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Speaker Giglio: "The House will come to order. The Chaplain for today is Reverend Mark Schohczenski of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Illinois. Reverend Schohczenski is the guest of Representative Bob Olson. All guests in the gallery may wish to rise for the invocation. Reverend."

Reverend Schohczenski: "Thank you. Let us pray. Lord, God, Your Son came among us to serve and not to be served and to give His life for the world. Lead us by His love to serve all those to whom the world offers no comfort and little help. Through us, give hope to the hopeless, love to the unloved, peace to the troubled and rest to the weary. Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Speaker Giglio: "We'll be led in the Pledge by Representative Mautino."

Mautino - 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 Giglio: "Roll Call For Attendance. Representative Kubik."

Kubik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representatives Pedersen and Saviano are excused today."

Speaker Giglio: "The record will so indicate. Representative Lang."

Lang: "Representative LeFlore should be excused today, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Giglio: "Let the record indicate that Representative LeFlore is excused. One hundred and fifteen answering the Quorum Call, quorum is present, the House is ready to do its business. Introduction of Senate Bills."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 43, offered by Representative Weller, a

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Bill for an Act in relation to parking tickets. Senate Bill 277, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act amending the Bees and Apiaries Act. Senate Bill 291, offered by Representative Santiago, a Bill for an Act in relation to migrant labor camps. Senate Bill 401, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act amending the Revenue Act of 1939. Senate Bill 405, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act concerning emission allowances authorized under the federal Clean Air Act. Senate Bill 432, offered by Representative Biggert, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Human Rights Act. Senate Bill 483, offered by Representative Homer, a Bill for an Act amending the Criminal Code of 1961. Senate Bill 490, offered by Representative Flinn, a Bill for an Act amending the Credit Card Issuance Act. Senate Bill 502, offered by Representative Kubik, a Bill for an Act concerning nursing home residents. Senate Bill 522, offered by Representative Kubik, a Bill for an Act in relation to fuels. Senate Bill 553, offered by Representative Kubik, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxation. Senate Bill 583, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act in relation to animals and the Department of Agriculture. Senate Bill 591, offered by Representative Kubik, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxation. Senate Bill 627, offered by Representative Ackerman, a Bill for an Act amending the Public Utilities Act. Senate Bill 662, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act amending the One Day Rest In Seven Act. Senate Bill 664, offered by Representative Kubik, a Bill for an Act in relation to meals for the elderly. First Reading of these Senate Bills.

Speaker Giglio: "On the Order of Roads and Transportation, Third

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Reading. Representative Lang, on House Bill 95. Out of the record. Representative Weaver. Is Representative Weaver in the chamber? Out of the record. Representative Black, would you like to call 268, Sir? Motor vehicle accidents. Out of the record. Hoffman, Jay Hoffman. Out of the record. Representative Hicks. Representative Woolard. Representative Deering. Representative Laurino. Representative Laurino. How about Capparelli? Hartke, 673. Would you like to call this Bill, Sir? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 673, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Vehicle Code. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. An inquiry, is Amendment #1 been adopted?"

Speaker Giglio: "Is there an Amendment been adopted, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Amendment #1 has been adopted."

Hartke: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 653, as amended, amends the Vehicle and Highway Code to allow for trucks of certain sizes to travel on roads but only if it is verifiable that the roads or bridges cannot withstand the load, may the road commissioner post these roads. I would appreciate your support for this legislation."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion on the Gentleman's Motion? Representative Wennlund."

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

Speaker Giglio: "He indicates he will."

Wennlund: "You're gettin' to sound more like Zeke every day Chuck."

Hartke "Well, it's pretty early this morning."

Wennlund: "I know. Do you just wanna tell us what this is really all about?"

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Hartke: "Under current law, roads or...trucks are not allowed to travel on certain county township and highway roads and so forth, and...so what this would do is open that up but the road commissioner still has the authority to post these roads if they can prove that the...you know, that the bridges and roads won't stand the weight, why then...then they can... Let me explain this. If the roads cannot stand the weight, then the road commissioner can legally post those roads. It's a practice now that many rural road commissioners will just post their roads, 'cause they just simply don't want any semi's on em."

Wennlund: "Do the... Do road commissioners, township road commissioners have the authority now to limit...put weight limits on township roads?"

Hartke: "Yes, they do, and they still can."

Wennlund: "Is it... Is that with or without the authority of the county commissioner of highways?"

Hartke: "No, they can without the county commissioner of highways."

Wennlund: "What change does this make then?"

Hartke: "This says that if the road is capable of handling those semis, it's not going to tear those roads up, they are disallowed from posting that road."

Wennlund: "Who makes that determination?"

Hartke: "The road commissioner makes that determination, but he must verify that. If a bridge is only posted for a three-ton limit, you know, or a 20-ton limit or a 15-ton limit, you don't want the big trucks runnin' over it. So, if it's verifiable that that road or bridge cannot handle that weight...the road commissioner may post that road."

Wennlund: "How does the road commissioner verify it?"

Hartke: "Well, I really don't know, but I would imagine through

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requesting of the Department of Transportation maybe to run a stress test on the bridge et cetera."

Wennlund: "Well... As I read the Bill and the Amendment, that they can only do it if it's verifiable that the road or bridge cannot withstand the travel of a single vehicle or motor vehicle combination. How do they verify it? What does the local township road commissioner do to keep people...you know, semis off his roads?"

Hartke: "That was language suggested by the Department of Transportation."

Wennlund: "Are they gonna verify it? That really messes up the whole situation."

Hartke: "Excuse me...s minute. That was suggested by the midwest truckers to give the locals that authority."

Wennlund: "Oh, I see. Well, as long as it was suggested by the midwest truckers and not the Department of Transportation..."

Hartke: "Well, Larry, the...the Department of Transportation has, in my opinion, I do believe signed off on this legislation."

Wennlund: "Now that scares me too. All right, well thank you very much."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Hartke, to quote. Excuse me, Representative Zickus."

Zickus: "A question of the Speaker...of the Sponsor. This says...talks about the overall length of 65 feet. What is the average length of a semi with a single trailer, with a double trailer, and with a triple trailer and does this allow triple trailers on our highways?"

Hartke: "No, it does not, Representative Zickus."

Zickus: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Black."

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Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I simply rise to support the Gentleman's Bill. We just... We just had a case in my district...that he is trying to address. We had a construction project in one area and the construction crews would of had to have hauled their bulldozers and their low-boys on a township road to get to the construction site, and the township road commissioner just simply posted some capricious and arbitrary weight limits. And so we couldn't get the...we had to pull the contract off the bid-letting, and I think the Gentleman's Bill addresses this. If it's an actual weight limit, fine. But to enable them to just post some arbitrary weight limit that could hold up a construction project, that's not in the public interest. So, I rise in support of the Gentleman's Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Johnson."

Johnson, Tom.: "Yes. I, too, would like to just rise in support of the Representative's Bill. I, also, have a situation like this where gas trucks are now prohibited from delivering gasoline to some of their gas stations that lie within a radius off of the main highways; and so, you know, I think that this addresses those necessary local issues that I think affect many of us, and we might not even be aware of it."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Hartke, to close."

Hartke: "Thank you very much. I just ask for your support."

Speaker Giglio: "The question is, 'Shall House 673 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The voting is open. This is final action. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question, 103 voting 'yes', 10 voting 'no'. House Bill 673, having received the

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Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Deering, on House Bill 465. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 465, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Vehicle Code. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Giorgi: "Representative Deering."

Deering: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. What House Bill 465 does is...creates a level playing field for the weight tolerances on semi-trucks. Presently if you're licensed to haul 73,280 pounds, you have a \$2,000...or 2,000 pound weight tolerance. If you're licensed for 80,000, you have a 1,000 pound, and...we want to... I'm sorry. That's right, my explanation is correct. Once again, if you're licensed to haul 73,280 pounds, you can...you have a tolerance of 2,000 pounds. If you're licensed to haul 80,000, you only have a 1,000 pound tolerance. We want to make it 2,000 pounds across the board."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Staff informs me that there's a problem with this Bill and a phone call. We need some clarification. I might ask the Speaker to take this out of the record for a little bit."

Speaker Giglio: "All right, take this out of the record? Take it out of the record, Mr. Clerk. Yes, take this out of the record, Mr. Clerk. On Roads and Transportation, appears House Bill 304, Representative Hoffman. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 304, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Highway Code. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from St. Clair, Representative

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Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is a very simple Bill. Basically, it is permissive and allows the Illinois Department of Transportation to have recycling bins and do recycling at rest areas. I ask for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? Representative Black."

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

Speaker Giglio: "He indicates he will."

Black: "Representative, as amended, this is permissive, correct?"

Hoffman: "Absolutely."

Black: "And as permissive, the department has no problems with the Bill. It's a good Bill. Vote 'aye'."

Speaker Giglio: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 304 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The voting is open. This is final action. Have all voted who wish? Martinez, 'aye'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question, 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'; and House Bill 304, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Capparelli, on 488. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 488, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Vehicle Code. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Capparelli."

Capparelli: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 48...488, this Bill would allow delivery to points of loading and unloading with semi-trailers no longer than 48 feet and no wider than 102 inches. We put the Amendment on for DOT,

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who took off their objection, and the Amendment says that they can unload on any road that has a lane width of 11 feet or greater. There are no objections to it any longer. I'd ask for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. As amended, a...the Department of Transportation has no objection to the Bill, and I intend to vote 'aye'."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 488 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question, 110 voting 'yes', 4 voting 'no'. House Bill 488, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Gash. Representative Gash in the chamber? House Bill 1075. You wish to call that Bill? Road safety highway right of way. Would you like to call the Bill? The Lady from Cook, Representative Gash."

Gash: "Never mind, it's not printed yet. I can't do it yet. just leave it on Third. Pass."

Speaker Giglio: "Out of the record. Representative Churchill, 1077? Out of the record. Representative Black, 1198, vehicle penalties. Do you wish to call that Bill, Sir? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1198, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Vehicle Code. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1198 is an

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Illinois Commerce Commission cleanup Bill. As amended...it makes sure the Secretary of State could cancel a person's license for failure to pay civil penalties. I know of no opposition to the Bill. It's a method we think that will help get people to pay the fines that the ICC has levied against them. I ask your favorable consideration of 1198."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? Hearing none, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1198 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'; and House Bill 1198, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 115, Representative Weaver. Read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 115, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Vehicle Code. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Coles, Representative Weaver."

Weaver: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, this Bill under current law during certain times of the year the farmers are able to get a permit to haul overweight by 35% per axle. This Bill, as amended, would change that allowing the Governor to declare a harvest emergency between...any time between September 1st and December 31st. It authorizes the elimination of the permit and the \$10 permit fee, and it changes from 35% overweight per axle to 20% gross overweight. It's a good farm Bill and a good agricultural Bill, and I...I'd be ready to answer any questions."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? The Gentleman from Effingham, Representative Hartke."

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Hartke: "Thank you very much. I stand in support of the legislation as now amended because this will allow the Governor to declare that emergency, so that those overweight trucks are not out there all the time. Originally as introduced, there was some question, but...now Representative Weaver's done a good job of getting it in an acceptable form, and I stand in support of the legislation. It's kosher."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? The Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Could the Clerk... Has Amendment #1 been adopted or Amendment #2?"

Speaker Giglio: "Mr. Clerk, what's the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Rossi: "Amendment #1 was withdrawn. Amendment #2 has been adopted."

Granberg: "So, the Calendar is in error. It says Amendment #1 has been adopted?"

Clerk Rossi: "That's correct."

Granberg: "So, Amendment #2 has been adopted. Amendment #1 has been withdrawn: Representative Weaver, is... Since Amendment #1 has been removed or has not been adopted, how do you define emergency, that the Governor may and well in situations..."

Weaver: "Well, it's general terms. I think the Governor has the option of declaring a harvest emergency if there are adverse weather conditions, if we've got some major harvest problems that kind of get in the way of getting the crop out of the field in time. Primarily weather related, I would imagine."

Granberg: "Does the Department of Transportation have a position on the Bill, as amended?"

Weaver: "I think they're still opposed. They were opposed before

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it was amended, and I haven't heard from them since."

Granberg: "Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. Just an inquiry of the Clerk. The Calendar, the Calendar is messed up on this Bill? The Calendar is messed up? Mr. O'Brien never did those type of things. Did they...Mr. Speaker?"

Clerk Rossi: "Amendment #1 has been withdrawn. Amendment #2 has been adopted."

Hoffman: "I just wanted to clarify that, because I remember the old Clerk, Mr. O'Brien, never had that problem."

Speaker Giglio: "Well, we're working off a special Calendar, that's...that's the reason, Representative Hoffman. Further discussion? Representative...Excuse me, Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Well, there may be some confusion about the additional Amendments, but to help clear that up, as I understand it, the truckers are not opposed as the Amendments have been adopted (1 off and 2 on), and some of the analysis, at least on this side of the aisle, might not indicate that updated version. So, we stand in its support."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Weaver, to close."

