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Speaker Andrade: "The House will be in order. Members will in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Wayne Padget, the Assistant Doorkeeper. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Wayne Padget: "Let us pray. Bless this House and all who serve here. Amen."

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

Ford - 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 Andrade: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Greenwood is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle. Leader Greenwood."

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

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

Welter: "Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect that Representative David Friess and Representative Sosnowski are excused for the day."

Speaker Andrade: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 108 present, Members are answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

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Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Lilly, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Human Services reports the following committee action taken on March 24, 2022: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 5054, Senate Bill 3645, Senate Bill 3925; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 2945; and recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 3617. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action taken on March 24, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1794, Senate Bill 2990, Senate Bill 3661, Senate Bill 3832, do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 3069, Senate Bill 3097, Senate Bill 3189. Representative Slaughter, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on March 24, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2942, Senate Bill 3019, Senate Bill 3180. Representative Moylan, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on March 24, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1233, Senate Bill 3629; recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolutions 62, 76, and 77. Representative Conroy, Chairperson from the Committee on Mental Health & Addiction reports the following committee action taken on March 24, 2022: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2535, Senate Bill 2993, Senate Bill 3889; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1592. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 747, offered by Representative Carroll; and House Joint Resolution 85,

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

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Walsh, for what reason do you rise?"

Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Today I'd like to welcome my Page for the day, Jose Martin Munoz, who is a constituent of Leader Andrade. But he is a senior at University of St. Francis in Joliet, studying political science and then will be graduating this spring with an A from my office for interning. Please welcome him to Springfield."

Speaker Andrade: "Welcome to your home. Representative Stuart, for what reason do you rise?"

Stuart: "Thank you. A point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Stuart: "Thank you. I think everyone in the Body knows that I love to appreciate our staff and all the hard work that they do for us. And we're lucky to be joined on the floor today with Kat Bray, who does amazing work. And I don't think they are aware that I'm doing this, but I also want thank her mom and step father who are here with us. It's Sandy and Rex Ferrero from Pinckneyville. They're here with us today. Sandy is dear to my heart, a lifelong educator. She's taught public and parochial schools. She retired from the Department of Corrections, where she taught for 20 years. Sorry. Yeah, 20 years. Rex is a machinist and retired first from Captain Mine in Perry County, and then from Anheuser-Busch in St. Louis.

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Go Cardinals. He's currently an educator at Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville. They're both proud union members. And in their retirement, they like to enjoy time with their grandchildren. They cultivate their garden, which I've been told produces award-winning vegetables at the county and DuQuoin State Fairs every year, and they're also quite popular locally. So, if we could please give a warm welcome to Kat Bray's mom and stepfather, Sandy and Rex Ferrero."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Gabel, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Gabel: "Thank you. Thank you. I, too, would like to recognize our Page for the day. She is here standing next to me. Let me introduce to you Kinley Lazare. She's a Springfield native, but currently she lives in Chicago. She's in the sixth grade at Immaculate Conception St. Joseph School and Parish in Chicago. She's also a former guest of the extremely popular show *Just A Couple Guys Talking*. She is the daughter of former House Democratic staffer and Medicaid guru Ben Lazare, who I'm sure many of you know. Kinley has political ambitions of her own and aspires to one day be a U.S. Senator. Yes. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Welcome to your home. Representative Keicher, for what reason do you rise?"

Keicher: "A brief point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Keicher: "On behalf of myself and Representative Ugaste, we'd like to welcome the mayor of Hampshire, Illinois, a beautiful

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hamlet that we have the wonderful opportunity of having district office in right now. So, Mayor Reid, welcome to Springfield. Hope you enjoy your tour."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Didech, for what reason do you rise?"

Didech: "Privilege."

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Didech: "We have another very special guest here in the gallery above the Democratic side today. We have Lake County Circuit Judge Marnie Slavin, who is here all the way from Buffalo Grove enjoying Springfield with her family and some friends. So, everyone, please give a very warm welcome to Judge Slavin and her family."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Windhorst, for what reason do you rise?"

Windhorst: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Windhorst: "I'm pleased to have today's students from Vienna High School's Jobs for American Graduates program. Joining them are their career counselor, Amy Johnson, and the statewide program manager, Kaitlyn Eith. They're over on the Democratic side of the aisle. Please give them a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Haas, for what reason do you rise?"

Haas: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

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Haas: "I want to introduce a special guest that's in the gallery, too, here today, Mayor Mark Hodge from Hopkins Park. I'd like to welcome him."

Speaker Andrade: "Welcome to your home. On page 16 of the Calendar, under the Order of Agreed Resolutions, appears House Resolution 734, offered by Representative Hamilton. Representative Hamilton is recognized."

Hamilton: "Point of personal privilege. Oh yeah, sorry. I rise today for House Resolution 734. It is my honor to welcome and congratulate the Sacred Heart-Griffin boys basketball team, the Cyclones, on winning the 2022 high school Class 3A State Championship. This is the first... this is the first championship for the Cyclones, who compiled the season record of 35 wins and 3 losses on their way to the state title. They made it to the state title... or they made it to the state championship in 2019, but the night before they were supposed to play, everything was shut down due to COVID. Fast forward a couple years, and now we're in the state championship game. SHG trailed the opponent with five wins left in regulation play. However, the Cyclones went on a 10 to 4 run to tie the game and force an overtime. Not just one overtime, but double overtime. In the final seconds of the game, SHG had the ball. And our number 5, KeShon Singleton, was inbounds the ball to him. He dribbled around for a little while... raise your hand there, KeShon. He dribbled around for a little while trying to find the open shot, lost the ball on his foot, it dribbled away. He picked it up, threw it up into the air, and it bounced into the basketball rim, not once, but twice, but three times and finally went in to make the game-winning shot.

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SHG Cyclones won the game 53 to 50 win over Metamora in double overtime. It was an incredible win in front of approximately 12 thousand people. And I will say that their season was really attributed to the T-shirts that they made, their warmups. And on the front, it said, 'Trust the team.' This team was so unselfish. It could be one player that had 30 points, one player that 20 points, defense, they worked together. And on the back of the T-shirt it says, 'I am third. We are final four.' And third means, God first, others second, and myself third. And they created this T-shirt and that is the epitome of this team. Players, as I call your name, please stand and wave. We have brothers, Jamarion Bardwell, who is a freshman, and his brother, J'veon Bardwell, who is a junior. And I'm going in alphabetical order. The Hamilton twins, also known as the twin towers and my boys, Jake Hamilton and Will Hamilton. Both are juniors. We have Zack Hawkinson, also a junior. And his grandma, Terri, who is also in the stands up there, works for the Secretary of State for over 30 years. Also, his mom is here. Is Becca here? Is she taking pictures somewhere? She's up there. And then Zack's sister, Zerenity, who is our biggest cheerleader. Let's see. We have Richard Jackson, who is also a junior. Cal Johnson, a sophomore. Tony Kamgaing, a sophomore. Bryce Musgrave, a sophomore. Cousins, Ty Lott and KeShon Singleton, both juniors. And our one and very only senior, Mike Utinske. And we cannot forget our wonderful manager who kept our boys in check, Addie Eades. And before I announce the coaches, I just want to introduce my husband, Bob, too, who's here taking pictures. He's in the back over here. Bob. Well, the players are here along with

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their awesome coaches. Our head coach, Tim Allen, unfortunately could not be here today. He's on a much-needed, much-needed vacation with his young son and his wife. Very well deserved. And the assistant coaches. Tirell Anderson. He's not here. Scott Eades. Phil Jones, who is not here. Corley Lee. Matt McElroy. And our wonderful statistician, Joe Vespa. Please help me in congratulating Springfield's very own Class 3A boys state championship team, the SHG Cyclones."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Hamilton moves for the adoption of House Resolution 734. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Congratulations, SHG. Under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 693, offered by Speaker Welch. Speaker Welch is recognized on the Resolution."

Speaker Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the General Assembly, I rise today to honor a man who is the embodiment of a public servant. Throughout Leader Greg Harris's 15-year career here in the Illinois House, he's been a vocal and passionate advocate for what's fair and just. You heard him last night. He's still got that fire in his belly. He's given a voice to so many who have felt left out of the decisions being made in Springfield. Simply put, Greg Harris represents the best of Illinois. Greg is one of the smartest people I know and is fluent in a wide range of public policy issues. As many of you remember, Leader Harris led the way to deliver marriage equality in our state. That wasn't easy. He was consistent and persistent and wouldn't stop until he made marriage equality happen. Something that was long overdue,



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but still, he made it happen. He got it done. He made our state more accepting. He made parents feel that their own children were safer. He changed so many lives for the better with just one Bill. He made history as the first Member of the LGBT community to ascend as Majority Leader of this chamber. It is because of Greg Harris that people all across this state know that their voices matter. It's because of Greg Harris that people know that they matter. It is because of Greg Harris that Illinoisans know our state will stand for strong equality, acceptance, and love for one another. And I really got to know Greg well during the Rauner budget impasse. During that budget impasse, Leader Harris was a fierce advocate for necessary vital services. When funding for things like autism programs, sexual and domestic violence advocacy, and breast and cervical cancer screenings were on the chopping block, Greg Harris was there. And it is thanks to his leadership as our chief budgeteer that today we are not just on the path of financial stability, but financial surety. During the midst of a global pandemic, he made sure our day-to-day operations continued while also prioritizing underserved communities and communities hit hardest by the virus. He helped us prove that we don't have to balance the budget on the backs of working families or take away vital services that help the people of this state succeed. I honestly could stand here all day talking about Leader Harris and what a champion he has been for this state and our values, but I know he's probably got a budget meeting to get back to. And he's saying, 'That's what you brought me out here for? I got to get back to this budget.' So, I'll simply say, thank

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you, Leader Harris. There aren't words to express my gratitude for your wisdom, guidance, and institutional knowledge as I've navigated this new position. One that you talked me into. But I also want to thank you from the bottom of my heart, from the bottom of all of our hearts. I truly do believe that Illinois is a better place because of your kindness, your advocacy, your knowledge, and your heart. You truly are a leader of leaders. And can we all please give Leader Greg Harris a round of applause? Mr. Speaker, I hope that you and all of the Members will join me and Marty and all of his gang at the Chesapeake tonight to further celebrate Leader Greg Harris. Thank you all for this opportunity."

