Illinois' \$12 billion in COVID relief funds for other things. He says there's only 3.2 billion remaining. That actually isn't true. As of today, there is 6.9 billion listed as being in the state's cure fund and that's where the ARPA funds were received. We've seen Governor Pritzker on our TVs and our phones and our computers telling us how fiscally responsible he thinks he is. But he knew back in July of 2021 that he could use these ARPA funds to pay this debt off. So, Representative Zalewski, you want the funds that are deposited from the ARPA funds, you want those paid off tonight? Great. It's not hard. Make the number 4.5 billion. Even better, make the number 5.5 billion so we can build our cash reserves back up. We have that amount in hand in ARPA funds. So, when you have 6.9 billion in ARPA funds in hand, you can use those funds to pay that kind of debt. And you have an Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund with a \$5.5 billion hole, the 4.5 billion in debt, and the 1 billion we need to build back up to help anybody who's going to lose their job going forward. We should not be squandering this opportunity. This was an entirely predictable problem. It has a very straightforward solution. Pull back the pork, pay off the debt with the existing ARPA funds. Now, what is Governor Pritzker and the Majority Party's plan here tonight? They'll pay off some of it so the 4.5 billion in debt becomes 1.8 billion in debt under this current Amendment. But we still need to pay that \$1.8 billion in debt and we still need to build up the 1 billion in cash reserves. Where's that money

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going to come from then? Is there some magical new idea from the Majority Party on how they're going to do this? No. It's not fiscal responsibility. We're still 2.8 billion away from where we need to be to be at rudimentary solvency and legal compliance. So, how is the Majority Party planning on filling the hole? With this Bill, we don't. But this is what the Illinois Democrats are going to do to you. And the reason why they want to do this tonight and have to get it done tonight is because they want to cut your benefits. So, we're going to keep billions in debt, cut benefits, and raise taxes. More failure. It is time for a change. We can do better. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Representative. For further discussion, we have Representative Keicher."

Keicher: "To the Bill. Folks, I want... I want to make sure everybody's listening to what I'm going to say here because we have a way of overcomplicating things beyond what's needed. We are considering a measure now where we will borrow money and tax every single job in the State of Illinois. Let me repeat that. We are going to borrow and tax every single job in the State of Illinois. When are we going to act responsibly? Paying half the debt is not the responsible thing to do. We are going to borrow and tax every single job in the State of Illinois. The only way to avoid a tax increase, the only way to avoid a tax increase and to avoid any benefit cuts is to pay the full debt. It is no more complicated than that. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Caulkins is recognized."

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Caulkins: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

Caulkins: "Leader Harris, I'd like to give you an opportunity to answer some of the questions that have been posed. How do you, your party, how do you intend to fill that hole? What... what's the plan?"

Harris: "For decades here in Springfield, and I think a lot of your party knows, we have what's called the agreed Bill process for things dealing with unemployment insurance, where business and labor, along with the General Assembly and the Governor, jointly figure out how to solve problems of unemployment insurance. And we've had the.. in the 2010, I believe it was, recession, right around there, there was a similar problem. Labor and business got together. We supported them in their solution. That's what we're doing here. This year is labor and businesses is getting together to develop a solution. And unlike what the previous speaker said, and you can read this Bill from top to bottom, there is not one thing in here about borrowing. There is not one thing in here about taxes. There is not one thing in here about cuts. What this Bill does is give \$2.7 billion from the State of Illinois to solving this problem, plus we pay down pension obligations."

Caulkins: "I get that."

Harris: "We pay down the College Illinois! fund. And we pay down \$898 million worth of unpaid health insurance bills."

Caulkins: "I listened to a previous speaker who said that this has to get done today, this week, I presume. He.. he alluded to the fact that we have to solve this four and a half billion-

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dollar debt issue. And I'm looking at 2.7, and there's nothing in here that tells me how you're... intend to pay the rest of it back. I mean, we've got the funds. How much... are we going to raise premiums? Are we going to reduce benefits by what percentage? Are we going to borrow? How do you intend to fill this hole before September?"

Harris: "Representative, I just explained the agreed Bill process. And you probably know that labor and business have been meeting all day the last several days. In fact, they've been meeting since January 11, along with some of your Members, to work through different solutions to this. So, we're relying on the stakeholders, the people who are directly involved, the business organizations of the State of Illinois and our labor unions, to decide what is the best way to resolve this problem. What this Bill is doing today, it's really simple. It's like saying here's \$2.7 billion from the State of Illinois to resolve some of these problems."