Weaver: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I... I just want to remind you all that as in one of the Majority Lader's words, 'I's a good farmer Bill and it's a good AG Bill, good for Illinois'."

Speaker Giglio: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 115 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The voting is open. This is final action. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question, 112 voting 'yes', Oe voting 'no';, and House Bill 115, having received the

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required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on Roads and Township, appears House Bill 1224, Representative Giolitto. Out of the record. Representative Hartke, House Bill 1261. Do you wish to call that Bill, Sir? Out of the record. (House Bill) 1360. Representative Hartke, do you wish to call that Bill, 1360? Read 1360, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1360, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Vehicle Code. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Effingham, Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 1360 sets up criteria by the Illinois Commerce Commission for the possibilities of railroad grade crossings. Every time there's an attempt to close a railroad crossing in the State of Illinois, there's all kinds of litigation and objections and so forth, and so prior to that we think that before a crossing can be closed there should be some criteria met based upon the inconvenience, economics and other issues. So, this legislation sets up the authority for the Illinois Commerce Commission to set up that criteria, and I would appreciate your support. I know of no opposition to the Bill at all."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It's an outstanding Bill by an outstanding Sponsor. Vote 'aye'."

Speaker Giglio: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1360 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On this question, 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'; and House Bill 1360, having received the required Constitutional Majority,

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is hereby declared passed. Representative Pankau, do you wish to call that Bill? (House Bill) 1587. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1587, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Highway Code. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "The Lady from DuPage, Representative Pankau."

Pankau: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1587 deals with transportation impact fees. Concerns about this were brought to my attention from Dupage who has had them in effect for approximately three to four years. Also concerns...were brought to the committee by Representative Clayton from Lake County, who has had it in place approximately two years. At the direction of the chairman of the committee, they were put together under one Bill so there would be one Bill about transportation impact fees, and we ask for your favorable approval. To my knowledge, there is no opposition to this Bill, and it passed through committee with Attendance Roll Call."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? The Gentleman from Effingham, Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Nothing other to say than that we stand in support of Representative Pankau's Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Weaver."

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

Speaker Giglio: "She indicates she will."

Weaver: "Did I understand you correctly, is this a Bill that only deals with the roads in DuPage County?"

Pankau: "No. It deals with transportation..."

Weaver: "Does this...does this create any new highways in Dupage County that are named after anybody that we know?"

Pankau: "No, absolutely none."

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Weaver: "What does this do for DuPage County?"

Pankau: "It deals with transportation impact fees, and to my knowledge, although the Bill effects the whole state, they are only in effect in Lake and DuPage counties."

Weaver: "So, you're gonna collect money from all over the state and funnel it into DuPage County?"

Pankau: "No. We'll only collect money in those counties to which it pertains, and our money will stay in our county."

Weaver: "So, you're gonna collect fees in Lake and DuPage County and share em with the rest of us?"

Pankau: "No, we're going to collect fees and..."

Weaver: "I want to know who's payin the Bill here."

Pankau: "The developers..."

Weaver: "Are we supporting DuPage County or are they gonna support us for a change?"

Pankau: "No, they want to keep their money in DuPage."

Weaver: "DuPage wants to keep its money and it doesn't want to share anything with those of us downstate?"

Pankau: "Yeah."

Weaver: "That sounds pretty selfish to me. I don't know if we ought to support this Bill. Is this your first Bill?"

Pankau: "Yes it is."

Weaver: "Oh, Oh, Probably that..."

Pankau: "And my last."

Weaver: "That was probably your last Bill to, I think."

Pankau: "True."

Weaver: "Well, I don't know, we better think this real carefully."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Balthis."

Balthis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just an announcement. As everyone knew, Representative Saviano is not here today and because wife delivered a 7 pound 11 ounce baby this morning

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at 9:00 a.m. Girl, Giana."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Representative, Representative Pankau. If you could, could you just explain briefly again? Does this allow an impact fee in these two counties in DuPage?"

Pankau: "There presently are impact fees in both of these counties, and through experience they have found that there were some loopholes that needed to be plugged, and this plugs the loopholes in both of their counties under one Bill."

Granberg: "Okay. What are the loopholes that are being plugged, just for the information of the Members?"

Pankau: "In DuPage County there were...some situations where because the impact fees are tied with the ten-year road plan. If your road that you were going to develop upon was not in the ten-year road plan, you didn't have to pay any fees. This will allow the county board to...to amend the road plan to be able to put those roads on the ten-year road plan to charge you fees for them, and in Lake County there was some language that they needed cleared up. Same thing."

Granberg: "The same thing applied in Lake County as well as DuPage?"

Pankau: "Yes."

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

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. An inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Giglio: "Proceed."

Black: "Is there an Amendment on this Bill?"

Speaker Giglio: "Mr. Clerk, has this Bill been amended?"

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Clerk Rossi: "Amendment #1 is on the Bill."

Black: "Amendment #1 is on the Bill? Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. A question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Giglio: "Proceed."

Black: "Representative, does Amendment #1 purport to make the next tollway in DuPage County named the 'Jim McPike Memorial Tollway'?"

Pankau: "Oh. Now, how would my Leader wish me to answer that question?"

Black: "I know Mr. McPike would wish for you to answer it truthfully."

Pankau: "No."

Black: "Well, I was... I'll be darn. Thank you, Representative. You know, here we have a case... I remember some discussion that we were going to name a...the next tollway in DuPage County after a long time supporter of toll roads and infrastructure improvements in DuPage County, Representative Jim McPike, and now that seems to be removed. And I don't know how we're going to pay suitable homage to the Majority Leader if she's gonna remove this Amendment. So, since we are no longer honoring Senator McPike with a toll road in DuPage County, I...oh no, I'm sorry, that's the next election, Representative McPike. ...I...I'm gonna have to vote 'no' on this Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "Is there further discussion? Representative Pankau, to close."

Pankau: "I ask for your favorable approval."

Speaker Giglio: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1587 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The voting is open. Representative Schoenberg."

Schoenberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like the Sponsor to shake her head yes or no. Is this a Pat Quinn Bill?"

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Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question, there are 105 voting 'yes', 8 voting 'no'; and House Bill 1587, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Murphy."

Murphy, M.: "I would like to ask the Chair if it would be appropriate at this time to be recorded as a 'no' vote on 488? I, inadvertently, voted 'yes' on 488. It was about four Bills ago."

Speaker Giglio: "The transcript will reflect your request."

Murphy, M.: "All right. It was a 'no' vote on 488, and I thank you for your patience."

Speaker Giglio: "Mr. Clerk, let the transcripts reflect the wishes of Representative Murphy. Representative Sheehy."

Sheehy: "Mr. Speaker, a point of privilege please. I'd like to recognize the Girl Scout troops from the great district, the 37th District, Tinley Park. They're with us today want to give 'em a round of applause. Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "On Roads and Transportation, Third Reading, appears House Bill 2157, Representative Tom Johnson. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2157, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Tom Johnson. Representative Johnson?"

Johnson, Tom: "Mr. Speaker, this Bill is a Bill which amends the Illinois Vehicle Code and also has a provision in dealing with the Department of Transportation. What this does is provide that a person who commits a second driving under the influence of alcohol offense and who has previously

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been convicted of aggravated driving under the influence...Pardon?"

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion?"

Johnson, Tom: "We'll take it out of the record for a moment."

Speaker Giglio: "Take it out of the record, Mr. Clerk. All right, on the Special Order, we're going to back on Second Readings, first page, Local Government, Second Readings, Representative Homer. Representative Homer. Out of the record. Representative Balanoff. Out of the record. Representative Lang, on 168? Out of the record. Representative Capparelli, 175. Second Reading, Local Government. (House Bill) 175, Cook County Forest Preserve District. Do you wish to call that Bill? Out of the record. Representative Lang, on 550. Out of the record. Representative Ryder, 703. Out of the record. Representative Santiago, you have three Bills, Sir: 1279, 1280 and 1282. Do you wish to have any of these Bills called on Second Reading, Local Government? (House Bill) 1280. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of 1280?"

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1280 has been read a second time previously. No Amendments have been adopted. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Leitch."

Speaker Giglio: "Would you like to run that Bill? Read House Bill 1280, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1280. The Bill has been read a second time previously."

Speaker Giglio: "Any Amendments filed?"

Clerk Rossi: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Leitch."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Leitch."

Leitch: "This Bill comes as the request from a number..."

Speaker Giglio: "Excuse me, Representative Leitch. The Chair has

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been informed that the Amendment has been...has not been printed. Lee, it's not printed and distributed. Take it out of the record. How about 1282, Representative Santiago? Out of the record. (House Bill) 1478, Representative Homer. Out of the record. Representative Currie, 1728, open meeting. Out of the record. Representative Steczo, 1922? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1922. The Bill has been read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Representative Erwin. Out of the record. Education, Second Reading. Representative Edley. House Bill 188. Representative Edley, on House Bill 188. Second Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 188, a Bill for an Act amending the Board of Higher Education Act. Second Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "Any Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Representative Davis, 593. Representative Davis in the chamber? Out of the record. Representative Mautino, 757. Representative Mautino? Out of the record. Representative Stroger, 957. Would you like to call this Bill, Sir? Pilot program for public service. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 957, a Bill for an Act concerning school tuition for public service. Second Reading of the Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions filed. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Stroger."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Stroger, on Amendment #2."

Stroger: "This Amendment would ensure that anyone who was in the

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program would be properly insured by and pursuant to the requirements of state law."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion?" Representative Wennlund."

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

Speaker Giglio: "He indicates he will."

Wennlund: "Just what does this Amendment do, Representative?"

Stroger: "This Amendment says that if the commission implements this pilot program, that anyone who would be in the program would have insurance pursuant to the requirements of state law. So, the commission would cooperate with the...any employees to make sure that these employees would be insured."

Wennlund: "So, what you're saying is that this Amendment requires the Student Assistance Commission to cooperate? Is that what we're doing? We're gonna order them by state law to cooperate with employers?"

Stroger: "This is 'permissive' language. This was given to me by Representative Weaver to address the concerns of the committee."

Wennlund: "Say it again."

Stroger: "This is 'permissive' language and it was given to me by Representative Weaver to address the concerns of the committee."

Wennlund: "Well, how does it address the concerns?"

Stroger: "There was some concern that if someone was hurt on the job that they wouldn't be insured. So, Representative Weaver told me that he had another...a Bill, I believe, might have been errant there, and he had the language that would address that concern."

Wennlund: "So, it was... If I read Amendment #2, it says that the commission...if the commission implements the pilot program 'it shall cooperate with participating employers'."

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Stroger: "That's correct."

Wennlund: "How do ya'... How do you mandate by state law somebody to cooperate?"

Stroger: "The... This a... This Bill will only be in effect if ISAC decides to do this. They don't have to do this. If they don't agree with this, then they won't implement the program."

Wennlund: "So, if they don't want to cooperate, they don't have to."

Stroger: "No, then they won't have the program at all."

Wennlund: "Well, if they do have the program then, then the law would require them to cooperate?"

Stroger: "That's correct."

Wennlund: "How can we get most of these state agencies and the bureaucrats in this state to cooperate? Could we mandate that by a law, also?"

Stroger: "If they don't want to cooperate, then they won't do the program."

Wennlund: "Oh. Maybe we ought to try that with the Speaker. If we could mandate that he cooperate, maybe we'd have some democracy around here. Maybe that would work. Thank you very much."

Stroger: "Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? All those in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Representative Churchill, you have two Bills: 1083, 1087. Out of the record. Representative Hoffman, 1165. Second Reading, Education. Out of the record. Representative Currie, 1192. Out of the record. Representative Burke. Representative Burke in

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the chamber? Out of the record. Representative Levin, Ellis Levin? Out of the record. Representative Hawkins, 2198. Is the Gentleman in the chamber? Out of the record. Representative Kubik, 2230. Kubik? House Bill 2230. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2230, a Bill for an Act amending the School Code. Second Reading of the Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions filed. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Hoeft."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Hoeft."