Speaker Andrade: "The Resolution was adopted on a previous day. Congratulations, Leader Harris. Representative... Leader Harris, for what reason do you rise?"

Harris: "Well, if you're wondering for what reason I rose, it'd be in response to this Resolution. It's pretty hard to keep a secret in this establishment. I mean, it really is. And, Speaker, you managed to keep this a secret, and all of you who knew kept this a secret. And... yeah, I'm really pretty shocked and surprised by it. And I don't want to have... give like a big long speech here or anything. But... you know, when you start your life and you go through your life, you never know what God has in store for you. You know, I never thought I'd be standing here. As a formerly homeless guy because of mental health and substance abuse issues, I never thought I'd be standing here on this floor, like, giving a talk with the Speaker of the House standing right there. That never occurred to me. But it's been an honor to serve here. And as the

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Speaker said, try to show some kindness, try to always respect the truth and the facts, to value all the people of Illinois, to be sure that everyone in this state has a place, and everyone in this state has respect, and everyone in this state is honored. And so, that's all I want to say, but thank you all."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Bennett, for what reason do you wish to be recognized?"

Bennett: "Mr. Speaker, a point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Bennett: "Thank you. Though I first got to say congratulations, Greg, on a tremendous... and appreciate the words that were shared today. But my point of personal privilege, if I may. I need to recognize a very special person. I'd like to recognize my Page for the day. My granddaughter, Kelsey Whitehouse, seventh grade. She's going to be our Page for the day, and she's going to help hang out with papa for the day and for tomorrow. I do need to note though that her dad is a strong White Sox fan. I got to admit that. I got to share that. Also, her papa is a strong Cub fan. And I have a brother that is a strong Cardinal fan. So, we got the whole state covered, I'm telling you. But if you would help me recognize and show appreciation for Kelsey being here today, please."

Speaker Andrade: "Welcome to your home. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on March 24, 2022: approved for

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consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 1463, House Bill 1563, House Bill 1688."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Evans."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the great Members of this Assembly. I move that Representative Guerrero-Cuellar, Buckner, Meier, McLaughlin be allowed to participate and cast their votes remotely."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Evans has made a Motion that Representatives Guerrero-Cuellar, Representative Buckner, Representative Meier, and Representative McLaughlin be allowed to participate and cast their vote remotely. This is a roll call vote. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Clerk, take the record. On this Motion, there are 76 voting 'yes', 24 voting 'no', and 6 voting 'present'. And the Motion is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Is Representative Buckner present?"

Buckner: "Present."

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

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

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

McLaughlin: "Representative McLaughlin is present."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative McLaughlin is present. Is Representative Meier present?"

Meier: "Present."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Meier is present."

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Speaker Andrade: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we will be moving Bills on Second to Third. Please be at your seats if you wish your Bill to be moved. We will be starting business. Proceed to the Order of House Bills on Second Reading. Senate Bill 180, Representative Williams. Senate Bills on Second. Mr. Clerk, please read."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 180, 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 Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 645, Leader Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. Senate Bill 702, Representative Avelar. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 702, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 705, Leader Evans. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. Senate Bill 928, Leader Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. Senate Bill 1097, Representative Moeller. Representative Moeller. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1097, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1099, Representative Tarver. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1099, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment 1

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was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1405, Representative Bos. Skip that, sorry. Senate Bill 1435, Representative Yednock. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1435, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2565, Representative LaPointe. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. Senate Bill 2981, Leader Evans. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2981, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 3005, Representative Vella. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3005, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 3032, Representative Morgan. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3032, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Morgan, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Morgan on the Amendment."

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Morgan: "Mr. Speaker, House Amendment 2... Floor Amendment 2 just amends one aspect of the law to make sure that it's consistent with Federal Law."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Morgan moves adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; 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 Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 3036, Representative Tarver. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3036, 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 Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 3127, Representative Swanson. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3127, a Bill for an Act concerning emergency services. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Swanson, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Swanson, Floor Amendment #2."

Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 removes the part of the Bill that... removes the workmen's comp portion of the Bill itself."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Swanson moves adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; 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."

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Speaker Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 3130, Representative Ann Williams. Mr. Clerk, please read the record... Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3130, 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 Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 3157, Representative Windhorst. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3157, 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 Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 3184, Leader Greenwood. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3184, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 3197, Representative McCombie. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. Senate Bill 3216. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3216, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 3616 (sic-3613), Representative Costa Howard. 3613. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3613, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment 2 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."



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Speaker Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 3616, Leader Gordon-Booth. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. Senate Bill 3625, Representative Mason. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. Senate Bill 3663, Representative Yednock. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3663, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 3667, Representative West. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3667, 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 Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 3707, Representative Barbara Hernandez. Avelar. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3707, 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 Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 3709, Representative Hirschauer. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3709, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 3793, Representative Kelly. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3793, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No

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

Speaker Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 3866, Representative Walsh. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. Senate Bill 3914, Representative Avelar for Representative Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Senate Bill 3914."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3914, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 3930, Representative Halpin. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3930, 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 Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 3932, Representative Buckner. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. Senate Bill 3936, Representative Slaughter. Mr. Clerk, please read record.. the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3936, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 4001, Leader Greenwood. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 4001, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 4006, Representative Hernandez. Representative Willis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 4006, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 4018, Representative Mah. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 4018, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 4024, Representative Hirschauer. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 4024, 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 Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 4028, Representative Stoneback. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. Senate Bill 4053, Representative Hurley. Representative Halpin. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 4053, 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 Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 645, offered by Leader Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 645, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment 2 was adopted in... Second Reading of that Senate Bill. Amendment 2 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Andrade: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 3866, offered by Representative Walsh. Out... Mr. Clerk, out of the record. Senate Bill 3908, Representative Walsh. Out of the record. Senate Bill 3932, offered by Leader Buckner. Senate Bill 3932, Representative Buckner. Representative Buckner, do you wish to move the Bill? Please let us know."

Buckner: "Yes, Sir. Yes, Sir."

Speaker Andrade: "Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3932, 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 Andrade: "Third Reading. House Bill 205, Leader Flowers. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. Members, for the following Bills, these Bills are on Second Reading. They will moving to Third and you will be calling your Bill. If you're not around and you wish to call your Bill, please come to the floor. Once again, we're going to House Bill 1587, Representative West. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1587, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative West."

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Speaker Andrade: "Third Reading. Representative West on Floor Amendment #1."

West: "Yes, Sir. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I go to Floor Amendment #1, I want to make sure we are cleared for Floor Amendment #2 as well?"

Speaker Andrade: "Representative West, you have Floor Amendment 1 and Floor Amendment #2. You wish to move both Bills.. Floor Amendments?"

West: "Yes, and I can talk about both Amendments on Third Reading."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative West moves Floor Amendment #1... adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; 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: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative West and has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative West moves adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; all of 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 Andrade: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1587, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative West."

West: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 1587 is a Bill that I'm really excited about. I put

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together a working group almost a year ago with the Illinois Centers of Independent Living throughout the State of Illinois. The Illinois Centers of Independent Living, they represent members of the disability community, including those in the aging community and our veterans. We came together to put together this Bill, House Bill 1587, which is subject to appropriation. Floor Amendment #2 simply says that it's subject to appropriation. But we put together this legislation requesting funding to help our Centers of Independent Living to provide resources to those in the disability community to add home modifications to their home, especially for those who want to stay in their home. This funding will go from DHS to the Centers of Independent Living who will put together an assessment for all their clients to ensure that the funding is... that they are eligible for the funding and to ensure how much the funding... the project will cost to help them to build ramps for their homes, to put bars up in their bathrooms, whatever situations that they need to help them stay in their home. The biggest focus for this legislation is to help individuals stay in their homes. A lot of our individuals find themselves imprisoned in their home because they cannot simply go down the stairs of their porch. This will help them do that by providing funding from the State of Illinois to our Centers of Independent Living to help build a ramp for their homes or whatever issue... or whatever modification that they may need to help them, again, stay in their homes. I can go on and on about this, but I will entertain any questions that you may have. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Andrade: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "The Sponsor will yield."

Batinick: "Hey, Representative. This is... going back to House Bills is a little bit of a curveball. So, I want to get my side up to... up to speed. So, this went through... this was a shell Bill, correct?"

West: "Yes, Sir."

Batinick: "And then... so, that was 14-nothing, but it went through committee. The Floor Amendment 1 went through committee 14-6, was partisan completely, correct?"

West: "Yes."

Batinick: "Okay."

West: "Floor Amendment #1."

Batinick: "And then Floor Amendment 2, we're just voting on here on the floor, correct?"

West: "A simple, technical issue with Floor Amendment #2."

Batinick: "Well, let's dive into Floor Amendment 1 a little bit. What was the nature of the opposition to... to this program? Is it funding? So, this is... this is a program to help keep people in their homes, but it's subject to funding, correct?"

West: "Correct."

Batinick: "So, what was some of the nature of the opposition in committee?"

West: "Nature of the... there was not much debate on this Bill in committee. It just went partisan leave."

Batinick: "Okay. When did you guys run this through committee?"

West: "Last week."

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Batinick: "Last week. So, there wasn't any debate on it? You just presented the Bill and it went partisan leave without any discussion?"

West: "So, this Bill is in conjunction with House Bill 5551. I did a subject matter on House Bill 5551 in committee in the beginning part of the time. And then when 1587 came up, I simply mentioned the discussion we had during the subject matter."