Caulkins: "But why wouldn't we pay the whole debt? Why wouldn't we put that money forward tonight? What's keeping us from making that commitment tonight to pay off the 4.5 billion?"

Harris: "This is 2.7 billion that is commensurate, in fact higher than what other states have done. That's what we have taken as our average of following what other states have done across the country in working with their business and labor communities to solve this problem caused by the COVID epidemic."

Caulkins: "Did those other states completely pay their debt back?"

Harris: "I don't know the status of each state."

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Caulkins: "Well, I think that's important. I mean, you... you talk about other states using this money to pay the debt back. We're not using all of our money to pay all of our debt. We probably had spent a lot more money than other states. We've incurred... we've spent actually five and a half billion dollars in unemployment in the last two years. And we have, obviously, plenty of money to pay it back. I'm just curious, what are you going to use the balance of that money for? Were you going to take 2.7 out of 6.9 or... where's the other \$4 billion going?"

Harris: "I don't follow your math, Representative. But you know as well as I do that we've used the ARPA funding during this emergency to support those institutions and those businesses who have been on the front lines and who have been delivering health care in our communities. And if you're standing here and saying that we should've shorted our hospitals, we should've shorted our clinics, we should've shorted the nursing homes, we shouldn't have bought the PPE, we shouldn't have bought the vaccines, that we should've let people suffer, that we should not have made sure that frontline workers were getting paid, if you're saying, and all those folks over there are saying, that... we ran up a lot of this debt, not because of fraud. We ran up a lot of this debt because we made sure that gig workers and low-income workers, folks who were left behind by the traditional unemployment system, got food, they got rent money, they had a home, they were able to take care of their kids. And actually, I'm proud that we spent that money to be sure that these Illinoisans were protected. And

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the fact that you want to take it away from them and you think we should've shorted them, shame on you."

Caulkins: "Well, I don't think that's the case, Leader Harris. I think the problem that we have is that we have unspent funds. We've done all the things you said thanks to the Congress, in a bipartisan effort, has sent us that money. And we've done all those things, not very well if you've listened to your constituents, and we still have money left over. And that's the money that should be used as it was intended and that is to pay this debt back. So, to the Bill. This is another opportunity for us to dodge the bullet for not to pay our debt. It's like running up a credit card, not... and having the money in the bank, and then just incurring interest charges over the course of the loan. This is going to be a tax on every worker. We've heard it. We've said it. We believe it. This is going to be a tax on every job in Illinois. It's going to be a tax on job creators. We are not going to attract or retain businesses by taking this course of action tonight. We need to pay this debt. We need to get out of debt. We need to make our unemployment fund solvent because we are very likely to have another run. So, I would urge you to vote 'no' on this Amendment. Let's go back to the table. Let's pay this debt with the money that we have remaining. It's not taking food off the table of anyone. It's not hurting any hospital, any nursing home, and it's the right thing to do. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Ammons is recognized."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield for a very brief question?"

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Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Ammons: "Representative... Leader, are you... in this Bill, are you raising premiums in this Bill?"

Harris: "No."

Ammons: "In this Bill, are you cutting benefits? If so, what benefits are you actually cutting?"

Harris: "There is nothing about benefits in this Bill."

Ammons: "Thank you, Leader Harris, for answering those very two straightforward questions. I just want to go to the Bill very quickly. Just a few years ago, this Assembly... actually only just three years ago, this Assembly, the State of Illinois had a Governor whose philosophy was that that has been espoused by my colleagues here on the right. That we should withhold resources from poor communities, don't pay for housing, don't pay for this, just put all the money in this one area and let everyone else suffer and figure it out. And that's the philosophy and the budgeting and the policy of the right. They tend to believe that if there are resources, put it over here so that... even though we may benefit from them, we should only put them in one area. This is a very straightforward position. We do not believe that the people of Illinois should go without support for PPP that many of those business owners on the right received, benefits, unemployment benefits that their employees received. All of these pieces that were given to every person in the State of Illinois that helped us get through COVID was important for us to do. And here we are, at this point, putting something towards what we know is outstanding and continuing to work on these things. If you heckle it doesn't matter because most of