Hoeft: "This Amendment is designed to allow school districts the opportunities to keep..."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Hoeft, I'm sorry. The Amendment has not been printed and distributed. Take it out of the record. On the Order of Elections and State Government Second Reading, appears House Bill 103, Representative Novak. Novak, 103. Out of the record. Representative McAfee, 109. Out of the record. Representative Schoenberg, House Bill 140. Do you wish to call that Bill, Sir? Out of the record. Representative Giolitto. Out of the record. Representative LeFlore, 362? Out of the record. Representative Sheehy, 494. Sheehy? Out of the record. Representative Curran, 832. Out of the record. Representative McGuire, on 973? Out of the record. Representative Curran. Out of the record. Edley, 1460. Out of the record. Representative Kaszak, 1539. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. (House Bill) 1539."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1539, a Bill for an Act in relation to labor management quality improvement. The Bill has been read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Representative Hicks, 1704. Out

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of the record. Representative Rotello. Representative Rotello in the chamber? It's out of the record. Representative Moseley, 1912. The Lady in the chamber? (House Bill) 1912. Out of the record. Prussing, 2296. The Lady from Champaign. Prussing, Prussing. (House Bill) 2296? All right on the Order of Health Care and Human Services. Representative Phelps, 256. Do you wish to call this Bill, Sir? Phelps, 256. Health Care and Human Services, Second Reading. Out of the record. How about 257 and 258? Out of the record. Representative McGuire, 453. Out of the record. House Bill 770, Representative Giorgi. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 770, a Bill for an Act amending the Health Maintenance Organization Act. Second Reading of the Bill. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. No Motions filed. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Representative Davis, on 928. Out of the record. Representative Curran, 971. Out of the record. Representative Schakowsky, 1102? The Lady from Cook. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1102, the Bill has been read a second time previously. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. No Motions filed. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Representative Phelps, 1147? Out of the record. Representative Ryder, 1390. Representative Ryder? Do you wish to call 1390? Out of the record. Representative Edley, on 1459. Gentleman in the chamber? Out of the record. Representative Younge, 1657. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1657. The Bill has been read a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions filed. No Floor Amendments."

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Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Representative Currie, on 1814.
(House Bill) 1814, Public Aid appeals. Out of the record.
Representative Prussing, for what purpose do you rise?"

Prussing: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House,
this is a point of personal privilege. I think that we
should all wish Representative Clem Balanoff, happy
birthday. It's his birthday today."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Currie, 1814. Out of the record.
Okay. How about 7...1970. Representative Younge. Read
the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1970, a Bill for an Act to amend the
Illinois Public Aid Code. Second Reading of the Bill. No
Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Representative Levin, on 2076.
Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House 2076, a Bill for an Act concerning aids.
Second Reading of the Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in
committee. No Motions filed. Floor Amendment #2, offered
by Representative Levin."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Levin, on Amendment #2."

Levin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the
House. Amendment #2 would allow Illinois to receive over
\$2.5 million this year in federal money for Aids housing.
It does this by eliminating the current restrictions in
terms of supportive residences, which currently limits
supportive residences to...six in number and in cities over
500,000. There are several groups throughout the state
that have formed care consortiums of..in the counties of
Peoria, Champaign and Winnebago. This would allow those
groups to receive the federal funding If there are any
questions, Ill be happy to answer them."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Wennlund."

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

Speaker Giglio: "He indicates he will."

Wennlund: "Can you tell us what the effect of Amendment #2 has on the original Bill?"

Levin: "It strikes the... It eliminates the substantive provisions of the original Bill and replaces it with Amendment #2, so that the new program that was embodied in the original Bill is eliminated."

Wennlund: "The fiscal note that was filed by the Department of Public Health, estimates...estimated the cost of the Bill as amended at between \$750,000 and a million dollars a year?"

Levin: "That's not relevant with the Amendment. The..."

Wennlund: "That was with Amendment #1?"

Levin: "The Amendment #2 would strike the entire original Bill including the proposed new program, and all that would be in the Bill would be what Amendment #2 does."

Wennlund: "All right. So, how much is this gonna cost the Department of Public Health and the taxpayers of Illinois?"

Levin: "It would cost nothing, because there is \$2.5 million in federal money that is available if we pass this legislation."

Wennlund: "And if the \$2.5 million does not become available, is the State of Illinois required to spend any dollars?"

Levin: "No."

Wennlund: "So, it's only in the event that federal money comes in, would the Department of Public Health be required to spend any funds?"

Levin: "The Department of Public Health is not required to spend any money under this Amendment."

Wennlund: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? The question is..."

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Representative Skinner?"

Skinner: "Yes. I wonder if the Sponsor could answer a question, because I can't find a copy of the Amendment."

Speaker Giglio: "Proceed."

Skinner: "Could you tell me if this early intervention language is in your second Amendment?"

Levin: "No."

Skinner: "Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "All those in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Representative Ryder, on 2332. Out of the record. House Bill 256, Representative Phelps. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 256, a Bill for an Act amending the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Act. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Schoenberg."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Schoenberg."

Schoenberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Floor Amendment #1 is...one of several by-products that has been agreed upon by the subcommittee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. There are... This is formerly... This just rolls in a number of different Bills that were presented before the committee. The... As I said before, there is agreement between both parties that we're going to proceed ahead with this omnibus Amendment."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment's

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adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. House Bill 257. (House Bill) 257, Representative Phelps. Read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 257, a Bill for an Act amending the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Schoenberg."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Schoenberg."

Schoenberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Again, this is a another measure, this is formerly...this incorporates some of the provisions from...what was formerly House Bill 2259, sponsored by Representative Krause. This was heard in the subcommittee of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. There is agreement from both sides of the aisle on this."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? Wennlund. Representative Wennlund."

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

Speaker Giglio: "He indicates he will."

Wennlund: "Has this Amendment been agreed to by the Department of Mental Health?"

Schoenberg: "Yes, it has."

Wennlund: "It has?"

Schoenberg: "It has."

Wennlund: "What's controversial about it?"

Schoenberg: "There is nothing controversial about it. It was negotiated..."

Wennlund: "Was there an agreement..."

Schoenberg: "Pardon me?"

Wennlund: "Was there an agreement that this would be held at some point in time and could be...continue to work on it."

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Schoenberg: "Representative, that is Floor Amendment #2. Would that... We have agreed to hold pending further discussion and negotiation. The department and all parties involved agree on Floor Amendment #1."

Wennlund: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Giglio: "All those in favor of Amendment #1 say 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "Amendment #2, offered by Representative Schoenberg."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Schoenberg, on Amendment #2."

Schoenberg: "I'd like to offer Amendment #2, but I'd like to (as I indicated just moments ago), there is still further discussion and negotiations which is going on between the department, some of the advocacy groups, and there's been a... and there have been some outstanding issues which have been raised by both myself and Minority Spokesman, Representative Walsh. The Amendment #2 incorporates some provisions of House Bill 2313. I would urge its adoption, and I will let the Members know that I will be holding this Bill. I will be holding this Amendment and this Bill on Second Reading until... I'm sorry, we'll be holding it until there is final closure and final agreement among all parties."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? All those in favor of the...Representative Walsh."

Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I agree with Representative Schoenberg on that and we will work with the department to get something together on this Amendment."

Speaker Giglio: "All those in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

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Clerk Rossi: "No Further Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative. Do you want to leave it on Second? Leave the Bill on Second, Mr. Clerk. On House Bill 258. Read that Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 258, a Bill for an Act amending the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Schoenberg."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Schoenberg."

Schoenberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is the third and final component of the subcommittee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities package of omnibus Bills. This incorporates some of the provisions of House Bill 2259, which was offered by Representative Krause. There is agreement between the department and both parties, and I urge its adoption."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? Wennlund."

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

Speaker Giglio: "He indicates he will."

Wennlund: "My analysis indicates that the Amendment allows the U.S. Department of Justice to review recipient files without consent. Why do we want to do that?"

Schoenberg: "This pertain... This particular... Representative, this was raised by...in response to some issues which arose at the Elgin facility. It was initiated by... There were originally... There were problems which arose from the office of Civil Rights on the federal level, so the department incorporated this provision within their reform package. That's what we're responding to."

Wennlund: "Well, was there some concern that...from the

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Department of Justice that they needed to review files of mental health recipients?"

Schoenberg: "Yes. They were... In the case of general files, they were indeed looking for some violations, so this was initiated by them, yes."

Wennlund: "What were... Violations of what?"

Schoenberg: "There were issues raised pertaining to the conditions of the facility; more specifically to the sanitary conditions of the facility and some other quality of life and care issues at the facility."

Wennlund: "So, with the passage of this Amendment, the U.S. Department of Justice would be able to come in at any time when a person is a patient of the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, without their consent, can come in and just research the files and determine whatever it wants to determine out of those patients' files?"

Schoenberg: "In light of the issues which were raised, the Department of Justice is justified in their oversight of the conditions at the facility; and, therefore, should be able to examine recipient files in order to be able to address some of those very serious, serious questions."

Wennlund: "But you stated in light of the issues raised. Can you tell us what issues were raised?"

Schoenberg: "It's only... Representative, it's only through that... It's was only through this course of action that the appropriate attention was shed on the problems and, therefore, the net result has been rather positive. Representative..."

Wennlund: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Schoenberg: "Representative, this is what the department wants to do, and it was the subcommittee's intention, having heard

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extensive testimony not only from the department, whose director is...I personally hold in very high regard, but also from the advocacy community as well. They are very supportive of this because they acknowledge that we have to empower the Department of Justice to have this capability so that they can address questions not only at Elgin, but at any other facilities should they arise."

Wennlund: "So we want to let 'Big Brother' invade on the privacy of all patients of mental health. That's a wonderful idea."

Schoenberg: "Well, I've read Orwell, too, but this is in the patients' interest, and that's why we are supporting the department's recommendation to incorporate this provision of Representative Krause's Bill into the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "Any further discussion? Representative Krause."

Krause: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and just briefly on this Bill. As the Minority Spokesman of Health Care, I also lend my support to the Bill in full, and in addition that the protection and advocacy and other groups did not have any opposition, and I join in support."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? All those in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. The Chair would like to make an announcement that those that are not entitled to the House floor please leave the chambers. Those persons not allowed on the House floor, which includes lobbyist, employees that are not entitled to the House floor, please leave the chambers. Mr. Doorkeeper. Housing and Economic Development, Second Reading. House Bill 267, the Lady from Cook, Representative Kaszak. Do you wish to call this

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Bill? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 267, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Housing Development Act. Second Reading of the Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in Committee. No Motions filed. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Kaszak."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Kaszak."

Kaszak: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment that we're offering today is an Amendment that was recommended by the Illinois Department of Public Aid and the Governor's office, clarifying the responsibility for operating the program and also expanding its scope, and I look for a favorable roll call on this or favorable approval."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? Representative Wennlund."

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

Speaker Giglio: "She indicates she will."

Wennlund: "Do you want to tell us what this Amendment does?"

Kaszak: "Yes. I probably should explain to you a little bit further what the Bill is about so you can understand the Amendment. The Bill provides that, it is to encourage the coordination of social services for low-income persons at their housing location. The Department of Public Aid and the Governor's office has indicated their strong support for this as a possible new approach on...in being more effective and more cost-efficient in presenting...in providing public...social services. We had several discussions with the Governor's office and the Illinois Department of Public Aid. The Governor's office recommended that the Illinois Department of Public Aid, rather than the Illinois Housing Development Authority, coordinate these efforts, and the Illinois Department of Public Aid wanted to take it from just being a few pilots,

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to a broader authority, so that they could use it throughout the state."

Wenlund: "So, the original Bill created a pilot program. Does this Amendment do away with the pilot program?"

Kaszak: "What it does, is it leaves it open to expand it beyond pilots. The reaction we got from the Illinois Department of Public Aid, is that they really...they were convinced that this was a much more efficient way of handling and providing services and that they wanted the opportunity to do it throughout the state and not just in isolated pilots."

Wenlund: "How much money is this going to cost?"

Kaszak: "There's a... There is no additional funds. In fact, it should be saving the state money in providing services."

Wenlund: "And how is it going to save the state money?"

Kaszak: "I'm having difficulty hearing you."

Wenlund: "How will this Bill, with this Amendment, save the state money?"

Kaszak: "The social services that are provided at these locations, they are able to do it for approximately \$2,000 a person at the location. If you compare this with the statistics for social services provided in multiple locations where one individual has to go to five different locations, it probably runs \$5,000 to \$6,000 a year."

Wenlund: "Now, what type of social services are gonna be provided on location?"

Kaszak: "There's a wide range of possibilities. The coordinating... The various departments in providing alcoholism substance abuse services, job opportunities, a variety of...it's a broad expansive of services that are provided, depending on the clientele. But... I believe that we're discussing the content of the Bill and I'd be

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more than happy to do that, but I think the real...Amendment here is one that has been proposed by the Governor's office and the Department of Public Aid."

Wennlund: "Is is... I'm sorry, I missed that last sentence."

Kaszak: "This Amendment is the Amendment that's being proposed by the Department of Public Aid and the Governor's office to run a more efficient effective program. And, you know, I'd be happy to discuss the details of it, but it's my understanding that this is an Agreed Bill."

Wennlund: "Could you take this out of the record for a few minutes so we could get this?"

Kaszak: "Yes fine. That's fine."

Wennlund: "Okay. Thanks."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? Take it out of the record. Representative Turner, 528. Representative Turner? Out of the record. Representative Younge, 638, Wyvetter Younge. Do you wish to call that Bill? Read 638, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 638, a Bill for an Act in relation to a Demonstration Enterprise Zone in East St. Louis. Second Reading of the Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions filed. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Representative Pugh, on House Bill 648. Out of the record. Out of the record. Representative Morrow, 1239. Representative Morrow? Do you wish to call this Bill? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1239. The Bill has been read a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee."