Batinick: "Okay. And that Bill is still in... in appropriations. That Bill hasn't... hasn't moved out. Okay. So, there was no... so, the discussion was on a different Bill. How dissimilar is this Bill from 5551?"

West: "So, the Floor Amendment #2 to this Bill that says subject to appropriations, that is essentially 5551."

Batinick: "Understood. Okay. So, we were kind of doing Seconds. Let's get everybody up to speed, maybe short snippets of what exactly the goal is to... that you're trying to achieve with this Bill?"

West: "The goal that I'm trying to achieve in this Bill is the fun... the money will go to the Department of Human Services. The Department of Human Services will then give that money to the Illinois Centers of Independent Living that is the overseer of all the Centers of Independent Living throughout the state."

Batinick: "Okay."

West: "They will, at minimum, give each... all 22 Centers of Independent Living at least \$105 thousand to start for any home modification applications that go through their... their program. The Centers of Independent Living throughout the



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state, who are ran by members of the disability community, will then provide an assessment for each client to ensure what their needs are and to see what the project... the cost of the project will be, and provide funding if they are eligible for that funding. But the money will be going through the Centers of Independent Living, which is the best part about it."

Batinick: "Okay. Thank you for answering my questions. I'm just going to go to the Bill. A little concern on our side that maybe this is being rushed through. We haven't had as detail of a response from DHS that we like other than the fact that we wanted it to be subject... they wanted it to be subject to appropriation, which to me is a little bit of a yellow light as opposed to... they didn't want to put a red light on it, but they put a yellow light on it to try and... to try and slow it up. I appreciate what you're trying to do here. I appreciate you taking the time with me to slow things down so everybody on our side can kind of catch up with the analysis. And I have no further questions. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Seeing no further discussion, Representative West to close."

West: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just for clarification for the previous speaker. The Department of Human Services did slip in proponent for the appropriation Bill 5551 that went through subject matter. So, they are in support, along with the Department of Rehabilitation Services within the Governor's administration. So, the Governor is in support as well. This is... you may feel that this is rushed, but this has been in the works and flushed out for almost a year with members of

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the disability community. People who are told, you tell me which way you want me to go. You want me to go right, I'll go right. If you want me to left, I'll go left. Members of the disability community had a stake in the game and... finding a way to get millions of dollars to them to help their community and help our disability family to be able to stay in their homes and be active members of society. This is a great piece of legislation. I'm hoping that it can be on bipartisan support. I appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1587 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Buckner. Representative Guerrero-Cuellar."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Yes."

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

McLaughlin: "Representative McLaughlin votes 'no'."

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

Meier: "Yes."

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

Speaker Andrade: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 101 'yays'... voting in 'favor', 10 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared

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passed. House Bill 205, Leader Flowers. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 205, a Bill for an Act concerning health. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 205, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 205 creates the Children Mental Health Local Integrated Fund. The intention of this is to design and close the gap that's between components of mental health and the regular health care delivery system. The fragmentation that we see in our health care as well as our mental health delivery system reflects the fragmented funding stream in which this system is relying upon. And to realize that we need a integrated and holistic human service health care system in which we would restruct our funding system to address the problems in regards to mental health. House Bill 205 would create a local funding for various communities, five communities within the State of Illinois. And the funding would be... and the services will be based on the communities in which people live and it will be dealing with the environment as well. And I'll be more than happy to answer any questions you may have in regards to this. And I have not done the appropriations for this Bill. I'm asking just for

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the passage of the legislation and to work on the funding later. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "The Leader says, yes. Please proceed."

Flowers: "Yes."

Batinick: "Thank you, Leader. Just in our notes, real quick, it said that there was a Committee Amendment that was going to be filed to this Bill, that we needed to amend this Bill."

Flowers: "Yeah. I was going to change the name to the transformation fund because I know that is the name of the fund that's in the Governor's Office as far as the funding is concerned. But I decided not to adopt that Amendment."

Batinick: "Okay. And is... this Bill is similar to... it's identical to House Bill 219 of the 101st General Assembly, correct?"

Flowers: "Yes, probably. I don't have 219 in front of me."

Batinick: "Okay. Well, DHS argued that that would further fragment mental health services by providing separate services for adults and children by establishing yet another a type of government unit that will exist in some areas but not all. These collaborative can carve out the areas they serve leading to donut holes, as they call them, that will not be served. This can lead to disparities based on service of the child's address. There is a concern that, since the state is not part of these collaboratives, that these units will go in another direction from the rest of the state. That was their concern. Once again, this is..."

Flowers: "Well, I'm glad you brought that up, Representative. Because you know the problem is we're not a one-size-fit-all

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state. And so, the environment and problems that my community have is something totally different from what you would have. And so, it's... instead of us trying to do a one-size-fit-all in regards to access, we know we don't have that. We know we don't have the mental health facilities on the South and West Side of the City of Chicago. We... you know that we don't have access to health care. And so, the fact of the matter is, what I'm trying to do is to devise local access to health care services as it should be for the family that live in those particular environment. If you live in a high-crime area, maybe there's certain things that needs to be done, a certain type of conversation that needs to be held. If your child or children cannot sleep at night because they are listening to gun shots every night and can't sleep and not doing well in school, that is an issue that needs to be addressed from that perspective. Not what's going on in your community or downstate or someplace else. So, you meet the people where they are, not where you want them to be."

Batinick: "I really... I really appreciate it. And this... just so you know, this wasn't my words. I was just reading the analysis..."

Flowers: "Yeah."

Batinick: "...from DHS."

Flowers: "I understand. But I was... but since they were not here... and no one never told me that. And so, since you..."

Batinick: "Okay."

Flowers: "...you were reading it to me, I was responding to you."

Batinick: "Okay. Yeah, and this... like you said, this is subject to appropriation, Leader?"

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Flowers: "Pardon me?"

Batinick: "This is subject to appropriation?"

Flowers: "I don't know... I haven't... I did not put in anything for appropriations. And so..."

Batinick: "Okay. Okay. I appreciate the indulgence. We probably gave our side enough time to wash out what each Member wants to do. And thank you for your answers to my questions."

Flowers: "Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Lewis is recognized."

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

Flowers: "Sir, yes."

Speaker Andrade: "The Leader indicates she will. You may proceed."

Lewis: "Leader Flowers, it's nice to see you. We had a robust..."

Flowers: "It's always nice to see you, Sir."

Lewis: "Thank you. Thank you. We had a robust conversation in the... last week about this Bill. And one of the things we discussed was the areas in which you wanted to do this pilot program, which I believe was limited to five areas in the state?"

Flowers: "Yeah. It's just a pilot program. You know, I'm not trying to put something in place that we're not sure about. And the place that we were talking about was Englewood, Humboldt Park, Peoria, East St. Louis, and Cairo. And some of my colleagues wanted it to be in their area as well, but we're taking small bites at the apple. And hopefully we can, if it's successful, we can grow it and move it to those areas. And once again, because each one of these areas are different, we need to treat people differently in regards to the type of access to care and deal with the family."

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Lewis: "Absolutely. I understand the context of the Bill. Just reminding some of those colleagues that there was a commitment to, I believe, add Waukegan, add had Rockford, which was going to be in the Amendment. And don't know if that was worked out internally..."

Flowers: "Well..."

Lewis: "...to no longer have those communities included."

Flowers: "No. I was hoping to be able to... because of the length of time that we had, and if I'm successful with your help, we can send this Bill over to the Senate. And I wouldn't mind that they would add Waukegan and any other community that would like to be a part of it."

Lewis: "Okay. That was my only question. Thank you, Leader."

Flowers: "Yes. Yes."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Demmer is recognized."

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

Flowers: "Leader Demmer, of course. For you, anything."

Demmer: "Thank you."

Flowers: "Almost."

Demmer: "Thank you, Leader Flowers. I appreciate that."

Flowers: "Yeah."

Demmer: "You know, in committee we were talking about this Bill and you had cited this fund that would help provide resources for these collaboratives."

Flowers: "The transformation fund specifically, yes."

Demmer: "Right. And so, I had asked about that because I wasn't aware that... that fund existed. And then we asked HFS about that fund too, and they didn't know if it exists. Can you... have you gotten any further clarity on what this fund is?"

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Flowers: "Sir, I think if you remember what I said, and I know the meetings were recorded, but I did refer to the transformation fund, and I think I cited the Web site... the HFS Web site where it was on the Web site. So, please forgive me but..."

Demmer: "This is... the hospital transformation program is what you had referred to. And in that program, we created that as part of the Hospital Assessment Program... as a complimentary piece to the Hospital Assessment Program a few years ago. And that fund already has specific requirements for the types of applications. They've already granted some funding. They have pending applications on that. Is it your intention that, aside from what already exists in that transformation fund to fund hospital and health care transformation, that in addition to that these children collaboratives would be able to receive funding from that?"

Flower: "Well, you know what, Representative, I'm not ready to... I told you about the fund, right? And you said you never heard of it, but now you've heard of it, right?"

Demmer: "But it's for a different purpose."

Flower: "But is it tax dollars? Do you think we need... do you think we need..."

Demmer: "I'm saying the dollars are spoken for already."

Flowers: "Oh. And so, that means I cannot have no parts of that fund? Well, you know what? Maybe you can help me find another fund. So, I found the transformation fund for you and you didn't know anything about it, right? And so, now you find me another fund."



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Demmer: "Oh, I know all about the transformation fund. It's a totally different program, is my point. It's a totally different program."

Flowers: "Well, but if... but wait a minute. It's been out there for years. And it hasn't been..."

Demmer: "Just a couple years."

Flowers: "...it hasn't been used."

Demmer: "Yes. It's being used right now."

Flowers: "And so, maybe..."

Demmer: "No. Projects have been awarded. Applications are out. People have put together..."