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you when you do your statement of economic interest will see how much money you got from the state. So, be clear that what is before you today is not about raising premiums or cutting benefits. What is before you today is that the House Dems believe that the people of Illinois should not have suffered without resources, housing, lights, food, water, and every other essential during a worldwide pandemic. And that they should not be without resources going forth. We do not believe that that is position of our budgeting process. And if the Republicans want to join in the budgeting process, you will have a few days coming soon to put your position on the table and you certainly can introduce a budget Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Batinick is recognized."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I'm going to try and simplify this as much as possible 'cause we're getting in the weeds and there's a lot of numbers here. Our plan for a year has been to plug the \$4.5 billion hole that is in unemployment insurance. For a year we've worried about this. Our plan, plug it, 4.5 billion, we have the money. Your plan, we're being told is, we have to pass this by midnight, gosh golly. By midnight. It's 8 p.m. We've been saying this for a year. Oh, and by the way, we don't fix all the problem. We fix a little bit more than half the problem with 2.7 billion because we're going to take the other billion and we're going to do it for projects, oh, only on your side of the aisle, not for our side of the aisle. That's the plan. And I'm being... we're being told about taking food off the table, there's a

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\$1.8 billion shortfall. There is no magic money fairy here in Springfield. I think we figured that out. It has to be plugged by either tax increases on jobs or benefit cuts of people who get unemployment insurance. Aren't those the people we're supposed to be here fighting for? One of those two things need to happen. It's not in this Bill, it's the effect of this Bill. That's plan A, that's plan B. I do not like being lectured on fiscal responsibility between these two particular plans. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Representative Batinick. Our final speaker is Leader Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let... let me just... first, just to kind of set the record about the agreed Bill process and then I would like to comment of some of the... the political rhetoric from the other side of the aisle. I assume at some time though... I assume at some time, at some point in your lives, you'll become part of the solution. And I can't wait to that point. Now, let me tell you about the agreed Bill process 'cause some of your... two of your Members are involved in it and it still goes on. We're meeting tomorrow. We met today. We met over the last several weeks. The agreed Bill process is this. It's business and labor coming together, Democrats and Republicans, both sides of the aisle coming together to solve a problem. Business and labor agreeing. Business and labor agreeing. Business and labor agree that we need to infuse this \$2.7 billion into the trust fund. Business and labor agree. I can't believe, in all the years I've been here, I have never seen your side of the aisle just blatantly turn your back on such a benefit that's going to help small

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businesses, large business, businesses across the board. Businesses support this piece of legislation. Businesses, labor. You know why? Because the Federal Government is saying to us, if we don't do this now, everything can't be on the table to try and solve our trust fund problems. This is the fourth time that I've been part of an agreed Bill process. The toughest time before this was after the recession 2008-2009, and we eventually passed something in 2011. We've come together every time. Business and labor, Republicans and Democrats. This allows us to come together and solve the problem, again, together. Business is for this. Business is for this. Labor is for this infusion. Business tried, I understand, to begin to lobby Members of your side of the aisle to vote for this, but you took a caucus position. That's your right. That's your right. But think about what you do when you take that caucus position. You turn your back on \$2.7 billion going directly to businesses to give them some relief. You turn your back on everything that you always talk about, business help, business tax breaks. You're turning your back on that. And when you take this caucus position, you are just turning your back on the ability of us to complete the agreed Bill process and have everything on the table. I'm not going to sit here and apologize for using money for health care, public health, for using money for vaccines, for using money for nursing facilities. I'm not apologizing for giving money for public safety. This was a pandemic. That's why we're facing a \$4.5 billion deficit. Now, look at other states. What have other states done? Between 25 and 33 percent of their ARPA money they have put towards the

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unemployment insurance trust fund. Twenty-five and thirty-three percent. What does that compute to here Illinois? Two billion dollars to two point six billion dollars. This is \$2.7 billion more percentagewise than the average state throughout the country. The Midwest. Let's talk about the Midwest. Iowa, they put \$700 million into their trust fund. Indiana, 900 million from ARPA money. Kansas, 250 million. Kentucky, 722 million. Missouri, 300 million. North Dakota, 355 million. We have Ohio at 1.4 million. And we have Wisconsin at zero. Zero. This is 2.7 billion dollars to help solve the problem and goes directly, directly to benefit businesses. Directly to benefit your constituencies. That's why the business organizations want you to vote for it. But you're not. But you're not. I can't... somebody actually stood up and said this, 'The last thing we need is to do this.' Really? Really? The last thing we need is to put \$2.7 billion, more than any state in the Midwest, in order to help provide benefits to small businesses. The last thing. Terrible. Atrocious. Sorry we're doing it, but we're going to do it. And then we're going to sit down tomorrow and we're going to work with business and labor, your side of the aisle, our side of the aisle, the Republicans and the Democrats in the Senate, and we're going to solve the rest of this problem. Vote 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Leader Hoffman. Representative Butler, you seek to be recognized?"