Speaker Giglio: "Any Motions filed?"

Clerk Rossi: "No Motions filed. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Morrow."

Speaker Giglio: "Amendment #2, Representative Morrow."

Morrow: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the

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House. What Amendment #2 does is delete Amendment #1. Amendment #2 replaces the deleted lines with the correct language with regard to quorum requirement. The language addressing the current problem at the Chicago Housing Authority, which does not have enough commissioners to conduct its business. It's really tryin' to clarify or allow the Housing Authority Board to meet and have a quorum present so that they can conduct their business. This is only for the Chicago Housing Authority only. It doesn't affect any other public housing authorities within the state. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Macon, Representative Noland."

Noland: "Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this Amendment. I've talked to the Sponsor about it. It does not affect my portion, which is House Bill 3, only clarifies the interim nature of the Chicago Housing Authority, and I rise in support of the Amendment."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? Representative Black."

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

Speaker Giglio: "He indicates he will."

Black: "Representative, the Amendment becomes the Bill?"

Noland: "Yes, it does."

Black: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Giglio: "All those in favor of the Amendment say 'aye; opposed, 'nay'. The Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, let's go back to 267.

The Lady from Cook, Representative Kaszak. Read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 267. The Bill has been read a second

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time previously. Amendment #1 has been adopted to the Bill. No Motions filed. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Kaszak."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Kaszak."

Kaszak: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I have explained the Amendment to the Bill, and I've had the opportunity to talk to Members of the Republican side regarding concerns and questions that they had, and I ask for favorable approval of the Amendment."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? All those in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments, but a fiscal note, as amended, has been requested on the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "The Bill will remain on the Order of Second Reading. Representative Wennlund, do you still want this fiscal note on this Amendment filed? Withdraw the fiscal note request, Mr. Clerk, on House Bill 267; and, with that, the Amendment's adopted. Move the Bill to the Order of Third Reading. On the Order of Professional Regulations, Second Reading, appears House Bill 210, Representative Steczo. Out of the record. Representative Kaszak, you have two Bills: 211 and 212. Out of the record. Representative Santiago, 715, pawnbroker. Out of the record. Representative Deering, on 1554, Professional Regulations, emergency medical. Out of the record. Representative McAfee, 2053. McAfee? Out of the record. Representative Curran, 2114, Department of Regulation investigation. Do you wish to call that Bill, Sir? Hold the Bill. Roskam. Representative Roskam, you wanna call that Bill, 2237? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2237, a Bill for an Act in relation to

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professional regulations. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Representative Jones. Lou Jones, on 2316. Out of the record. Public Utilities, Second Reading, House Bill 633, Representative Wyvetter Younge. Is the Lady in the chamber? Out of the record. Representative Giorgi, on 1458. public utilities, Second Reading, Public Utility. Out of the record. Representative Schakowsky, on House Bill 1844, electric rate base sufficiency. Out of the record. Representative Shirley Jones, on 2014. Out of the record. Second Reading, Revenue, appears House Bill 425, Mr. Rutherford. Representative Rutherford? Out of the record. Representative Woolard, House Bill 1294. Out of the record. Representative Steczo. Out of the record. Representative Levin, on 1420. Out of the record. On Constitutional Officers, Second Reading, appears House Bill 314, Representative Homer. Out of the record. Representative LeFlore, on 363. Out of the record. Financial Institutions, Representative Dart, 2079. Out of the record. Consumer Protection, Second Reading, Representative Schakowsky. Representative Schakowsky? Representative Ronen. Representative Biggins. Representative Schakowsky. Representative Schakowsky, on Consumer Protection, you have two Bills: 793, 1355, and you also have 1687. Do you wish to call any of these Bills? House Bill 793 is blood safety. Out of the record. Hospital patient rights, 1355. Read 1360...1355, Mr. Clerk. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1355. The Bill has been read a second time previously. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. A state mandates note is requested on

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the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "Leave the Bill on Second Reading. Representative Turner, on 1645. Out of the record. Representative Schakowsky, how about 1687, price contents Con... Read 1687, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1687, a Bill for an Act to create the Prized Promotion and Contest Consumer Protection Act. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Agriculture and Conservation, Second Reading, appears House Bill 581, Representative Schoenberg. Representative Schoenberg? Out of the record. Representative Hicks, 602, horse racing. Out of the record. Representative Churchill, 1074. Out of the record. Representative Hartke, on 1259. Hartke. Out of the record. Representative Brunsvold, on 1990, poetic life, wildlife fees. Out of the record. House Bill, Second Reading, under the category of Insurance, Representative Hicks, 1067. Representative Hicks. Insurance. Out of the record. Representative Laurino, 1229, vehicle mandatory insurance. Out of the record. Representative Hicks, on 1829. (House Bill) 1829? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1829, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Insurance Code. Second Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Hicks."

Hicks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. ...An inquiry of the Chair please. Has an Amendment been filed for 1829?"

Speaker Giglio: "Mr. Clerk, what is the status of this Bill?"

Clerk Rossi: "No Amendments have been filed."

Speaker Giglio: "Take it out of the record. Representative Daniels, on 2260. Representative Parcels? Do you wish to

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call this Bill? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2260. The Bill has been read a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions filed. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Parcels."

Speaker Giglio: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Parcels."

Parcels: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. This was an Amendment requested by the insurance industry to be more specific in the language, to take out duplicative language and so that policies would not have to be rewritten in order to make the necessary changes that the Bill presents. It's been approved by the insurance people now and also approved by the Association for Retired Citizens, and I ask for your approval."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion on the Amendment? All those in favor of the Amendment, signify by saying 'aye'; opposed, 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Representative Granberg, on 2353. (House Bill) 2353? Out of the record. On the Order of Business and Job Development, Second Reading, appears House Bill 7, Representative Lang. Out of the record. Representative Kaszak, you have two Bills: House Bill 1204? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1204, a Bill for an Act amending the Small Business Development Act. Second Reading of the Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions filed. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. (House Bill) 1205. Read 1205, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1205, a Bill for an Act amending the

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Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Representative Stroger, on 1443. Is the Gentleman in the chamber? Out of the record. Representative Wennlund, on 1739. Do you wish to call this Bill, Sir? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1739, a Bill for an Act concerning small business development. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Representative Steczo, on 1939. Out of the record. Representative Hoffman, 2265, Manufacturing Modernization Act. Read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2265, a Bill for an Act in relation to modernizing manufacturing operations. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Hoffman."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Floor Amendment #1 would create a task force with several members that would be appointed to look in...to look at inner modes of transportation, specifically, the utilization of the Mississippi River for economic development and exporting purposes."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

Speaker Giglio: "He indicates he will."

Black: "Representative, it's my understanding that the Amendment becomes the Bill, correct?"

Hoffman: "Yes, it does."

Black: "And it creates the Mississippi working group. What is

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that, a rock band?"

Hoffman: "It...it depends who is appointed to the commission, Representative."

Black: "It's...it's a..."

Hoffman: "No, it's not...what...The whole idea is to work with other states in promoting and utilizing and getting interstate agreements to utilize the Mississippi River for exporting purposes."

Black: "Have any of the other states along the Mississippi, for example our good friends in Iowa, have they expressed an interest in joining with us in this matter?"

Hoffman: "Representative, I haven't spoken to other states. This is...this is...we're beginning in southwestern Illinois to look at the locks and dams...locks and dam area around that southwestern Illinois, specifically in Granite City, there's a tri-city port authority, and what they are beginning to do is looking at exporting into Mexico and this will create the Mississippi River Act to promote interstate cooperation with respect to the rivers equal system."

Black: "Is...the Department of Transportation evaluated this or did they have a position on the... Well, I guess what I'm asking, does the Department of Transportation consider this a mandate on their staff?"

Hoffman: "I...I apologize, Representative, but I haven't spoken to them. Before Third Reading, I will."

Black: "Okay. And there is nothing in your plan to create a stationary Mississippi River Boat Gambling Land Based Casino with a bridge to Cook County?"

Hoffman: "No. No."

Black: "Okay. That's why I wanted to make sure."

Hoffman: "Not...not...no that probably wouldn't go over too well

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in my district, Representative."

Black: "I...I didn't think so, but I just wanted to establish legislative intent."

Hoffman: "Yes."

Black: "Well, it doesn't sound like a bad idea to me, if we can get those other states to cooperate. That's what I'm worried about. I have a great deal of confidence in you, but I don't know about Iowa...and Missouri, they really scare me."

Hoffman: "I agree."

Black: "But, if you're gonna get that worked out, we'll...we'll support your Amendment."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? All those in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Representative Churchill, on 2374. Out of the record. State and Local Government, Second Reading, appears House Bill 822, Representative Schoenberg. Schoenberg, 822? Do you wish to call this Bill? Future Education Accounting Act. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 822, a Bill for an Act concerning future education accounts. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Schoenberg."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Schoenberg."

Schoenberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Floor Amendment #1 addresses a couple of the questions that were very accurately raised during the

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committee hearing. They were raised, and the Amendment was drafted to...accomodate concerns by the Minority Party. It does as follows: (1). It specifies that the future education account will cover up to four years of post secondary education and is not intended for any post graduate work; and the second provision simply allows that a contra...allows a contractor to pay additional money in another fund if that contractor wants to attend a non-public institution of higher education."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Black."

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

Speaker Giglio: "He indicates he will."

Black: "Representative, is this Amendment...is concerned with the so-called 'future education account'? Is that what we're amending?"

Schoenberg: "That's correct, Sir."

Black: "All right. Let's...let's get right to the...right to the heart of this Amendment. As I understand the Amendment, this will allow the Treasurer of the State of Illinois to contract on behalf of the State of Illinois to pay tuition for someone to attend a non-public institution of higher education."

Schoenberg: "Pardon me, Sir. This is just...I... This relates to the content of the Bill but this is not relevant to the Amendment."

Black: "I'm reading right off the Amendment. Floor Amendment #1: 'The Treasurer may enter into Illinois future education account contracts with a purchaser, so if the state will pay any or all portion of a tuition for qualified beneficiary to attend any non-public institution of higher education in any state in the country'. We're going to pay

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some tuition for someone to go to Harvard, right, or Stanford?"

Schoenberg: "Harvard and Stanford are fine institutions, Sir."

Black: "So, the Illinois taxpayer is going to authorize somebody to go to Stanford or Harvard or Yale when our own universities are suffering and our own community colleges are suffering."

Schoenberg: "The...intention of this is to create..."

Black: "Oh, I know what the intention is, and so do you."

Schoenberg: "My intention with this Floor Amendment, Sir, is to be able to enable those people who wish to purchase...buy into these accounts, to take their money and go to private institutions. Now, that can be a private institution within the State of Illinois, as well. My district happens to feature Northwestern University. If one of my constituents wishes to buy into the future education account and instead of their son or daughter going to the University of Illinois, if they wish to send them to Northwestern University, there...they would be able to do so under the provisions of this Floor Amendment."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Steczo, in the Chair."

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. ...To the Amendment before us and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. In all due respect to the Sponsor, they may attend a non public university in the State of Illinois, but they may also attend a non-public university in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, for all I know. Now, we visited the future education account a year ago. Let me just remind you what we already have in this state. We already have more college savings bonds programs, \$400 million. in a monetary assistance program. I rise in opposition to Floor

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Amendment #1. I ask for a Roll Call Vote, and I would ask seek a verification should the Amendment get the requisite number."

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Schoenberg."

Schoenberg: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would...I'd like to defer to Representative Moseley, before I close."

Speaker Steczo: "The Lady from Sangamon, Representative Moseley."

Moseley: "Thank you Mr. Chairman and Mr. Schoenberg. I would like to refute a couple of things that were just mentioned by the previous speaker. This Bill does not have the taxpayers of Illinois underwriting private college tuitions at city...at private colleges outside of this state. That is not a provision of the guarantee. That is simply to allow those parents to get the same actuarial yields that the other members of this future tuition account would enjoy. It does not guarantee that they will reach those tuitions. This can only strengthen this Bill because you are increasing a number of people in the account, which can only allow them to go into those investment opportunities that are afforded to larger numbers of dollars and larger groups of people, and I ask you to please give this the consideration it deserves. It does not have the taxpayers underwriting private college tuitions at Harvard. It only allows parents that may be interested in sending their children to a school, a fine school like Northwestern, University of Chicago or Blackburn or Millikin or Greenville, the opportunity to invest in this account, and I please ask for your favorable consideration."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Schoenberg, to close."

Schoenberg: "I...I...in asking you all to support Floor Amendment

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#1, I just want to reiterate one important point, that I don't want to be offscated, by the Gentleman from the other side of the aisle; that is, the mon...the money goes with the students to a private institution and does not...and the money nor the student does not leave the boundaries of Illinois. As Representative Moseley very accurately pointed out, if someone wants to go to Northwestern or Chicago...University of Chicago or Knox College down in Galesburg or any of the other fine private institutions of higher learning within the State of Illinois only, Knox College may be the Harvard of Illinois, but this money is only staying in Illinois. If I could ask you all for a favorable vote on this, I'd be most appreciative. Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of Amendment #1 to House Bill 822. All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? The Gentleman from Coles, Representative Weaver."