Flowers: "Well, how long? How long? This morning... this morning I was on another meeting and you... we have this mental health collaborative that's been out there since 2003, and they've been working on something for 17 years. And so, the only thing I'm asking you, Sir, when you look at the environment in which we're in, how long do you want the people of the State of Illinois to wait? Look at what we've been doing. If Tom Dart was here... you know Tom Dart use to serve in this House. And now, he's saying that the Cook County... he used to say that the Cook County was the mental health facility of the State of Illinois. We don't want that, Sir. We want our... Representative Harris..."

Demmer: "I agree."

Flowers: "...just stood on this floor proudly, proudly."

Demmer: "We agree very much. I'm just asking you..."

Flowers: "And look at him. He said he never would've thought that the day would come that he would be standing amongst us because of his mental illness, because of his substance abuse."

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He was very proud to say that, and we're very proud to have served with him. And there's so many people out there just waiting to be another Greg Harris. But we need to help him or them be the person and the best that they can be. So, if it's not going to be that fund, we'll find another fund, right?"

Demmer: "We'll need to find some other fund."

Flowers: "That's okay, because I know we have extra money. I know the CARES Act. You know, because of all the problems that we've had and the mental anguish and the... look at how many deaths. So many young kids are suffering, Representative. You know, from all walks of life, okay? And we don't have just one place where people can go get their driver's license. We don't just have one public aid place. We don't have just one public health place. We have places throughout the state that's convenient for the people to go there. And in some driver's license places, there's certain things that you can do there that you can't do at others. So, there's the versatility. So, that's all we're talking about doing. Making it... whatever it is for that community, make it fit the community. Not the community that we want it to be, but the community that is and what the possibility of what it can be. Right?"

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Demmer, do you have any further questions?"

Demmer: "I do, Mr. Speaker. I'll keep it real brief. All right. We agree very much on the spirit of this legislation. But I think it's important that the spirit is not the only thing that matters in legislation. We also need to have a realistic plan of how to bring these programs to fruition."

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Flowers: "But, Sir... now wait... wait..."

Demmer: "And so, Leader Flowers, I would like..."

Flowers: "...don't say... don't..."

Demmer: "...to be supportive of this Bill. I just want to ask you two things. In order to try to facilitate a process and facilitate a Bill that can actually work, one, is it your intent to work in the Senate to find a different fund that could potentially provide funding for this, given the fund that you referred to is already in use for a totally different purpose?"

Flowers: "Everyone in this room just heard what I said. I'm going to work with you, and you're going to help me to find that fund."

Demmer: "Great. Fantastic."

Flowers: "Now, I just repeated that."

Demmer: "But that will have to happen in the Senate. Is that correct? I mean, are you going to... are we going amend it here?"

Flowers: "No. We're not going to do it here."

Demmer: "Okay. So, across the rotunda, we can work on that piece of it. And the second aspect would be, given this is a... the scope of this Bill is very broad. I mean, there are a huge number of requirements that get put on these collaboratives. In the Senate, could we also work with the agencies who are going to be responsible for this so they understand what it is that we're trying to accomplish?"

Flowers: "Isn't that the protocol? What do we do for other Bills?"

Demmer: "I'd love to work on it in the... that's just all I'm asking is..."

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Flowers: "Yeah, of course."

Demmer: "...I think there's still some things that have to happen to make this thing feasible. Let's do that."

Flowers: "Well, you know what..."

Demmer: "But if... if we can get a commitment that some changes are going to happen in the Senate."

Flowers: "I want... yes. To answer your question, it's yes."

Demmer: "Okay. Thank you very much. While I support this Bill, right now I don't think it's put together in the right way yet, but let's..."

Flowers: "It's not soup yet."

Demmer: "Yeah, that's right."

Flowers: "I just... just for clarification, it's not soup yet. I don't think that's my job to do that. My job is to put the program together and then work on it. I'm not trying to rush into anything."

Demmer: "Okay."

Flowers: "Like I told you about the program that's been existing since 2003, and they just came out with a... they call it a modernization report. But they still haven't implemented their program, and it started in 2003. They came up with another program in 2017. This is 2022. So, don't..."

Demmer: "Yes, it is."

Flowers: "...look for me to do nothing that no one else is able to do. But mine is not going to take that long. I have a pretty good idea just to how it is that I would like to see... and what the community... we want to go out to the community, Sir. We want to talk to the people. I don't want to bring my ideas.

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I want to bring the concept so the people can form what they feel that they need, not what I would like for them to have."

Demmer: "You've won me over."

Flowers: "Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Flowers, was that your closing statement, Ma'am?"

Flowers: "I would appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 205 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Buckner."

Buckner: "Yes."

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

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Yes."

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

McLaughlin: "Yes."

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

Meier: "No."

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

Speaker Andrade: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 81 voting in 'favor', 24 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3263, Representative Harper. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3263, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3263, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Harper is recognized."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to present House Bill 3263 that provides that, beginning with next school year, funds from the Farm Fresh Schools Program will be used to match one dollar for every three dollars a school district spends to purchase fresh food directly from a farmer, farmers' cooperative, farmers' market, or a local food hub in Illinois. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Batinick."

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

Speaker Andrade: "Sponsor said she will. Please proceed."

Batinick: "Representative, are... I'm going to read directly from our notes here. An Amendment will be filed to make this Bill subject to appropriation as well as changing the implementation dates to 2022-2023 school year. The House GOP Members voted in partisan manner until the Bill is made subject to appropriation. You did not... I don't think I heard an Amendment filed on this. Is that correct?"

Harper: "You know what, you're right about that. I am still seeking my Amendment."

Batinick: "Okay."

Harper: "So, if we need to, we can move it back to wait for it."

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Batinick: "Okay, great. Thank you."

Harper: "Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Bennett is recognized."

Bennett: "Oh, I'm sorry. Will the speaker yield, please? Oh, okay.  
All right."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Harper, was it your intent to  
take this Bill out of the record? Mr. Clerk, please take this  
Bill out of the record. House Bill 42... House Bill 4285,  
Representative Crespo. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4285, a Bill for an Act concerning  
finance. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No  
Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are  
filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4285, a Bill for an Act concerning  
finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Crespo is recognized."

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 4285 is the annual  
transfer Bill of several state funds into the Audit Expenses  
Fund for the office of the Auditor General. The funds are  
used to perform audits in the Fiscal Year '23."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Batinick."

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

Speaker Andrade: "He said he will. Please proceed."

Batinick: "Good afternoon, Representative. How you doing?"

Crespo: "Pretty good."

Batinick: "Normally, this gets tied into like the BIMP or a big  
budget Bill, correct?"

Crespo: "Right."

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Batinick: "So, we're going to just pass this out, maybe it'll get changed a little bit over in the Senate and might come back is what we're thinking?"

Crespo: "I'm not sure if it will, but it has happened in the past. But..."

Batinick: "Like every time in the past?"

Crespo: "Often."

Batinick: "Often. Often. Okay. No more questions. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "There being no further discussion, Representative Crespo is recognized to close."

Crespo: "I ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4285 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Buckner."

Buckner: "Buckner votes 'yes'."

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

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Yes."

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

McLaughlin: "Representative McLaughlin votes 'no'."

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

Meier: "Yes."

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

Speaker Andrade: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting in 'favor', 1 voting



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'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4332, Representative Hirschauer. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4332, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Hirschauer."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Hirschauer on the Amendment."

Hirschauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Floor Amendment 2 is a technical change to remove the words 'allied health professional' from the Bill. I request it's adoption."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Hirschauer moves adoption of Floor Amendment #2. 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 Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4332, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Hirschauer."

Hirschauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4332 is a Bill to fix the workforce development pipeline for certified nursing and medical assistant candidates by revising mandated requirements set forth by IDPH. The current mandate creates a barrier to entry and to health care certification courses. This Bill would correct this barrier by allowing people to use their Individual Taxpayer Identification Number in lieu

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of a Social Security number. In crafting this Bill, we worked with IDPH, City Colleges of Chicago, Elgin Community College, and other stakeholders. IDPH is neutral on this Bill and the changes made to allow for use of a federal ITIN will not affect their ability to maintain the health care registry. The COVID-19 pandemic has proved to be an opportunity to re-examine the way we do many things here in Illinois. The CNA and MA workforce has provided critical care to our homebound and elderly community during the pandemic and their numbers are waning. We must continue to open pathways to future employment in these sectors. Breaking down barriers is critical, and this Bill does just that. I'm here to answer any questions. And I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "She said she will. Please proceed."

Batinick: "Representative, I'm going to read from some of our analysis here. It says IDPH has expressed that they will work with the Sponsor on another Amendment that will make it clear that Social Security numbers are preferred to Taxpayer Identification Numbers. Is that correct?"

Hirschauer: "It's my understanding that those conversations will happen in the Senate."

Batinick: "Okay. We should get you a button. Fix it in the Senate button."

Hirschauer: "Oh, I do need that button. Yeah."

Batinick: "So, basically, what we're trying to do here, if we're actually going to get to it, you're trying to find a way to get nurses for... you're trying to recruit people who don't

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have Social Security numbers to have a pathway to become a nurse. Is that correct?"

Hirschauer: "What we're trying to do is break down a barrier to entry into these certification courses and to allow folks who are interested in... in entering these professions to get the training they need."

Batinick: "Okay. But the barrier is, is that they don't have a Social Security number, correct?"

Hirschauer: "Correct."

Batinick: "Okay. I just want to have that clear for my side. Thank you very much."

Speaker Andrade: "There being no further discussion, Representative Hirschauer is recognized to close."

Hirschauer: "I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4332 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Buckner."

Buckner: "Buckner votes 'yes'."

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

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Yes."

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

Meier: "Yes."

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

Speaker Andrade: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On

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this question, there are 73 voting in 'favor', 34 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4423, Leader Evans. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4423, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4423, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Evans."

Evans: "I'm ready. All Right. Here we go."