Butler: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill, and I'll make it short. I'm glad my colleague who just spoke talked about the states from the Midwest 'cause my friends on the other side of the

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aisle hate the other states in the Midwest. He looks across at one of the other states in the Midwest who does good things. This Bill will raise taxes. This Bill pays for pet projects for the Democrats. But I just want to address one thing real quick 'cause I know we want to close. The Governor, in his State of the State address, and I was there along with Leader Durkin, and he looked right at Leader Durkin when he said this 'cause I saw him. He said, 'During the budget cycle especially, seats at the grownup table will be off limits to those who aren't working in the public's best interest.' I'm the baby of seven. I've been staring at the parents... at the grownups table my entire life. I know what the grownups table is all about because I wanted to get there. And tonight, with this vote, this side of the aisle is the grownups table. It's as easy as that. This side of the aisle, in the Governor's words, is looking out for the public's interest because this adds debt, this pays for projects... yes, it doesn't do it in this Bill. I know. But we know how this process works. Governor, the Republicans are the grownup table."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Representative Butler. Seeing no further discussion, the Chair recognizes the Sponsor, Leader Harris, to close."

Harris: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Just wanted to say a couple things about the debate and then a couple things about the Bill. So, on the debate we heard a speaker talking about how day after day, and week after week, and year after year we sat here. While you sat over there, day after day, week after week, year after year, you were in the same meetings as we were starting in January

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11. Not one Bill to fix this problem or to address this problem has been introduced by your side. We've seen a lot of press releases. We've seen a lot stunts. We've seen a lot of letters, but nothing to really solve the problem. So, I think the grownups at the table are the ones who are here today bringing something forward, solving this problem, putting \$2.7 billion into the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. And something that we cannot forget is also in this Bill, \$300 million on top of our required pension payments, bailing out the College Illinois! program to protect 25 thousand families, and also paying down \$989 million in the group insurance trust bills. And someone else over there talked about, oh, we don't like to be lectured by our side of the aisle about fiscal responsibility. Well, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is what fiscal responsibility looks like. Paying your bills, taking care of your obligations. That's what it looks like. Some of you may remember your version of fiscal responsibility. If you recall, you drove up our unpaid bills with Bruce Rauner, the... all the enablers over there, up to \$16.7 billion. The unfunded pension liability grew. The College Illinois! folks couldn't get their payments. We had credit downgrade after credit downgrade. With Democrat control and with Governor Pritzker, all of those things are being reversed. I know this is a sad night because you want the talking point, not the solution. But tonight, we're providing a solution, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Leader Harris. The question is, 'Shall House Bill 22'... excuse me... 'Senate Bill 2803 pass?' All those

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in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative David Friess."

Friess: "No."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative David Friess votes 'no'. Representative Guerrero-Cuellar."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar votes 'yes'. Representative Meier."

Meier: "No."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Meier votes 'no'."

Speaker Evans: "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 68 voting in 'favor', 43 voting 'against', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Hernandez is recognized."

Hernandez, L.: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Hernandez, L.: "Today, on Latino Day and during Women's History Month, I rise to present House Resolution 746 in recognition of community organizer, labor leader, and national treasurer Dolores Huerta. Dolores Huerta was born Dolores Clara Fernandez in Dawson, a small mining town in the mountains of New Mexico, on April 10, 1930. Dolores began her career as a teacher witnessing many hungry farm children coming into school and believed she could do more to help them by organizing. This led Dolores to find her calling as an organizer in 1955, cofounding and serving in the leadership