Weaver: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, keep in mind we have ten universities in this state, 12 campuses that are seriously underfunded. We already support private institutions in this state that get more than half, probably closer to 60%, of the map grant money that we provide for scholarships now. We don't need to spend more state money for private institutions when our own state universities are in serious trouble. This has got to be a 'no' vote."

Speaker Steczo: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this Amendment, there are 58 voting 'yes', 51 voting 'no'. Mr. Black, do you still persist in your verification? The

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Gentleman..."

Black: "Withdraw."

Speaker Steczo: "Withdraws his request for a verification, and Amendment #1 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Wennlund."

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Wennlund? Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to question the germaneness of Amendment #2 to House Bill 822, please?"

Speaker Steczo: "Thank you, Mr. Granberg. We will take that under advisement and get back to you very soon. Mr. Granberg, with relation to your question on germaneness, the Chair will rule that the Amendment is not germane because the Bill deals with the Future Education Account Act and the Amendment deals with the Illinois State Auditing Act, so the Amendment is not germane. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments. A fiscal note, as amended, has been requested on the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "Because the fiscal note, as amended, has been requested, the Bill will stay on Second Reading. Moving to the Order of Senior Citizens, Second Reading, appears House Bill... Representative Schoenberg."

Schoenberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There has been a request for a fiscal note. I have a fiscal note here. It's a fiscal note for the Bill, as amended."

Speaker Steczo: "Mr. Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. An inquiry of the Chair. If the fiscal note, as amended, has already been filed when the Amendment passed 90 seconds ago, could I

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please see the fiscal note for the..."

Speaker Steczo: "Mr. Black, you're welcome...you're welcome to come to the Clerk's well and see the fiscal note, however, since the....since the note...the... House Bill 822 will remain on Second Reading until the fiscal note, as amended, has been filed. On the Order of State and Local Government, on page 14 of the Calendar, appears House Bill 1053, Representative LeFlore. Out of the record. House Bill 1748, Representative Woolard. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1748. The Bill has been read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Steczo: "Any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Steczo: "Third Reading. On the Order of Senior Citizens, Second Reading, appears House Bill 431, Representative Woolard. Out of the record. House Bill 949, Representative Flowers? Representative Flowers. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 949. The Bill has been read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Flowers."

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Flowers, on Floor Amendment #1."

Flowers: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It changes the definition of minority senior citizens to a person 55 years of age or older. That's all the Amendment does, and I move for the adoption of Amendment #1 to House Bill 949."

Speaker Steczo: "The Lady has moved for the adoption of Amendment #1 to House Bill 949. Is there any discussion? There being none, the ques... Representative Wennlund? ...The Gentleman is not seeking recognition...recognition. The

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question is, 'Shall the Amendment be adopted?' All those in favor will signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed by saying 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it, and the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Steczo: "Third Reading. House Bill 2392, Representative Schakowsky. Out of the record. We are now prepared to go to the Order of Senior Citizens, Third Reading. On that order, on page 33 of the Calendar, appears House Bill 355, Representative DeJaegher. Out of the record. House Bill 587, Representative Martinez. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House...House Bill 587, a Bill for an Act amending the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the...the Gentleman...the Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Martinez."

Martinez: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the General Assembly."

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Martinez, please proceed."

Martinez: "Floor Amendment #1, the Amendment becomes the Bill and requires the Department of Aging to produce..."

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Martinez, we are on the Order of Third Reading of House Bill 587."

Martinez: "All right, fine. The Amendment has been adopted."

Speaker Steczo: "Mr. Martinez, would you like to have this Bill move back to the Order of Second Reading for an Amendment?"

Martinez: "No, the Amendment has been adopted already."

Speaker Steczo: "There is an Amendment...there is Amendment #1 on the Bill, Mr. Black. The Chair recognizes Mr. Black."

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Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. That...that was my only inquiry of the Chair. Is...is floor Amendment #1 on the Bill?"

Speaker Steczo: "Mr. Clerk, has Floor Amendment #1 been adopted?"

Clerk Rossi: "The Amendment has been adopted."

Black: "We stand in support of the Bill, as amended."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Martinez."

Martinez: "Thank you...Representative Black, I appreciate that very much. I just...simply would like to have the support of all Members of the House on this Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 587. Is there any discussion? there being none, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Gentleman from Jefferson, Representative Hicks."

Hicks: "...Thank you. Could I ask the Gentleman just one quick question, if he'd just nod his head. ...Representative Martinez, during committee, we had quite a discussion about this Bill...and it was my understanding that the department was willing to work some things out and get it done. ...Is this still necessary to do this now since that was done? Did you get that worked out with them? I mean they agreed to do this without there being legislative authority to do this."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Martinez."

Martinez: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In answer to...the previous speaker, I would like to say that the Amendment has been worked out to the agreement of the department of,

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and...they are no longer opposed to this any more."

Speaker Steczo: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'; and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Senior Citizens, Third Reading, appears House Bill... On the Order of Senior Citizens, Third Reading, appears House Bill 2008, Representative Granberg. Out of the record. On the Order of Pensions, Third Reading, appears House Bill 1299, Representative Granberg. Out of the record. House Bill 1848, Representative Granberg. Out of the record. On the Order of Business and Job Development, Third Reading, appears House Bill 1320, Representative Rotello. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1320, a Bill for an Act amending the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Rotello."

Rotello: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1320 would create a board to begin to define new technologies for the State of Illinois, so that we can come up with some type of economic strategy to develop high-paying jobs in the high technical areas so that we compete economically in the global market. This Bill was originally designed to be monitored by the Department of Revenue, who opposed the Bill and we worked to amend it to DCCA to staff this board. It's a temporary board that will meet for a period of one year to define new technologies and hopefully we will follow it with a board that would

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give tax credits to companies that are expanding in that area. So, I ask for favorable consideration of this legislation."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 1320. Is there any discussion? The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Just to rise to support the Gentleman's Bill. We appreciate the fact that he's...been willing to work with us on this side. We think the Bill, as amended, moving this back to the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs is a good idea. ...This is a new technology Bill. It's good for the State of Illinois. It's good for every region in the state. I congratulate him, and I intend to support the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1320 pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'; and House Bill 1320, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Business and Job Development, Third Reading, appears House Bill 1560, Representative Deering. Out of the record. House Bill 1715, Representative McGuire. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1715, a Bill for an Act concerning workplace safety. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from Will, Representative McGuire."

McGuire: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I have House Bill 1715, which creates the Workplace

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Safety Committee Act. This is a labor-sponsored Bill. We passed it out of committee, the Labor Committee; and briefly, it provides that...each public and private employer of at least 11 employees shall establish a safety committee at each of the employers' primary places, primary places of employment as defined in the Act, and I would ask for a favorable vote, and I am willing to answer questions."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 1715. Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I...I rise with some questions of the Sponsor, if he'll yield for a question or two?"

Speaker Steczo: "He indicates that he will."

Parke: "Thank you. Representative, is it...is it your understanding that 1715 creates a personnel mandate which 100% of the reimbursement must come from municipal government. In essence, this is a unfunded mandate, is it not?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative McGuire."

McGuire: "No. It should not cost any money, Representative. It's a committee set up among employees."

Parke: "It's my understanding that our estimation is that it will cost local government, the local governments which many of the Members here come from, approximately \$3 million in new revenue. You do...and now you're telling us that your estimation that it won't cost anything, yet we're going to establish these workplace committees and it won't cost anything?"

McGuire: "That's correct. I'm at a loss as to where you're getting your figures."

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Parke: "Well, it's our estim...our cost that in time and manpower and...and cost to businesses, not only to municipal government, but it'll cost that. I think this should be something that should be a...a voluntary thing. I think most businesses and municipalities would understand that...to put in a safety committee would be something that would be good and they...if they saw a need through collective bargaining or bargaining with their employer groups, that they ought to be able to come up with some kind of a voluntary program rather than mandating, and that's exactly what this Bill does. It is a mandate, not only on small business but it also is a mandate on municipal government; and anytime you mandate something, you can't tell me it's not going to cost money. And, by the way, the \$3 million estimate to municipal government comes from the Illinois Municipal League. I would just...I guess, since you don't understand where it's gonna come from, then I will just simply address the Bill and remind the Body that, in fact, it is our estimation, coming from the Illinois Municipal League, Members...Membership for which all of you come from, that they estimate a cost of about \$3 million to implement this Bill. That, in fact, it is an unfunded mandate on small business: And business and though I think the idea has merit, it should be voluntary and not mandate, and I would ask the Body to defeat this legislation."

Speaker Steczko: "Is there further discussion? The Chair recognizes the Lady from DuPage, Representative Cowlshaw."

Cowlshaw: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It's very nice to see you up there. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I...I have a couple of sort of standard comments that all...that have to do with the creation of committees."

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The first is a definition of what a committee is. A committee is a group of the unfit appointed by the unwilling to do the unnecessary; and if ever that definition has been apt to a specific piece of legislation, it certainly applies to this one. The other comment that I have mentioned previously in similar situations really relates pretty much to the Christmas season and that is, 'I think it is noteworthy that God so loved the world that he did not send a committee'."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Balthis."

Balthis: "...Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure that I can say anything that would go beyond what was just said, but I will just remind Members that 85% of the people in the State of Illinois in this past election told all of us that they did not want this Body passing laws that were mandates without sending the money. Now, I don't see any place in this legislation where we're sending along the \$3 million, which is a minimum estimate as to what it's going to cost local governments. And so I think we all have to stop and take a look at what the voters of the State of Illinois asked us not to do or very emphatically told us not to do. This is a mandate, pure and simple, and we should defeat this Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. To the Bill. Nobody, in this chamber can quarrel with this Bill as a matter of a concept. I certainly don't. I would very much like to vote for this Bill. However, let me tell you why I intend to vote 'no' or 'present'. The Bill, I think, is drafted just a little

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too broadly. This mandate even...even includes public schools. Every public school in the State of Illinois would have to come up with this workplace safety committee. Now, if you think these teachers are gonna work on that committee without being compensated, then once again you'd better look for that little girl and the dog because brothers and sisters, we're not in Kansas any more. The Illinois State Board of Education estimates that this would cost just the school districts in the State of Illinois over \$2 million in additional costs to compensate the members of these workplace safety committees that would have to be set up in every public school in the State of Illinois. Now, I don't quarrel with the concept and if it was drafted a little more narrowly to get into the private sector, I...I would like very much to support the Gentleman's Bill, but I think this Bill is much too broad in scope. I don't think he really intended to put schools under this Act and because it's a mandate on schools, and I think both of us can agree on...on either side of the aisle that we just cannot ask schools to do more and more and send them less and less. I have a great deal of respect for the Sponsor. I think had this Bill had been drafted a little more narrowly, I would be in support of it but because it even includes schools and a cost to schools, I would ask, in all due respect, ...for Members to look at this and possibly vote 'present' or 'no'."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Lake, Representative Salvi."

Salvi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. I think this is a good idea, but let's let the private employers make these decisions. It would probably be a good idea for a private employer to do this, but we're getting to the

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point where government's basically running all the...all the businesses. Let's give the private employers a chance to decide for themselves what's best for them and let's not run all the private businesses here in the State Capitol."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from Will, Representative McGuire to close. Representative McGuire, to close."

McGuire: "Mr. Speaker, ...let's take the Bill out of the record for the time being. Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman asks that the Bill be taken from the record. On the Order of Business and Job Development, Third Reading, appears House Bill 1746, Representative Deering. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1746, an Act con...a Bill for an Act concerning business ownership succession. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from Washington, Representative Deering."

Deering: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. What this Bill does, it sets up a task force to find out how we can revise and cut out some of the bureaucratic repetitiveness and paperwork in employees taking over ownership of a company. Case in point is...I had a company in my district that over the last year purchased an employee stock option buy-out; by the success of these individuals, we saved in excess of a 1,000 jobs. These are people that did not have to go on the unemployment rolls or on the welfare rolls. ...They've approached me and said that throughout the process they have found different things that were repetitive, that cost them some money, and all this does is has the task force look at reviving some of the laws to make it easier and less complicated. I would be more than happy to answer any

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questions."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 1746. Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would like to ask the Sponsor a couple of questions, if he'll yield."

Speaker Steczo: "...He indicates that he will."

Parke: "Now, do I understand, Representative Deering, that this Bill creates another task force? Is that the intent of this Bill?"

Deering: "Yes, Representative, it is."

Parke: "You know, you just got through saying that you wanted to cut out the paperwork and cut out the kinds of bureaucracy that we have and here, in fact, this Bill sets up another bureaucracy. Is it not? I mean, isn't that exactly what this does? Another task force to continue to study all the things that are going on in this state? One task force after another. Is it..."