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the great Members of this Assembly. This Bill amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. It's a short Bill, but it goes a long way to help stabilize families living on the margins. This Bill, on page 2, line 4, strikes out the limiting pass-through for child support. So, the child support collected on behalf of a family shall be passed through to your family in full amount. It would not be intercepted and held by the departments. And the second piece of this Bill increases the TANF grants amounts from 30 percent to 50 percent of the most recent U.S. Department of Health and Human Service federal poverty guidelines. So, again, a good Bill to put a little bit more money in folks that's on the margins. I request your support."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Demmer is recognized."

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

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Speaker Andrade: "Leader said he will. Please proceed."

Demmer: "Thank you. Representative Evans, thanks for this Bill.

I know we had some good discussion about it in committee. I just want to clarify a few things. The first is, we're really talking about some of the most impoverished families in the State of Illinois who are receiving benefits through a program like this, right?"

Evans: "Yes."

Demmer: "And one of your proposals, for example.. one of the two aspects of this Bill is to bring up the TANF grant from where it is today, which is 30 percent of the poverty level, to 50 percent of the poverty level. Is that correct?"

Evans: "Yes, that's correct."

Demmer: "Okay. And to clarify with that, we're not talking about GRF dollars that are funding these TANF grants. Instead, this is a block grant that the state receives from the Federal Government and then within that we administer the TANF program, correct?"

Evans: "Yes, correct. And again, some states take less. I'm not sure why they do that. But we're going to increase it up to 50 percent."

Demmer: "Okay. Appreciate that. And then the second piece is on the child support pass-through. With this Bill that you're proposing, child support that is owed to a family who's eligible for TANF, today some of that child support is intercepted and withheld from the family. And your Bill would allow all the child support to be passed through to the family who's entitled to it, correct?"

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Evans: "Without question. And again, when we use words like some, let's be crystal clear, the vast majority of the money is held by the state."

Demmer: "Right."

Evans: "And we want to get that money to the families, and we know what's the reality. Many times, it's single moms right on the edge and this additional dollars will go a long way."

Demmer: "All right. Thank you for that. To the Bill. This is a responsible way that we can increase support for some families in Illinois who are living well below the poverty line. And also, a way that we can make sure that, when child support is paid by a parent, it goes to the children, it goes to the children it's designed to support. I encourage a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "There being no further discussion, Leader Evans is recognized to close."

Evans: "Thank you all. And I appreciate the support."

Speaker Andrade: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4423 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Buckner."

Buckner: "Buckner votes 'yes'."

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

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Yes."

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

McLaughlin: "Representative McLaughlin votes 'yes'."

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

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Meier: "Yes."

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

Speaker Andrade: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4544, Representative Meyers-Martin. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4544, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4544, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Meyers-Martin, please proceed."

Meyers-Martin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4544 is an initiative from the Illinois State Treasurer's Office, which amends the Charitable Trust Stabilization Act to clarify spending allocations from the Charitable Trust Fund and to remove obsolete provisions from the statute. The rationale is to adjust the spending allocations, which gives the Treasurer authority to utilize more of the funds for grants to assist smallest nonprofit organizations in Illinois. And it cleans up the language which requires repayment of a startup fund of a million dollars, which has been repaid over two installments in 2011 and 2012. So, I ask for an 'aye' vote to support House Bill 4544."

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Speaker Andrade: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "Said she will. Please proceed."

Batinick: "Representative, it was so loud in here I could hardly hear what you were saying. Can you just summarize it shortly real quick what we're doing here with this charitable trust?"

Meyers-Martin: "I'm sorry. Could you say that again?"

Batinick: "Could you shortly summarized what we're doing with this charitable trust? Here's what our analysis says. No longer allows money in a Charitable Trust Stabilization Fund to be used only for grants for startup purposes of participating organizations. So, we're... we're broadening who the charitable trust could be used for, correct?"

Meyers-Martin: "Yes."

Batinick: "Okay. What would be some of the organizations that we would be broadening it to?"

Meyers-Martin: "Well, I believe that the reasoning for the changes would be that... to allow and give the Treasurer more authority to give more dollars to the nonprofit funds... organizations."

Batinick: "Okay. And it removes provision requiring the State Treasurer to transfer specified amounts from GRF to the Charitable Trust Stabilization Fund. What is the reason for that for that particular piece in the Bill?"

Meyers-Martin: "Because there were enough dollars in the fund that would allow him to increase those... those contributions to those organizations. And I believe it just makes it a more effective fund."



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Batinick: "Okay. And you tried to... it looks like you had a few Bills similar to this previously that have passed earlier in the General Assembly. Is that correct?"

Meyers-Martin: "In the past, I have carried Treasurer's Bills, yes."

Batinick: "Okay. And they... so we have similar Bills. Did those become... like we have HB4616 of the 101st, which removed the ability to use grants for startup purposes. Did that become law or was that just something that didn't make it through the process and we're doing this Bill instead?"

Meyers-Martin: "Well, I do remember the first Bill, and it was to make the unclaimed property division a little more effective and a little user-friendly for people who are trying to access that."

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

Meyers-Martin: "Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Andrade: "She said she will. Please proceed."

Keicher: "Excellent. Thank you, Representative, for bringing this. I appreciate it. I have a few questions about the program itself. Can you help me understand, as the Treasurer's Office has looked at these funds, I show, I believe it was since 2007 or 2003, 173 non-for-profits have been benefitted by this fund? Are you familiar with the demographics on those non-for-profits, where they are geographically and what communities they may or may not have been able to help?"

Meyers-Martin: "I'm not exactly sure about those particular situations. But I do know, from having conversations with

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staffers from the Treasurer's Office, that this revised funding allocation will allow the Treasurer's Office to maintain its current... current funding levels."

Keicher: "And so, how do we act with certainty, in this proposed legislation, that the Treasurer's Office isn't using this to benefit organizations that... that he feels solely should benefit from these? What are the qualifications? What are the reviews? How do we make sure that we know that organizations that are truly needing stabilization are benefitting from these fees that are collected?"

Meyers-Martin: "I think because their focus and their attention is given to applicants that are located in areas where pervasive poverty, unemployment, and economic distress exist. Because these grant programs focus on housing... housing programs, food programs, and workforce and economic development. And I can say that, in my particular district, it is extremely important for these organizations to have access to resources like this."

Keicher: "I'm having a little trouble hearing, gang. Can... thank you. So, is there... as we look at these organizations... again, I go back to parameters. I have a lot of concern about how the Treasurer has used his office to continue to market to certain folks with his name and information being put out there. So, I'm concerned when we have a broad statement, like a charitable stabilization for trust funds, how that's going to be utilized and what rules and controls we'll have in place so that the Treasurer doesn't use these again to personally benefit from giving to organizations that are in need."

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Meyers-Martin: "I think that the Treasurer's Office uses complete scrutiny in terms of selecting and consideration for these..."

Keicher: "So... so, this is the core of my question. How are those organizations picked? Do organizations have a specific criterion that they need to meet in order to apply for this stabilization fund? And being that it's a stabilization fund, it's very concerning, in a non-for-profit world, which I've served on non-for-profit boards, as I'm sure you have as well. Where we have stabilization, there are other oftentimes underlying causes of that destabilization. Sometimes it's a lack of leadership. Sometimes it's a lack of funding. Sometimes it is a purpose that has outlived. So, I'm worried giving the Treasurer's Office a blank check to support organizations that he feels fit is not the appropriate use of these funds. So, help me understand the parameters for the granted organizations that are being supported."

Meyers-Martin: "I believe that there is a very specific process that is required for organizations to... to utilize. And secondly, there are so many organizations that have not taken advantage of this program because it is very stringent and very clear in its requirements."

Keicher: "Okay. But we don't know what those requirements are?"

Meyers-Martin: "Oh. Well, all of the... all of those requirements and those restrictions and those guidelines are at the Web site. And their focus... their focus is to... to work with organizations that have less than a million dollars in their... in their coffers."

Keicher: "Okay. To the Bill. As I've expressed earlier in this dialogue, I have grave concern about how the Treasurer's

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Office has used programs to personally benefit himself as opposed to representing it from the taxpayers of the State of Illinois. He continues to put his name on the materials that go out there. This should be a concern for all of us, especially after the work that we saw done by a previous Governor to put his name all over the place. I think programs that are done for the benefit of taxpayers should be credited by the taxpayers who are giving up their resources to support those organizations. So, Representative, I appreciate you bringing this, but I am going to urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Davis."

Davis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Simply to the Bill. What I think the Representative is also trying to do is figure out a way to help support organizations that struggle to try to provide grassroots services for individuals. All of us don't have the luxury of having very well-funded non-for-profits in their districts that are supported by their communities. Because their communities are wealthy, the residents that live in those communities write nice checks and donate to those organizations. So, if there is yet another way that we can utilize an opportunity to help stabilize those grassroots organizations that are in our communities that are doing great work for... by shoestring budgets, here is yet another opportunity to do so. Now, the previous speaker is probably talking about some political stuff that doesn't belong in this conversation at all. And that's fine if that's what he wants to do. But the idea of accusing the Treasurer of ingratiating himself in that way is kind of inappropriate in my opinion. This Bill is simply trying to provide an

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opportunity using resources to help small non-for-profit organizations. The eligibility requirements for those organizations are on the Web site. It's geared toward very small organizations with under a million dollars in assets. Those are small organizations. So, while the previous speaker suggested we vote 'no' for his own reasons, because we all have these organizations or many of us have these organizations in our district, I encourage a very strong 'yes' to the Representative's Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Mazzochi is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "Yes, she will. Please proceed."

Mazzochi: "So, one of the things that is referenced in this legislation is the Charitable Trust Stabilization Fund. Do you know where the money comes from that actually funds the Charitable Trust Stabilization Fund?"

Meyers-Martin: "Well, the information that I have is that the fund that was created in 2007, it was created specifically to support nonprofit organizations across the State of Illinois."

Mazzochi: "Right. No, I understand what it's suppose to do. I'm saying do you know where the money going into the fund comes from?"