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of the Stockton Community Service Organization, which led voter registration drives and fought for economic improvements for Latinos. Dolores cofounded the National Farm Workers Association, which was the predecessor to the United Farm Workers Union alongside César Chávez in 1962 and served as the UFW vice president until 1999. While overcoming ethnic and gender bias on a regular basis, Dolores served as a talented negotiator, securing services for farm workers in the form of Aid to Families with Dependent Children and disability insurance in 1963, organizing the 1965 Delano grape workers' strike and serving as the lead negotiator in the workers' contract that followed. Dolores organized workers, negotiated contracts, and advocated for safer working conditions, including the elimination of harmful pesticides. She also fought for unemployment and health care benefits for agricultural workers and served as the driving force behind the groundbreaking California Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975, which allowed farm workers to organize and bargain for better wages and conditions. Dolores Huerta has worked tirelessly her entire life to improve social and economic conditions for farm workers and has served as a leader in the fight against discrimination and as a defender of civil rights, equal rights, and dignity for all. Dolores Huerta continues to make history and fight the good fight, serving as an inspiration for us all each and every day. As founder and president of Dolores Huerta Foundation, she travels across the country in support of campaigns and legislation that work towards equality and defends civil rights and continues to be a voice for social justice and

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good public policy. Please join me in standing in solidarity as we recognize Dolores Huerta for her activism as a labor organizer, her contribution to workers' rights, and her dedication to social justice. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Leader Hernandez. Representative Hamilton is recognized."

Hamilton: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Hamilton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today as part of Women's History Month to recognize a local hometown woman, Karen Hasara, Springfield's first and, to date, only female mayor. Karen Hasara was 29 and a mother of 4 when she decided to go to college at Sangamon State University, now the University of Illinois at Springfield, where she received her bachelor's degree in psychology and elementary education. Karen Hasara was a teacher at Christ the King School for two years before she began her government career by being elected the second woman to the Sangamon County Board in 1975. She was the first one elected on her own and not part of a slate of candidates under the old system. She was the only woman out of 29 members of the county board. While on the Sangamon County Board, Karen Hasara became a broker manager and sales person at K&L Real Estate and Director of the National Academy of Real Estate. In 1980, Karen Hasara was elected and served as a Sangamon County Circuit Clerk and then went on to serve in the Illinois General Assembly in both chambers. Eight years in the House and approximately two years in the Senate. Karen Hasara was elected Springfield mayor and served from 1995 to 2003. As mayor, she made trips to Ukraine and Springfield became one

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of the partners of the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation. Mayor Hasara was also greatly involved in the Sister Cities International. And under her leadership, Springfield gained two additional sister cities in Mexico and Ireland. Between 1975 and 1995, when she was elected Springfield's first female mayor, the number of women in the Legislature grew from 14 to 41. There are now 73 women serving in the House and Senate. Karen Hasara's professional memberships have included the University of Illinois Springfield Alumni Board, University of Illinois Alumni Alliance, Women in Management, which is now IWIL, Springfield Mass Transit District Board, Illinois Equal Justice Foundation Board, the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, and the Better Government Association Steering Committee. Karen Hasara's volunteer work for our community has included St. John's Hospital of Hospice, Sangamon County Efficiency Commission, Dining for Women, Rotary Club of Springfield, Women for Women, and the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy. Today I am proud to highlight and ask you to join me in saying thank you to Karen Hasara, a local leader and trailblazer for young women. She is one of my mentors and someone I look up to. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Representative. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolution. House Resolution 744, offered by Speaker Welch."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Greenwood moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolution. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing

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perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Greenwood moves that the House stand adjourned until Thursday, March 24, at the hour of noon. 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."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5728, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5729, offered by Representative Scherer, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5730, offered by Representative Scherer, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. First Reading of these House Bills. Committee Reports. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on March 23, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2981, Senate Bill 3625; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 701. Representative Evans, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on March 23, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 3709. Representative Scherer, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools reports the following committee action taken on March 23, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 3663. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Immigration & Human Rights reports the following committee action taken on March 23, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 3616; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1567 and House Resolution 662.

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Representative Stuart, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on March 23, 2022: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 709 and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 3032. Representative Crespo, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-General Services reports the following committee action taken on March 23, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 3930. Representative Smith, Chairperson from the Committee on Economic Opportunity & Equity reports the following committee action taken on March 23, 2022: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 989. Second Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4219, a Bill for an Act concerning property. Second Reading of this House Bill. This will be held on the Order of Second Reading. Introduction of Resolutions. Senate Joint Resolution 52, offered by Representative Yang Rohr, is referred to the Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."