Deering: "Well, Representative..."

Parke: "Is the members gonna serve with pay on this task force, Representative?"

Deering: "No, Representative, they're not."

Parke: "Is there going to be a per diem to the members of the task force?"

Deering: "No, Representative, they're not."

Parke: "Will they be paid any kind of expense for transportation and food?"

Deering: "Mileage."

Parke: "Mileage. So, who's gonna pay that?"

Deering: "We are."

Parke: "The taxpayers are. So, we are going to pay the mileage,

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rather than taking that money and using it for child care or for the schools or for the aged or all the other needs of this state? To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is just another idea that is gonna further make the growth of the state bureaucracy, and in fact, that it's counter-productive to what Representative Deering really would like to see. Unfortunately, this is another Pat Quinn Bill, that continue to grow government, so that his name comes out in front of everybody. I am thinking that this is, again, contrary to what we're trying to do, is just gonna further expand government, another advisory board, another study, which nobody is going to read, but I understand that the intent of the Legislator trying to do it. I think it's a great idea to keep studying things, but you know there comes a point in time when we studied a lot of these things enough. I would ask the Body to vote 'no' on this. Let's stop creating task force in committee and say that we're doing that in the name of solving a problem, but, in fact, all we're doing is creating more expense to the state and to the taxpayers. Ladies and Gentlemen, please vote 'no' on this idea."

Speaker Steczo: "Mr. Wennlund. Your...are you still seeking recognition? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Will, Representative Wennlund."

Wennlund: "Thank...thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I could never follow Representative Cowlshaw's great quotes, but the bottom line is that this Bill creates a task force, that it creates a center to create a regional center, to create an advisory board. Now, the creation of task forces, boards and centers all cost money and the bottom line is it is probably task force mon...or taxpayers money, but my Calendar indicates that

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there was a fiscal note requested on this Bill on the Order of Second Reading and it should never have been moved to Third. ...An inquiry of the Chair, Mr. Speaker. Would the Parliamentarian..."

Speaker Steczo: "Restate your inquiry, Mr. Wennlund."

Wennlund: "...The inquiry is that it should never have been moved to Third because... Has the fiscal notes been filed?"

Speaker Steczo: "Mr. Wennlund, we will check into that request with the Clerk's office."

Wennlund: "The Calendar indicates that...that a fiscal note was requested, by Representative Black. Whether or not it has been filed is the inquiry."

Speaker Steczo: "Mr...Mr. Wennlund, we will...we will check into the...to the ...to the request, because that action on this Bill happened yesterday or the day before the day before that. So, in the meantime, we'll proceed and then we'll get back to you on your inquiry. Is there any further discussion? There being none, the Gentleman from Washington, Representative Deering, to close."

Deering: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. ...In...in rebuttal to some by the remarks of the most recent speaker, ...we already have in statute, the center is already set up. The only thing this Bill does is sets up a task force. We're not setting up any major forms of bureaucracy and the report date is May 1, 1994, so it is a short task force and to the Minority Spokesman on the committee. You did vote for this Bill and it passed out of committee, I believe, unanimously. But anyway, you did vote for it; you supported it at that time and talking about setting up layers of bureaucracy, this Governor of this state is pretty good at putting his people on task force and settin' 'em up and just as the recent prison task force. We all

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have to live by that...that findings that they have found. This is something for the employees to keep them from going on unemployment. I...I ask for your affirmative vote and hope we can pass this Bill out to the Senate, so we can continue to help the employees and the business opportunities in this state."

Speaker Steczo: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1746 pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, to explain your vote."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I hope you will join me in voting 'present' on this Bill, just to show dissatisfaction with the process. A fiscal note was clearly requested on this Bill in ample time. Now, we have to rely on the credibility and integrity of the Clerk's office to see that those are filed. If this Bill was moved to Third Reading, it was moved so in error. There isn't anybody in this chamber that wouldn't agree with that, and I would ask you to vote 'present' or 'no' to...to try to maintain some sense of credibility in the process. A fiscal note was requested in ample time. It could have been filed. It has not been filed. Now that violates the inherent credibility of the process. This Bill was moved to Third in error and it was called in error and when he gets the fiscal note filed it may pass out of here by 90 votes. But until that time, I'm amazed that you will not respect the integrity of the process."

Speaker Steczo: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Kaszak."

Kaszak: "Speaker and Members of the House, I just wanted to explain my vote. I believe that succession issues are one

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of the prime reasons why we are having the closings of small and mid-sized businesses. The failure of business owners to plan, and family owned businesses in particular to plan for what happens when the owner retires or dies or becomes disabled, leaves the community many times without someone who can run the company and it's important that we not only work with employees but also other small locally owned businesses to see what can be done to encourage them to...and position them...at such a point where they would be able to acquire the business when it becomes available. So, that is why I encourage your vote in favor of House Bill 1749."

Speaker Steczo: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 66 voting 'yes', 17 voting 'no', 32 voting 'present'; and House Bill 1746, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Business and Job Development, Third Reading, appears House Bill 2074, Representative Hicks. Mr. Hicks, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2074, a Bill for an Act relating to the investigation and prosecution of violations and fraudulent abuses of laws relating to workers compensation. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Jefferson, Representative Hicks."

Hicks: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill really came out of a series of...workshops that we had...down in Southern Illinois concerning workers compensation fraud. This Bill in itself would simply set up...within the Attorney General's office

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the investigative authority to investigate worker comp fraud claims. I'd be happy to answer any questions on the Bill anyone might have."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 2074. Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Kankakee, Representative Novak."

Novak: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, I just rise up in support. I think this is a very good piece of legislation. You know, I worked for about eight or nine years in management before I got into the political arena and I...one of the jobs that I had was administering workers compensation claims, and believe you me from one of the biggest complaints that business has with respect to workers compensation is fraud. We all know there is some vagaries in the law that need to be corrected. We all know there are abuses in the law, it happens every day. And I think that this is a good place to start, by having a...by having a workers comp fraud division investigate these claims. It's one of the reasons why workers comp insurance costs so much money. It's one of the reasons why business is so expensive in Illinois, and I ask for your support on House Bill 2074."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. An inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Steczo: "Pease...please proceed, Mr. Black, with your inquiry."

Black: "We just want to make certain that the Speaker has made it very clear in the time that I've been here, that workers comp and UI are generally handled on an Agreed Bill process. And all I want to do is make certain that we are not violating the Speaker's procedures for the past several

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years. ...This is a workers comp Bill. Is it because it's a new Act or...are we not on the Agreed Bill process?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Black, I will recognize Representative Hicks to respond to that inquiry. Representative Hicks."

Hicks: "...Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Black, this did set up a new area of the law, the Workers Comp Abuse Act. It is a new Act, the reason it came out of committee, the reason we're addressing it is because it's not related into the workers comp section of the law."

Black: "All right. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. To the Bill. Many of us on this side of the aisle would have liked to have had some Amendments to this Bill, but that unfortunately, we're not allowed to do that on occasion. But let me just make it clear to Members on my side of the aisle, this is a start. It's a good start, and I commend the Sponsor, but we really would like the Sponsor to do is to work with us and really put some teeth in workers compensation reform. If we're going to attract and keep jobs to Illinois, there is no bigger issue in this state than workers compensation costs. Twenty-two dollars a hundred of payroll for a person in the trucking business in my district. If he moves six miles to Indiana, he pays \$7.50 a \$100 for payroll. How long, how much longer do you think we can keep jobs in this state with that kind of a workers compensation disparity. I commend the Sponsor. It's a good start. Workers compensation fraud and reform is long overdue, and I'm proud to stand with him in what I consider to be the first step in what I hope will be a long process of actual reform of the workers comp system in the State of Illinois."

Speaker Steczo: "Mr. Hicks, did you wish to close? The Chair

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recognizes Representative Hicks."

Hicks: "I just ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you very much."

Speaker Steczo: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2074 pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'; and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Business and Job Development, Third Reading, appears House Bill 2193, Representative Frias. Let the record reflect that on the last Bill, House Bill 2074, Representative Black intended to vote...intended to vote 'aye'. Representative Frias, House Bill 2193. Out of the record. House Bill 2223, Representative Santiago. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2223, a Bill for an Act in relation to migrant labor camps. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Santiago."

Santiago: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the General Assembly. House Bill 2223, what it does...does...it adds the Attorney General as among those persons who may bring action against violators of the Illinois Migrant Labor Camp Law. ...The Bill also provides that the Department of Public Health shall assess civil penalties against a person who provides housing for migrant workers for the violations of the Act. ...The penalties shall be assessed pursuant to the rules for such pen...penalties established by the Department of Health. This is a very simple Bill. It passed committee 16 to zero and is supported by the

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Department of Public Health. I move 'do pass' on...

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of House Bill 2223. Is there any discussion? The question is, 'Shall House Bill... The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Will, Representative Wennlund."

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

Speaker Steczo: "He indicates he will."

Wennlund: "Can you tell us what the annual cost to the taxpayers of Illinois for this licensing process is?"

Santiago: "No. There's no fiscal impact on this thing."

Wennlund: "There's...pardon me... Would you repeat that again?"

Santiago: "There's no...fiscal impact...I...as I see on this Bill. All it does is just adds the... Right now the current law, Larry, what it does...only the State's Attorneys of each counties are allowed to prosecute under this Act. What this will do, it will add the Attorney General also as another law enforcement agency to bring charges against persons that violate the Act."

Wennlund: "Thank you very much. I've got a bad fiscal note here in the file. ...It evidently doesn't apply to this, but I appreciate it. We support the Bill and it's a good Bill and it ought to pass."

Santiago: "Thank you, Larry."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Murphy."

Murphy, M.: "Yes, on this Bill, thank you, Representative Steczo. I had a question of the Sponsor. An analysis reads that this creates a facility of licensing funds..."

Santiago: "Yes."

Murphy, M.: "For deposit of fees and fines generated?"

Santiago: "Yes, it..."

Murphy, M.: "Who would be...who would administer this fund and

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how much? Is there an estimate on the kinds of fees and fines that could possibly be generated?"

Santiago: "The..."

Murphy, M.: "Again, who's the...who will administer this new fund?"

Santiago: "The...the Department of...of Health."

Murphy, M.: "DPH will administer this fund?"

Santiago: "Right."

Murphy, M.: "Do you have any estimate on fees? Are we talking about \$10,000 here, \$10 million, \$100 million a year; how much are we talking about?"

Santiago: "I don't have no explanation on fees, but the fees are collected from...it depends on the violation. If there's a lot of...of violations, what will happen is the more violations you have the more money it's going to generate."

Murphy, M.: "And then the money will go back to address..."

Santiago: "Right."

Murphy, M.: "And secure those violations?"

Santiago: "Pardon?"

Murphy, M.: "And this will help cure the violations? The money will go back to cure violations?"

Santiago: "The money will be used by the Department of Health to enforce the...the Act."

Murphy, M.: "All right. Thank you."

Santiago: "Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Wojcik."

Wojcik: "Would the Sponsor yield for a question?"

Speaker Steczo: "He indicates that he will."

Wojcik: "Representative, in my analysis here it says that the state chamber is opposed to this. ...Is that still in effect or do you know for what reason?"

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Santiago: "I...I haven't been notified by anyone of any opposition to it, Kay."

Wojcik: "Okay. I haven't either, but I just read that so I was wondering."

Santiago: "I haven't been notified by them or anyone else."

Wojcik: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

Speaker Steczo: "He indicates that he will."

Black: "Representative, can you tell me if the Farm Bureau is...were they on the Bill, neutral, opposed?"

Santiago: "The Farm Bureau has not notified me of their...of any opposition or proponent of the Bill."

Black: "It's my understanding that the Farm Bureau does not have a position on this Bill; and if that's the case, I'm glad to join with you in support of the Bill."

Santiago: "Thank you. That is my understanding, also."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Santiago, to close."

Santiago: "I...I move to adopt this...Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 2223; and the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'yes'; all those by voting 'no'...all those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes', 2 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'; and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Business and Job Development,

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Third Reading, appears House Bill 2417, Representative Eugene Moore. Representative Moore? Do you wish to call the Bill? Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2417, a Bill for an Act concerning student aid. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Moore."

Moore, E: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is a Bill, House Bill 2417, amends the Public Aid Code and the Unemployment Insurance Act. It provides the students that aid received by full-time or part-time college students shall not be considered in determining the eligibility for the amount of benefit under the Public Aid Code."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 2417. Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I...I'm gonna rise opposed to this Bill simply because though it's not directly related to the...to the Unemployment Insurance Code that, in fact, it effects unemployment compensation, and this should be part of the Agreed par...Agreed Bill process. And we brought that up in committee and we were ignored, and we still believe that this belongs in the Agreed Bill process, and I would ask that...this side vote 'present' to show that we are...disturbed that these Bills that affect the system of unemployment compensation are not part of the Agreed Bill process."