Meyers-Martin: "It comes from the filing fees that nonprofits pay to incorporate with the state."

Mazzochi: "Yeah, it actually doesn't just come from the nonprofits. It comes from any annual report, foreign or domestic. Everybody has to pay a five-dollar fee with their annual report and that is what goes into this fund. Do you

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know how much the fund has collected over... since its inception?"

Meyers-Martin: "I do not know from the inception."

Mazzochi: "Okay. You know, one of the... I think one of the... to the prior speaker's last points. One of the, I guess, differentiating factors when it comes to this fund as opposed to private charities is that, at least when it comes to private charities, you have an option as to whether you're going to actually put money into it. This is something that's being compelled by the State of Illinois as a fee or... as a filing fee or a tax on everybody who's filing every year. So, I think there's a little bit of a distinction there. When it comes to, though, the original purpose of the trust, it originally used to say that most of the funds were going to be put into startup expenses. And that's understandable, because if you're in economically depressed areas, it's actually very difficult to get up and running. But then the point is supposed to be that over time, if you're doing good work, you should be able to find pathways to become self-sustainable. You can apply for state grants, that sort of thing. So, by taking... by taking that limitation away, you're essentially creating a little subset of charitable opportunity... charitable organizations that are going to be dependent on the Treasurer's Office, when normally those types of entities should be just applying through DCEO or something along those lines. So, why is it that after the... if these charities... if they're doing viable work once they become established, why is it that they can't then go through the

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normal state grant making process if they're doing good social services work?"

Meyers-Martin: "It doesn't stop them from doing that. They can do that any time."

Mazzochi: "Right. But the point is, is that... I think the reason why this was originally created was to help new entities start up. And that's the reason why we... you know, why the language that was in there was devoting the budgets towards op... towards startup expenses, and you're eliminating that from... through this Bill. So, I think you're actually taking away a unique pathway we had, and you're changing the nature of the program from one that's going to help fund startups, where people normally wouldn't have the capital to get their organization going, to just normal run-of-the-mill charitable organization."

Meyers-Martin: "So, could you repeat that question?"

Mazzochi: "Yeah. I mean, aren't you concerned that we're losing something and we're changing the nature of the program as it was originally intended? Because the nature of the program, as it was originally intended, was to create some seed money so that new charitable organizations in economically depressed areas could actually, kind of, get started, get up and running on their feet. Now, you're basically reallocating what was supposed to be the seed money. And you're saying, no, now this can be used to fund operational expenses year after year after year. So, that's going to effectively detract from the seed money startup dollars that this was originally supposed to support. That's the concern."

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Meyers-Martin: "Well, I'm not aware of... of how they evolved from being... helping startups to now contributing to operational budgets every year. But because that has been assessed that there is a need in the communities, and it mentions specifically communities located where there is pervasive poverty, unemployment, and economic disinterest, they have evolved to a resource now that can help organizations that cannot survive without the assistance to their operational budgets which is..."

Mazzochi: "Well, maybe we can get at it this way. Can you pull up page two of your legislation, line seven? So, originally it said that the monies for the fund may be used as grants for the start up or operational purposes of participating organizations. And you're now eliminating that. So, why are we discouraging the use of these funds for startup charitable organizations in these economically depressed areas? It just feels like we're pulling the ladder up after everybody who's taken advantage of this program. We're not allowing for anybody new to come in and start a new organization."

Meyers-Martin: "That is why they are trying to address some of the obsolete language. So, in the original trust fund, it talked about grants for startups. But now, as they have evolved, they are now making this available for organizations for their operational purposes because there is a need to do that. And I believe that the Treasurer's Office has been very careful and very cautious about how they have evolved with this particular stabilization fund."

Mazzochi: "Yeah, and I'm just going to disagree with you. Because I actually think that the most important time when you can



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sometimes make seed money available is at that startup phase, because that's exactly the point where people who are in economically depressed areas, they don't have access to startup capital. They don't necessarily have a revenue stream that they can use to employ their people. So, by deliberately deleting the startup language, you're now making it harder for new organizations to try to start operating in economically depressed areas. So, I just haven't heard a good explanation as to why we should support that. So, I find that to be very discouraging, frankly. So, let's move on. We can move on to page two, subsection (c). So, lines 12 to 16, which are stricken out, that actually authorized the Treasurer's Department to have an operating budget so that they could manage and operate the fund. Now, we're basically saying that we're eliminating their ability to actually have an operating budget from... for the fund. So, who's going to actually run the fund? If we don't... if we're basically saying they have no operating budget. So, for your staffer, it's on page 2, subsection (c), lines 12 to 16, the operating budget has been eliminated."

Meyers-Martin: "I think the belief is, is that the fund is far enough long, it's been operating since 2007, that it can now focus on operational budgets rather than the startups."

Mazzochi: "No. As I'm reading, 'Moneys in the Fund may be used only for the following purposes.' It can do grants. It says the... but then the administration of the fund in this Act... but then it says, 'Moneys deposited into the Fund must be allocated as follows.' So, we've got zero allocation for the administration of the fund in its Act and everything else has

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to go for the grants. So... or a portion to be invested for the purposes of earning income... interest or other investment income. So, how do you actually get to operational... like, how do you pick... like, how does the Treasurer's Office actually have the money to run this fund when you've basically prohibited... you've taken out the line item that allows them to fund the budget of the fund for the next fiscal year? So, maybe we can take a step back. And I don't know if your staffer wants to follow me. So, this is in subsection (c), lines 12 to 16. That language there, the 20 percent of the amount deposited into the fund must be set aside for the operating budget of the fund for the next fiscal year. So, that operating budget of the fund is what's also going to actually pay for the Treasurer to administer the fund."

Meyers-Martin: "The Treasurer's Office has other operational funds that they can use for this process."

Mazzochi: "Well, but... but do we know that they're actually going to use it?"

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Mazzochi, please have your closing remarks. We have other Members that wish to be recognized. If you have further questions, if you please..."

Mazzochi: "No, that's fine. I mean, I'll bring it to a close. I think that there... to the Bill. I have no problem... well, I mean, if we're going to decide that we're going to have a fund where we assess people who are filing... that basically we're going to take a percentage of people's corporate filing fees and devote it to this stabilization trust fund for charities. If the whole point of this fund originally was to try to help startup charities that didn't necessarily have

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the operating capital to function, to take that away with this Amendment, to me, guts the entire purpose of having this type of charitable stabilization fund. And moreover, the fact that you've now cut out the operating budget, the way in which I read the language here, either the Treasurer's Office is not legally authorized to have an operating budget for the fund or you've taken out the 20 percent limits that the Treasurer could actually use in terms of funding their operations. And for that reason, I'm a 'no' vote because it actually makes the current the law worse. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Halpin is recognized."

Halpin: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the promotion.

So, will the Sponsor yield?"

Meyers-Martin: "I'm sorry?"

Halpin: "I just asked if the Sponsor would yield."

Speaker Andrade: "She indicates she will. Please proceed."

Halpin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative, could you just clarify a couple of questions for me? It's my understanding that there is a charitable trust committee that actually evaluates the applications and recommends which organizations to fund. Is that right?"

Meyers-Martin: "That is correct. That's correct."

Halpin: "And so, it's not the Treasurer himself making those decisions, right?"

Meyers-Martin: "Yes."

Halpin: "And those appointments are... are made from various agencies in the Treasurer's Office, and they are confirmed by the Senate. Am I correct?"

Meyers-Martin: "That is correct."

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Halpin: "When this program was originally established, it's my understanding as well that it was originally within the office of DCEO. Is that right?"

Meyers-Martin: "Yes."

Halpin: "And was later moved to the Treasurer's Office because there wasn't much activity at DCEO. There wasn't... they weren't actually doing what... anything with the program or helping these charitable trusts get off the ground and be stabilized, right?"

Meyers-Martin: "Yes."

Halpin: "The eligibility requirements you mentioned, they're on the Web site. Are they also in administrative rule?"

Meyers-Martin: "I'm sorry?"

Halpin: "Are the eligibility requirements, are they also in administrative rule and reviewed by JCAR? I believe they are, correct?"

Meyers-Martin: "Yes."

Halpin: "So, this... I mean, this process overall is... it's not directed by one person or one office holder. This is a program that is now well established and actually helps charitable trusts in need and are reviewed by an independent committee made up of several members independently appointed by agencies and by the Treasurer and confirmed by the Senate."

Meyers-Martin: "That is... that is correct."

Halpin: "Thank you. And so, to the Bill. You know, this is... I think there's maybe some of other motives at issue here. But this has been a good program. As I said, it's independently administered. They're checks and balances in putting these funds out. The eligibility requirements require you to be in

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existence for a year. And so, all this question about startups, these are charitable trusts that are in need, they need to be funded. And there's a requirement that 20 percent of that fund be invested to make sure that this program continues and that we don't, in the long term, run out of funds for this important purpose. So, I strongly encourage a 'yes' vote. And I appreciate the Representative for bringing the Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "There being no further discussion, the Chair recognizes Representative Meyers-Martin to close."

Meyers-Martin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask for an 'aye' vote for House Bill 4544, which amends the Charitable Stabilization Act, but it provides more additional resources for the nonprofit organizations that would not be able to survive without it. So, I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4544 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Buckner."

Buckner: "Buckner votes 'yes'."

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

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Yes."

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

McLaughlin: "Representative McLaughlin votes 'no'."

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

Meier: "No."

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

Speaker Andrade: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 69 voting in 'favor', 42 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4783, Leader Wheeler. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4783, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4783, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Wheeler, please proceed."

Wheeler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4783 does one very simple thing, and it matches the definitions that we have in the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act with what should have been put into the Disaster Relief Act. So now, they... the definition will be permanently parallel together so we can make changes in one and it will reflect in the other. Appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "There being no further discussion, Leader Wheeler to close."

Wheeler: "Please vote 'aye'."