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Moore, do you wish to close? The Chair recognizes Representative Moore."

Moore, E.: "...However, I wish that we certainly have this Bill in past from first motion, please. I move the Motion be

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passed."

Speaker Steczko: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 2417. The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, to explain his vote."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I apologize for the lateness in putting on my speak button. I'm really confused on this Bill, because it shows 29 Members on the committee and only 13 voting in the affirmative. ...I don't even know how this Bill was...prevailed from committee, if my figures are right. So, given that fact, and it's probably too late to make an inquiry of the Chair, I'm going to vote 'present'. If we continue to ignore procedures and rules, then none of us need be here. We can just go home."

Speaker Steczko: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Saline, Representative Phelps."

Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I...would like to perhaps correct Representative Black's figures that he might have. I don't believe anything would have cleared out of the Health Care Human Services Committee without the right margin and maybe he needs to talk to his tally person. But...Mr. Moore had a fair hearing, and even though it might have been a partisan vote, it did clear out of the committee if I've got the right Bill in mind. It wasn't my committee? I thought you said, Health Care. I'm sorry."

Speaker Steczko: "Mr. Black, for what purpose do you seek recognition? Mr. Black?"

Black: "I stand corrected. I had the wrong number on the committee, so I stand corrected."

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Speaker Steczko: "Thank you, Mr. Black. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 63 voting 'yes', 8 voting 'no', 43 voting 'present'; and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Business and Job Development, Third Reading, appears House Bill 797, Representative Saltsman. Representative Saltsman. Out of the record. House Bill 814, Representative Turner. Out of the record. House Bill 1047, Representative Turner. Out of the record. House Bill 1120, Representative DeJaegher. Representative DeJaegher, do you wish to hear this Bill? Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1120, a Bill for an Act concerning promotion of Illinois exports. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczko: "The...Chair...the Chair... Mr. DeJaegher, do you want to proceed? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Rock Island, Representative DeJaegher."

DeJaegher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the General Assembly. I might also state that I am quite pleased that Representative Black has become a Co-Sponsor of 1120. House Bill 1120 creates a new export promotion coordinating council, whose function will be supported, the efforts of Illinois business to export their products. Just recently, we put an Amendment on it and basically the Department of Agriculture was very enthusiastic about this Amendment and what it does is it signs this part of the Bill to that particular agency, and I think as all of us realize that grain products of the State of Illinois are most essential commodity where we basically receive most of our income, and I think it's a good Bill. It came out of citizens

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assembly, which is a bipartisan group, and I think that's basically all I can add unless there is questions pertaining to this legislation. If not, hopefully all of you will vote in the affirmative."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 1120. On that question, is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Kubik."

Kubik: "Thank you Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. First of all. Let me say that I have the utmost respect for the Sponsor and his Co-Sponsors in this Bill, but and frankly the Sponsor has worked very hard on this Bill and I...would give him a lot of credit in that regard. But Ladies and Gentlemen what we are...what we are seeing here is the...is what we've been doing with state government over the last year, two years. What we...what we've done in the last couple of years is we have gutted the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, which does this type of work, and what we've done is taken all the experts, fired them, I suppose because they live in Chatham and done away with all these people who have the ability and the...the expertise in export promotion, and now we have replaced them with a blue-ribbon council full of politicians and full of directors who really don't know a whole lot about export promotion. So, you know, I really think that we...we...we need to rethink how we're approaching state government. We're...we're eliminating the experts who really do the job and we're creating a bunch of blue-ribbon panels, so that we can...content ourselves, be content with the fact that we're doing something for export promotion. And, again, the Sponsor is very well-intended, but I gotta tell you...this

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is...really, probably a useless idea and a ridiculous idea. Better we should hire back some of the people from the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs to do the real spade work that's necessary for export promotion. I would oppose this Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the Bill, and in all due respect to my colleague on this side of the aisle who...represents...Brookfield Zoo and does so very effectively, one of the finest zoos in the ...in the country. What we've...what we've attempted to do with this Bill, and I agree with everything he said about the dismantling of DCCA. The reason I'm supporting this Bill, who...who do you think exports the single largest dollar amount of goods from Illinois to other places in the world? It's the Illinois farmer, not the expert in DCCA (and they were good and I...maybe we shouldn't have dismantled them), but this puts this export promotion council under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture, and that's why I support the Bill. The Illinois farmer is the biggest exporter of goods we have, and I hope that we continue to keep that in mind as we work towards the problems of world trade and imbalance of trade. I support this Bill. I appreciate the Sponsor's work on it, and I'm very appreciative of the fact that he agreed to let the Department of Agriculture run this program rather than someone else."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Balthis."

Balthis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. At a time when the map to agreement is being

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debated, there's a time when Canada's included in 'Buy America' Bills, I think this Bill is very necessary for our small businesses in the State of Illinois. I would urge each and every one of you to vote for it. Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from Rock Island, Representative...DeJaegher, hang on. Representative Dunn, The Gentleman from Macon does not seek recognition. The Gentleman from Rock Island, Representative DeJaegher, to close."

DeJaegher: "Jack, it is not my intent to discredit DCCA, but I feel that the expertise that we have in the Agriculture Department can fully implement this program without any needed assistance. One thing that I want to make people aware of when we talk about exporting, Illinois's exports and foreign investments in the state account for 721,000 jobs in 1991. This accounts for one in eight jobs in Illinois. It's a growing business and an active business and for that particular reason, hopefully that you will vote 'yes'."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 1120. The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 4 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'; and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Jobs...Business and Job Development, appears House Bill 1292, Representative Deering. Out of the record. Moving to the Order of Veterans, Third Reading, appears House Bill 839, Representative Novak. Mr. Clerk, please read the

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Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 839, a Bill for an Act amending the Municipal Code. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Will, Representative Novak."

Novak: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 839 is...simply does one thing. It takes the same provisions that we passed on House Bill 2 in 1991, which expanded veterans preference rights for state employment. It takes that same scheme of things, as far as preference points concerning veterans honorably discharged, through VietNam, through the Grenada situation and Desert Storm, up until the current time, including peace-time veterans, it takes those same stipulations, those same requirements and applies them to the Municipal Code, counties and townships that have personnel management systems, such as police departments, such...that have...are required to have civil service examinations, such as fire departments that one required to have civil service examinations; such as regular municipal employees that are under a personnel code, and I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 839. Is there any discussion? On that question, the Gentleman from Will, Representative Meyer."

Meyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Representative yield?"

Speaker Steczo: "He indicates that he will."

Meyer: "Thank you. I sit...on the Veterans Affairs Committee as Minority Spokesman and when this Bill became before us, I believe it received unanimous support. The one concern that...I did voice at that time and I'd just like to ask for clarification on it from Representative Novak is, 'Will

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this make the lists that are currently being worked right now outdated and will we have to go through the testing programs again'?"

Novak: "Absolutely not, Representative."

Meyer: "Well, with that understanding, I certainly encourage all of the House to support this."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Coles, Representative Weaver."

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

Speaker Steczo: "He indicates that he will."

Weaver: "Does this...is this a local mandate?"

Novak: "Well, I suppose you could...you know, it requires the point system to be applied to those municipalities that have the personnel systems. It really doesn't have...it's a very nominal expense, it's just a minor adjustment on the...on the examination grading...mechanism, that's all."

Weaver: "Okay, does this overwrite...override home rule?"

Novak: "No."

Weaver: "It does not. Now, the veterans or that qualification as a veteran, does that coincide with what we passed, I believe, in House Bill 2 last year?"

Novak: "Exactly the same, Representative Weaver. Exactly the same."

Weaver: "Okay, thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? There being none, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 4 voting 'present'; and

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this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Insurance, Third Reading, appears House Bill 1511, Representative Parcels. Out of the record. House Bill 1798, Representative Laurino. Representative Laurino, House Bill 1798. Out of the record. House Bill 2028, Representative Parcels. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2028, a Bill for an Act amending the Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan Act. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Parcels."

Parcels: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is a Bill to correct some of the ...problems that they were having in the CHIP Program, Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan, and it's their cleanup legislation and ...made some changes to the existing law. The one...the Amendment that we put on changed the eligibility period from the 30 days that it is presently to 180 days or six months, so that we would be serving residents of Illinois rather than those who sometimes come here and quickly get onto the CHIP Plan. As you know there is a waiting list and we're trying to shorten that waiting list, and that's what some of the changes have to do with here in the plan and that's why we wanted to put the Amendment on to make this a six month rather than 30-day waiting period before you can get on to the CHIP Plan. I would ask for your 'aye' vote on this Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Lady has moved for the passage of House Bill 2028. Is there any further discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Effingham, Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor

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yield?"

Speaker Steczo: "She indicates that she will."

Hartke: "I think that I agree with what you're trying to do Representative Parcells, but can you indicate to me how much abuse there has been in this program and how many individuals are on the CHIP Program now that you feel are outside residents, I don't know if I want to call them aliens, but residents outside the State of Illinois who have come to the State of Illinois to take use of this program?"

Parcells: "...They are...I would indicate...Yesterday I went to my first CHIP Board Meeting with Representative Mautino and they indicated this was a growing problem of people asking to come to the program. They were bringing relatives, from not only out-of-state, but out of the country here and asking to put them on the program, and...but they gave us no indication as to number. I'm going to guess something like 10% was what they were facing and that's why they thought the eligibility date of six months would be a better time-frame, so that we'd be serving Illinois people with this Illinois Plan."

Hartke: "Can we do this without being considered discriminating against...you know, those individuals?"

Parcells: "...I'm glad you brought that up. That was one of our concerns originally was that this would be considered an entitlement program, but indeed it's not an entitlement program because there is a waiting list right now. You have to qualify. As you know, there's rather stringent qualifications to buy this CHIP Plan, and therefore, and we do have a waiting list of...what we're guessing, six to eight months for people to get on the program, so we do not consider it an entitlement and there are other states that

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have six months eligibility requirements as well as we think there are several states that have a year eligibility."

Hartke: "Okay. How many people do we have on the program at the present time? Are you..."

Parcells: "Forty-five hundred, I think?"

Hartke: "How many?"

Parcells: "Forty-five hundred."

Hartke: "Forty-five hundred. What level are we appropriating funds for the CHIP Program at the present time?"

Parcells: "What...I...I'm sorry, I didn't hear your question."

Hartke: "At what level are we appropriating funds for the CHIP Program?"

Parcells: "I believe it's a little over \$17 million."

Hartke: "Okay, thank you."

Parcells: "And that is in addition to their 135% premium that they're paying. They're paying 135% of an average of a six or eight insurance companies; and in addition to that, because as you know it's an adverse selection group. In addition to that, we're putting in a little over \$17 million."

Hartke: "Okay, thank you very much for answering my questions."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from McHenry, Representative Skinner."

Skinner: "I wonder if the Lady could tell us what the waiting period is?"

Speaker Steczo: "She indicates she'll try."

Parcells: "The waiting period, is that what you said?"

Skinner: "Yes."

Parcells: "Well, at the moment it's 30 days, but we're trying to..."

Skinner: "Only 30 days?"

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Parcells: "Oh, I see what you're talking about. To get on, it's about six months. We know that there's a six to eight month lag time. As the rates go up, sometimes people will drop off..."

Skinner: "No, that's not my question."

Parcells: "All right."

Skinner: "I see somebody collecting money in a little jar at the place I buy gasoline. They don't... They don't have insurance. I want to direct them to CHIP. How long after they file an application with CHIP will they be put on this state insurance, last resort program?"

Parcells: "If they qualify..."

Skinner: "If they qualify..."

Parcells: "...and if they...ask to get on it, it's about a six-month. We can't tell you because we are keeping the numbers controlled so that the \$17 million will cover, and we take in new people as old people leave the program..."

Skinner: "All right. So, as they drop..."

Parcells: "...So we are saying it's about a six-month period. If everybody dropped off tomorrow, we might get in tomorrow."

Skinner: "Okay. I think this is a superb Bill. Thank you very much for introducing it."

Parcells: "Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from Bureau, Representative Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of this Bill. The CHIP program is vital. It's a last recourse for many people in the State of Illinois. In order to get into the CHIP program, you have to be certified eligible. This means that you've given a letter of uninsurability. These people have no other recourse. The problem that this Bill addresses, with the waiting list now, we have a...a

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current... It was a 30-day residency; in committee, it was suggested that we go to a full year. The CHIP Board suggested this 180 days. I think it's an excellent Amendment. It's a vital program, and it benefits those who have nowhere else to go. I would ask for an 'aye' vote on this excellent piece of legislation."

Speaker Steczo: "The Lady has asked for the passage of House Bill 2028. And on that question... The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass? All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question... Please record Representative Sheehy as 'aye'. Representative Gash as 'aye'. On this question, there are 106 voting 'yes', 8 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'; and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to the Order of Agriculture and Conservation, Third Reading appears House Bill 666, Representative Granberg. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 666, a Bill for an Act concerning electric service provided by municipalities and electric cooperatives. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "For what purpose does the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Martinez rise?"