Speaker Andrade: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4783 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Buckner."

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Buckner: "Yes."

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

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Yes."

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

McLaughlin: "Representative McLaughlin votes 'yes'."

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

Meier: "Yes."

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

Speaker Andrade: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5098, by Representative Moylan. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5098, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5098, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Moylan, please proceed."

Moylan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the General Assembly. This is an IDOT Bill. Has no opposition. Has bipartisan support. All it states is simply that if you're going to annex a piece of property, you got to let IDOT know."

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Thank you, and I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote. And I'm available for any and all questions."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "He says he will. Please proceed."

Batinick: "Representative, you were doing awesome until that last part got a little quick. You said you will do... if you're going to annex property, what do you have to do with IDOT?"

Moylan: "You have to... the organization or the person or the individual that is annexing the property has to inform IDOT about the annexation."

Batinick: "Okay. No further questions."

Moylan: "Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5098 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Buckner."

Buckner: "Yes."

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

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Yes."

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

McLaughlin: "Representative McLaughlin votes 'yes'."

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

Meier: "Yes."

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



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Speaker Andrade: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5098. Mr. Clerk, please read the record... please read the Bill. House Bill 5262, Representative Moylan. Please... Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5262, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5262, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Moylan, please proceed."

Moylan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the General Assembly. This is another IDOT Bill. This is a transparency Bill. This requires IDOT to hire a individual or person to keep the Members of the General Assembly and the public informed of where the projects are in this group, what's happening, how much it's going to cost, and what... how many individuals its going employ. There's no opposition, and I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "The Sponsor says yes. Please proceed."

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Batinick: "You actually... you actually were a little bit away from the mic. It went really fast. What's the synopsis of what this Bill exactly does with IDOT?"

Moylan: "It... because there is a situation where IDOT of not providing the Members of the General Assembly and the public information regarding the projects or the projects that will be coming, we felt it is important to hold IDOT to the fire and require them to actually hire, like, an ombudsman, which would be a person that has to inform the public where the projects are, how much they're going to cost, and when they're going to be available to start. Currently, IDOT has billions and billions of dollars available, and the General Assembly would like to know when they're going to be spent and when their projects are going to be completed."

Batinick: "So, this is to notify the General Assembly or the general public?"

Moylan: "The General Assembly and the public."

Batinick: "Okay. No further questions."

Moylan: "Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Davis is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "Indicates he will. Please proceed."

Davis: "So, I'm trying to read through it real quickly, Representative. So, as it relates to diversity metrics, what might this individual do?"

Moylan: "This doesn't have anything to do with diversity. Just requires IDOT to tell us where the projects are and what is happening, when they're going to allocated, and how much money is going to be spent."

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Davis: "Has this Bill been amended?"

Moylan: "No, Sir."

Davis: "So, you're telling me it has nothing to do with diversity and there's a bullet point in the analysis that says diversity metrics."

Moylan: "Well, I don't see that. I don't see anything in here what you're talking about. Like I said, this is requiring IDOT to hire a individual to report to the General Assembly and to the public where projects are. It's nothing to do with employment requirements."

Davis: "Well, it's not necessarily an employment requirement. So, this person has nothing to do with utilization, nothing of the such?"

Moylan: "No."

Davis: "Just to tell us where project A is? Whether it's been let, not let, stage of completion. I'm just trying to make sure I understand."

Moylan: "Yes, Sir."

Davis: "Okay. And so, why would we not include things like diversity, utilization, any of that in..."

Moylan: "Well, because..."

Davis: "I'm just asking, why not?"

Moylan: "Because that would be in a different Bill, a different part of IDOT. This is a simpler initiative that... well, because IDOT and them have many minority applications in all their procurement contracts. This is just to let the public know where they stand, where the projects are, and how much they're going to cost, and when they're going to be allocated."

Davis: "Okay. Thank you very much, Representative."

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Moylan: "Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative McCombie."

McCombie: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield for a couple questions, please?"

Speaker Andrade: "He indicates he will. Please proceed."

McCombie: "Representative, are you familiar with IDOT's multi-year plan that is posted on the Web site?"

Moylan: "I know there is a plan posted on their Web site."

McCombie: "So, are you aware that that plan says which districts, what the projects are, when they're going to be spent?"

Moylan: "I'm aware that there's a program on IDOT. But I'm also aware that there's a lot of frustration with the Members and also with contractors that are trying to allocate and do the work."

McCombie: "So... so, do you want them to email you the multi-year plan? Would that be helpful?"

Moylan: "No."

McCombie: "Okay. Are you also aware that in the budget that they break it down by districts what's being spent and how it's being spent?"

Moylan: "No."

McCombie: "It is."

Moylan: "That's good, but I'm not concerned about that. Right now, I have a Bill that is requiring IDOT to hire an individual that is going to keep us informed of what is going on, on IDOT. They have billions and billions of dollars that are not being spent. And I think it's time to hire... actually hire a person to let us know where the money is, when the

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contracts are going to be let, and when and how much is going to be spent in a timely manner."

McCombie: "So, are you saying that you want somebody hired to work at IDOT to email you the multi-year plan and the budget?"

Moylan: "No."

McCombie: "No further questions."

Moylan: "Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Mazzochi is recognized."

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

Speaker Andrade: "Indicates he will. Please proceed."

Mazzochi: "I wasn't... in response to Leader Davis' questions. I wasn't sure if you were saying that there are diversity metrics that are going to be tracked and reported under this Bill or there are not?"

Moylan: "No."

Mazzochi: "Well then, how do you explain what... the language that you have on page 5, line 15, that's titled, 'Diversity metrics, which shall be tracked and reported for construction and consultant services and include the following', with a long list of stuff?"

Moylan: "That's already required by IDOT. My Bill is requiring IDOT to hire a person that's going to actually state where the projects are."

Mazzochi: "All right. Now, one question that I have is, obviously IDOT does subject things to a competitive bidding process. So, to the extent that IDOT is going to be publishing anything in connection with budgets or a lot of the data and details that you have in this language, how is that going to work

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with the competitive bidding process in trying to keep things secret until the bids are opened?"

Moylan: "Not going to interfere with that at all."

Mazzochi: "Why not?"

Moylan: "Because that's not what's in the Bill."

Mazzochi: "Sorry?"

Moylan: "That's not what's in the Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Moylan, can you speak closer to the mic, please?"

Moylan: "Yes."

Mazzochi: "Well... but as I read some of this, you're asking that a lot more information be presented in terms of master programs, budget schedules, and that type of thing. And I'm not saying... each individual project budget that... and all of that. So, if somebody knows what the... what IDOT's potential project budget is going to be, isn't that going to encourage people to bid up to what the project budget is as opposed to submit the lowest, most-competitive bid?"

Moylan: "No."

Mazzochi: "Why do you say that?"

Moylan: "Because it's not... that's not going to happen. I disagree with what you're saying."

Mazzochi: "Well... but this is the language that you've actually put into the Bill. I mean, do you need me to point you to some of the language that's in there?"

Moylan: "I don't read it that way."

Mazzochi: "All right. Well, Section 20, in... actually... sorry. When it comes to Section 15, you state... it's titled, 'Publicly available master program, budget, and construction schedule.'

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For the purposes of allowing key infrastructure stakeholders to effectively plan and schedule the procurement of required materials and resources and to keep the public informed of project progress, the Office of the Secretary of Transportation shall develop a publicly available project information website that includes name, location, estimated commencement completion date, as well as the actual cost of each project.' So, is it fair to say then that, if we're to follow your stated intent for the Bill, the actual cost of each project, that can't be published until after we're through the competitive bidding process?"

Moylan: "There is a competitive bidding process, and I would say that that's got to be filed."

Mazzochi: "Right. And I just want to it to be clear that the... the stuff you're identifying in Section 20, where you are... I'm sorry, in Section 15. So, it's page four of the Bill, line three, where you say that they have to... that IDOT has to publish the actual cost of each project. That actual cost is going to be coming at... for any given phase of construction, is going to be coming after the competitive bidding process has happened, right?"

Moylan: "Yes. I think you made that clear."

Mazzochi: "Okay. That's what I needed to know. Thank you."

Moylan: "Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Moylan to close."

Moylan: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Andrade: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5262 pass?'  
All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting  
is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Buckner."

Buckner: "Yes."

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

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Yes."

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

McLaughlin: "Representative McLaughlin votes 'yes'."

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

Meier: "No."

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

Speaker Andrade: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who  
wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On  
this question, there are 109 voting in 'favor', 2 voting  
'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received  
a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page  
16 of the Calendar, under the Order of Resolutions, we have  
House Joint Resolution 63, Representative Meier, presented by  
Representative Swanson. Representative Swanson."

Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill was brought to us by  
the Illinois Stewardship Alliance. We all know we are the  
breadbasket of the world. Healthy soil is healthy water. Our  
number one resource is in this fertile prairie and our  
citizens so we should all work together for our continued  
ability to help feed the world. First full week of March is



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Illinois Healthy Soil Week. And first Wednesday of that week is Healthy Soil Day. I would encourage an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Swanson moves the adoption of House Joint Resolution 63. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. All those in favor say 'aye'; all of those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Joint... House Joint Resolution 75, presented by Representative Lilly... Leader Lilly. Representative Lilly, would you wish for us to come back to you? House Resolution 585, Representative Smith."

Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 585 declares March 3, which has come and gone, as Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Day. One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. That's the statistic you probably have heard before, especially during Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. But our work to educate Illinoisians about breast cancer can't be limited to just one month because one in eight does not begin to describe the risk that is posed by an aggressive subtype of breast cancer called triple-negative breast cancer. This breast cancer disproportionately strikes young women, especially young women of color, and is more aggressive, it's harder to treat, and is more likely to be diagnosed at a late stage than other breast cancers. We desperately need to raise awareness about the unique risk posed by TNBC and the alarming disparities in screening and diagnosis for TNBC among populations most vulnerable to this disease. That's why I'm proud to introduce

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HR585 to celebrate March as Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Illinois. Now, this fight is personal for me. My mother actually succumbed to breast cancer at the age of 39, and that was about 40 years ago. So, had we known then what we know now, she may have lived much longer. We have all been impacted by this disease, and we all have a story of a mother, a sister, a friend who has bravely battled breast cancer. Yet, it is important to acknowledge that this burden falls disproportionately on women of color. The data is clear. Black women suffer from higher rates of mortality from breast cancer in Illinois. According to the CDC, in 2018 the mortality rate for breast cancer in women of all races and ethnicities in our state was 20.7, while for black women it was 33.1. This is compelling evidence of a persistent health disparity in Illinois that makes it harder for black women to get screening, diagnosis, and timely care and treatment for their breast cancer. The aggressive nature of TNBC, combined with existing barriers of access in care, only exacerbates these alarming outcomes. We must take action to reduce disparities in a diagnosis and treatment of TNBC. We can increase state funding for targeted education and awareness programs in underserved communities. We can expand access to programs providing screening and diagnostic testing, like the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. We can work to increase the number of women who have access to genetic counseling resources and limiting out-of-pocket cost for these services. Most of all, we can work together to raise awareness about TNBC during Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Month, this month of March, as well as all year

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long. So, I call on my colleagues in the Illinois House to support Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Month and join me in taking action to expand access to health care for this disease, reducing health disparities, and improve outcomes for the young women of color who are most likely to face this diagnosis. Together we can save lives. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Smith moves for the adoption of House Resolution 585. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 630, Representative Collins."

Collins: "One second, be really quick. All right."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Collins, please proceed."

Collins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, House Resolution 630 recognizes Black History Month as an important time to celebrate the remarkable contributions of all black women in the United States. It acknowledges the continuing struggling... struggles within African American communities, especially those of black women, and encourages Governor Pritzker to address the ongoing issues affecting those communities."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Collins moves adoption of House Resolution 5... 630. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Joint Resolution 75, Representative Lilly."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the General Assembly. Fifteen years ago, the Illinois General Assembly passed the Smoke Free Act... Illinois Act, prohibiting

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smoking in virtually all public places and work places. According to the latest Illinois Department of Public Health data brief on the impact of Smoke Free Illinois, within just 4 years after passing in 2008, there was 28.4 percent decline in the smoking rate, 4.1 percent decline in the mortality rate for heart disease, 1.4 percent decline in the mortality rate for lung disease, hospitalization rates declined by 7.6 percent for asthma, 14.5 percent for heart attacks, and 13 percent for strokes from 2006 to 2011 in Illinois, saving Illinois over \$1 billion in health care costs for Illinoisans. In honor of the 15-year anniversary of the... of the Smoke Free Illinois Act taking effect, this Joint Resolution asks that the Illinois Department of Public Health to provide a data brief on the impact of the... of the Smoke Free Illinois Act since 2013 and have this report available by 2023. According to the CDC, there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke and e-cigarettes' aerosols are not harmless. This Joint Resolution states the importance of continuing to protect the Smoke Free Illinois Act and working to strengthen it so that we can all remain healthy and live happy lives with our family. I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Lilly moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 75. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. On page... Leader Butler, for what reason do you wish to be recognized?"

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

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

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Butler: "Thank you. I would just like to invite all Members, staff, friends, and family, on behalf of Representative Buckner, Cassidy, Keicher, and I, along with the Land of Lincoln Chapter of the American Outlaws supporters' group for U.S. Soccer, to the Alamo to this evening at 9 p.m. for a very important U.S. men's soccer game versus Mexico. It's a World Cup qualifier. Our friends at Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits will be there as well. Should be a good time. Feel free to come out to the Alamo, 9 p.m. kickoff. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Mayfield. Representative Mayfield, for what reason do you wish to be recognized?"

Mayfield: "Personal privilege."

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Mayfield: "Today I rise to celebrate Elizabeth 'Bessie' Coleman, the first African American woman and first Native American woman licensed pilot and a pillar in the civil and gender rights movement. Coleman began her life in Atlanta, Texas, the 10th of 13 children born to black and mixed Cherokee parents. She grew up amidst the dangers and anti-black violence of the Jim Crow south as well as pervasive national sexist attitudes. Despite these obstacles standing in her way, she held onto a lifelong dream of being a pilot. When she was 23, Coleman moved to Chicago to live with her brothers, where she worked as a manicurist while applying to flight schools. She was denied from everyone due to her race and her gender. However, after being teased by her brothers about all the rights French women already enjoyed, she set sail to France to enjoy... I'm sorry... to enroll in flight

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school. Soon, she was in the cockpit of 2200 pound Nieuport-type 82 aircraft soaring at 100 miles an hour. After successfully completing flight school, she returned to the U.S. and quickly became a media sensation. For years, Coleman traveled the U.S. performing Aerial stunts for paying audiences, ultimately earning the nickname 'Queen Bess' in recognition of her prowess and charm. Coleman famously stunted a... I'm sorry. Coleman famously performed a stunt routine in an air show over Chicago to honor World War I veterans in which she executed figure eights, loops, and steep dives for a cheering crowd. Throughout her career, Coleman advocated for more opportunities for black and female pilots. She was a long... it was a long-held goal for her to establish a school for young black aviators. Unfortunately, her dream was never realized. On April 30, 1926, as she was riding in a beaten-up Jenny to do reconnaissance for an upcoming show, the plane unexpectedly fell into a steep dive and Coleman was thrown from the passenger seat at 2 thousand feet. Her body was returned to her adopted hometown in Chicago. An estimated 10 thousand mourners attended her funeral, which was led by civil rights activist Ida B. Wells. Coleman's legacy has lived on beyond her passing as aspiring black aviators everywhere have since credited her as a pioneer. Mae Jemison, the first woman in space, carried a picture of Coleman with her on her first flight. Jemison said, I point to Bessie Coleman and say here is a woman, a being who amplifies and serves as a model for all humanity and the very definition of strength, dignity, courage, integrity, and beauty. For those reasons, we recognize her today. Thank you."

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Speaker Andrade: "Representative Haas, for what reason do you rise?"

Haas: "Thank you. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I rise in tribute of a former Member of this Body who made history while making a positive difference in the lives of Illinois families during her 20-year career in State Government. Representative Patti Bellock of Hinsdale enjoyed a long and distinguished career of public service as a DuPage County Board member, State Representative for the 47th District, and Director of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, retiring from State Government in 2019. Representative Bellock was born Patricia Rigney on October 14, 1946 to proud parents John Rigney and Dorothy Comiskey Rigney, and big sister Mary Sharon, loving grandmother Grace Comiskey, who was then the owner of the Chicago White Sox. Patti grew up in River Forest, Illinois and graduated from St. Norbert College in Wisconsin, where she received a bachelor's degree in history and American government. Prior to entering public service, she taught school in both Fairbanks, Alaska and Milwaukee, Wisconsin and served as vice president of a sports investment firm in the private sector. Patti moved to Hinsdale in early 1970, where she raised her two daughters, Colleen and Dorothy, and became active in the Downers Grove Township Republican Organization, elected as a precinct committeewoman and volunteering for local candidates and community causes. She was elected to the DuPage County Board in 1992, where she served with distinction for six years. In 1998, Patti ran for State Representative and won a competitive Republican primary in the 81st District

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for the seat being vacated by Judy Biggert, who was elected to Congress that year. Patti went on to be elected State Representative in November 1998 and took the oath of office in January 1999 as a Member of the 91st General Assembly, the first of what would ultimately be 10 terms in the House of Representatives. Throughout her nearly 20 years as a Member of the House, Representative Bellock was a tireless advocate in the areas of education, juvenile justice, health care, developmental disabilities, and mental health. Her landmark legislation, the SMART Act, reforming the Illinois Medicaid system, and Bills requiring mental health parity, MRSA infection control, improving the Amber Alert system, and strengthening child support in Illinois have been recognized on a national level. In October 2013, Representative Bellock was appointed Deputy Minority Leader, the first woman in Illinois history to be appointed to that position, a role she served until her retirement from the Illinois House of Representatives in July of 2018. Over the course of her legislative career, Patti served as chief budget negotiator for House Republicans and as the Minority Spokesman on both House Human Services Committee and Human Services-Appropriations Committee. Representative Bellock received numerous state and national awards for her role in various community projects and served on several local boards and groups addressing issues on taxes, substance abuse, Alzheimer's, autism, human services, mental health, multiple sclerosis, violence prevention, and the arts and was named Legislator of the Year by over 20 different associations and organizations. Representative Bellock was appointed to the



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National Health Care Committee of the National Conference of State Legislators in Washington, D.C. and also served on the Midwest Director for the national group of Women in Government and chaired the Conference on Women Legislators in Springfield. In July of 2018, Patti Bellock resigned from the House of Representatives in order to accept an appointment from the Governor to be the new Director of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, where she continued her work on behalf of Illinois' most vulnerable children, family, and seniors. While I did not have the privilege of serving here in this chamber with Patti, I did have the honor of knowing her and working with her through my work in the mental health field. As a matter of fact, when I was asked to run for this House seat, she was one of the first calls that I had made to have a conversation with before making the decision to run. I'm inspired by her legacy and the countless stories of her kindness and generosity to her colleagues, staff, visitors, to this Capitol, and to her constituents back home. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to salute a true trailblazer for women in Illinois government, former State Representative and Deputy House Republican Leader Patti Bellock."

Speaker Andrade: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 746, offered by Representative Elizabeth Hernandez. House Resolution 748, offered by Representative Paul Jacobs. House Resolution 749, offered by Representative Keicher. And House Resolution 750, offered by Representative Gabel."

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Speaker Andrade: "Leader Greenwood moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Greenwood moves that the House stand adjourned until Friday, March 25, at the hour of 10:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Second Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5054, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. It'll be held on the Order of Second Reading. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."