Martinez: "Simply to ask to be recorded as 'aye' in the previously called Bill, 2028, I believe."

Speaker Steczo: "The record will so reflect."

Marinez: "Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Granberg, on House Bill 666."

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 666 now reflects an agreed Bill between

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the Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative Association and municipal electric agency. This was negotiated over the last month. It is regarding compensation to electric cooperatives from municipal electric agencies on franchised area when municipalities expand. There is no opposition to the Bill, as amended. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 666. Is there any discussion? The Gentleman from Madison, Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the...to the Sponsor of the Bill, I want say on behalf of three municipal...power companies in our district, that we appreciate your efforts at reaching a compromise over a tough issue that's been before the Legislature for several years. Representative Granberg, you're to be commended on the efforts that you've made on behalf of the people of the 110th District, which I'm proud to serve."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from Adams, Representative Tenhouse."

Tenhouse: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I just... I have to agree with Representative Stephens, which happens occasionally, but more than that, I think I want to take time to really say a good thing about what Curtis...Representative Granberg has been able to accomplish here because this is an issue that has been before us for several years. And I think by bringing the people to the table and working out a compromise that all of us can work with, we take off our hats to you. And at this time, I would certainly encourage... I know there was some controversy on this issue as it passed out of the Ag Committee, but I would certainly encourage all the Members

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on this side of the aisle to support this agreement that's been reached on both sides. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Steczko: "Is there any further discussion? There being none, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 666 pass?' All those in favor will signify by saying...by voting 'aye'; all those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Representative Saltsman, 'aye'. Representative Hom...Homer. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Fulton, Representative Homer."

Homer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to disclose that I may have a conflict of interest with respect to the legislation; therefore, vote 'present'."

Speaker Steczko: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'; 1 voting 'present'; and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Agriculture and Conservation, appears House Bill 1552, Representative Brunsvold. Representative Brunsvold? House Bill 1552. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1552, a Bill for an Act amending the Wildlife Code. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczko: "The Gentleman from Rock Island, Representative Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill...the Amendment 2 became the Bill. It cleaned up language dealing with out-of-state landowners and their requirements for a license...a hunting license, dealing with deer and turkey, and it also cleaned up language Conservation wanted on taxidermy, and I ask for a 'yes' vote on House Bill 1552."

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Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the pass...for the passage of House Bill 1552. Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. An inquiry of the Chair. Has Amen...Floor Amendment #1 been withdrawn?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "I believe Amendment #2 struck everything and became the Bill."

Black: "Amendment #2 becomes the Bill?"

Brunsvold: "Right."

Black: "And it has something to do with...taxidermists?"

Brunsvold: "Department of Conservation had some clarifications dealing with taxidermy and that was part of Amendment #2, and then it clarified the language that we had dealing with out-of-state lan...out-of-state residents that owned land in Illinois, and they're requiring an out-of-state hunting license. And Indiana, by the way Representative Black, does not have any reciprocity with us."

Black: "Well, the only thing that concerns me about this now is the taxidermy provision. You're not getting into the Veterinary Practice Act now, are you?"

Brunsvold: "No. No. Not at all."

Black: "I saw a sign driving over here the other day. I won't use his name, but it said veterinary/taxidermist. Either way you get your pet back. I just want to make sure you're not fooling with the Veterinary Practice Act."

Brunsvold: "So, it sounds like he's solving the problem."

Black: "All right."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? There being none, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1552 pass?' All those in favor, will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed

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by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes'; 0 voting 'no'; 0 voting 'present' and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Supplemental Calendar Announcement."

Clerk Rossi: "Supplemental Calendar #1 is being distributed."

Speaker Steczo: "For the benefit of all the Members, Supplemental Calendar #1 contains a list of Bills that have passed the Senate. If any Member of the House is interested in being a House Sponsor of the Bills which the Senate has passed, please come up to the Clerk's well and...and make...indicate that to them. So, the Supplemental Calendar contains the Bills that have now...will be before the House that have been passed by the Senate. On the Order of Consumer Protection, Third Reading, appears House Bill 1017, Representative Schakowsky. Representative Schakowsky? Out of the record. House Bill 1079, Representative Churchill. Out of the record. House Bill 1504, Representative Schakowsky. Out of the record. House Bill 1505, Representative Schakowsky. Out of the record. House Bill 1679, Representative McAfee. Out of the record. House Bill 1809, Representative Novak. Representative Novak. House Bill 1809. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1809, a Bill...a Bill for an Act relating to disclosure by the seller of residential real property. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from Kankakee, Representative Novak."

Novak: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1809, as introduced, is an initiative of the Illinois Association of Realtors. I'm very happy to

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sponsor this legislation. Yesterday, the companion legislation, sponsored by Senator Pate Philip, passed...passed the House (sic-Senate) without a dissenting vote. Essentially, it creates the real...Real Estate Residential Real Property Disclosure Act. It requires sellers of real...of residential real property to complete a document disclosing defects and other conditions with respect to the property. It's simple. When people go out to buy a home, this is gonna be their...the most major investment they will make in their lives. They want to make sure that what they purchase is of sound basic construction, a safe place to live, because they are gonna be paying on it for quite a long time. This essentially puts into writing and puts into law what normally the real estate...the Real Estate Association usually requires of people that sell their homes. It's...it's a very successful initiative that has been in effect in a number of states around the country. And I think it's time that we now put this into law in the State of Illinois so we can have consumer protection for people who wish to sell and buy homes. Be more than happy to entertain any questions."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 1809. On that question, is there any discussion? The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

Speaker Steczo: "Yes."

Black: "Representative, what...what penalties does... Does the Bill address any penalties if the disclosure is either fraudulently made or not made at all?"

Novak: "Representative Black...on..."

Black: "Would this be a cause for civil action?"

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Novak: "...on the synopsis... On the synopsis, it indicates that knowing violations for false disclosure may result in the payment of damages or court costs and attorney fees."

Black: "Okay. But it's just a civil action, not a criminal action."

Novak: "Yes. Right. Yes."

Black: "I stand in support of your Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Walsh."

Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What types of items will be included in the disclosure?"

Novak: "Am I turned on? I guess I'm turned on. What types of items?"

Walsh: "Yes."

Novak: "Well, it's great to be turned on. What types of items? Well, I suppose if I were selling my home and I would have to conform to the requirements of this Act, I would have to indicate that the roof doesn't leak and the furnace is in reasonable operating condition, the basement doesn't have any water seeping in it. I mean, some of the major things that people sometimes when they are looking to purchase homes..."

Walsh: "Will...will it be a standard form?"

Novak: "Yes, it will be a standardized form."

Walsh: "That all realtors are going to have to give to the seller to have them..."

Novak: "Yes. Yes."

Walsh: "And who is going to draw up this form?"

Novak: "The form, I believe... It's in the Bill. The form is in the Bill."

Walsh: "And what type... You might have answered it before, but what type of recourse is there, if for instance, the furnace isn't operating properly after the person moves

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into the house?"

Novak: "Well... Well, the...the buyer can sue for damages. Representative Walsh, the buyer can sue... The answer to your question, the buyer can sue for damages, and the seller that knowingly, as I indicated before to Representative Black, that knowingly indicates false disclosure or false information on the disclosure statement, may be subject to property...damages, court costs, and attorneys fees."

Walsh: "Okay. If...if the... So, it has to be knowingly. So, you don't have to have like your furnace inspected before you sell to find out the condition of it?"

Novak: "No... No, you don't. I mean, I think the key word here is that 'knowingly', intent. I mean, if I intentionally...if I intentionally indicate under the disclosure slip that the furnace is in proper working order but I know it's not, then I become subject to the damages, court costs, attorneys fees."

Walsh: "You don't feel that this is the responsibility of the buyer, possibly, and with an inspection..."

Novak: "Well, the old saying 'caveat emptor' (let the buyer beware) I know is applicable in all parts of society, but as I indicated, the...the seller's not liable for any error in accuracy or omission of any information delivered pursuant to this Act. I'm reading this now. The seller has no... If the seller had no knowledge of the error, inaccuracy, or omission. And essentially, it minimizes litigation."

Walsh: "It... It... Okay. It would seem that it would possibly increase litigation if..."

Novak: "I can't hear you, Representative Walsh."

Walsh: "It would seem that it would increase litigation."

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Novak: "No, I think the form... If you look at the form on page 6 of the Bill, it makes it very clear. Those are pretty well...pretty specific statements that the seller has to attest to; very clear."

Walsh: "Okay. Thank you."

Novak: "Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? The Chair recognizes the Lady from DuPage, Representative Biggert."

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

Speaker Steczo: "He indicates that he will."

Biggert: "In this Bill, if a...if a seller wants to sell his house as is, is he still able to do that?"

Novak: "Representative, I'm sorry. Could you repeat that question, please?"

Biggert: "If...if, under this Amendment or under this Bill, excuse me, if a seller wishes to sell his house as is, which has been a usual legal way to do it, and it has certain legal ramifications, is he still able to do that?"

Novak: "Yes."

Biggert: "And does he still have to disclose?"

Novak: "Yes."

Biggert: "Okay. The law has really been in the past, it was the 'buyer beware', so this really is a change, although we've been moving closer and closer to this every year. But I think we should be aware. I have no objections to it, but I think we should be aware that we are...are moving in a direction...where we're really giving the buyer the benefit rather than the seller in...in the real estate field. Thank you."

Novak: "Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Macon,

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Representative Dunn."

Dunn: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in support of this legislation. The...buying and selling of...of real property has become more and more complicated, and in recent years, there have been a number of lawsuits filed. Litigation has become more extensive, and what has caused this is the uncertainty about what must...and what must not be disclosed by the seller, what the buyer is entitled to know and what the buyer has to search out on his or her own. The purpose of this legislation is to clarify these uncertain areas and, in doing so, to provide protection for the seller so that the seller knows what needs to be done with regard to the property before sale, so that the seller know what needs to be disclosed to provide information for the buyer so the buyer is a better informed buyer and tell the buyer 'that here are the things you are entitled to know. If you think you want to know something in addition than that, you better proceed on your own; and, furthermore, to provide some protection for the realtors who are caught in the middle of all of this. A seller fails to tell the realtor something and a defect arises after the sale and the first person sued is the realtor. So, this is a good step in the right direction to clarify...a growing area of uncertainty in the buying and selling of real property. And I hope we would all put green votes up on the board for this good piece of legislation."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I too, rise, in support of this Bill. Current law requires this is done on a case-by-case basis in courts.

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This delineates the standards and the responsibilities of parties to these types of transactions. It sets forth the responsibilities of the seller and it makes the buyer aware of...of any potential defects in the property. This is... This is a Bill proposed by the Illinois Association of Realtors. They will, also, want to clarify the standards for both parties. And it also affords protection for buyers of residential property. I think it's a good Bill. It sets the standards. It clarifies responsibilities, and I would urge everyone to put a green vote on the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Zickus."

Zickus: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, also, am supporting this Bill. Many realtors are using the disclosure already. It not only protects the realtor, it protects the sellers, and it's something that's good for the consumer, and I urge a 'yes' vote on it."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from St. Clair, Representative Younge."

Younge: "Thank you. Would...would the Sponsor yield? Would the Sponsor yield for a question?"

Speaker Steczo: "He indicates that he will."

Younge: "Okay. Several years ago, there was a Bill passed that required mine subsidence claims to be a part of the transaction in the transfer of property. Would this Bill affect that?"

Novak: "To my knowledge, no, Representative."

Younge: "Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? There being none, the Gentleman from Kankakee, Representative Novak, to close."

Novak: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I

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think you've heard the debate on this Bill. I think it's a very important measure that we now think it's time that the State of Illinois lock into law and codify seller disclosure. As I indicated in previous debate, when an individual or families go out and purchase a home, it is the most major investment they will make in their entire life. What they want...what they... They want to make sure that what they buy and what they purchase and what they pay for for the next 30 or 40 years is what they actually get. And I think you can't be any more logical than that. So, I appreciate any support you can give us on this Bill, on House Bill 1809."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 1809. The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'yes', 2 voting 'no', 3 voting 'present'; and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Consumer Protection, Third Reading, appears House Bill 1928, Representative Currie. Out of the record. House Bill 2006, Representative Schakowsky. Representative Schakowsky? Out of the record. Moving to the Order of Financial... Financial Institutions, Third Reading, appears House Bill 702, Representative Flinn. Out of the record. House Bill 902, Representative Sheehy. I'm sorry, Representative Flinn is here. Mr. Clerk, please read the...please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 702, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Savings and Loan Act of 1985. Third Reading of the

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Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from St. Clair, Representative Flinn."

Flinn: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 702 is a Bill which was put in by Household Finance, and the reason for the Bill is they have eight institutions...located in the State of Illinois and there's some ambiguity in the present statutes as about those different institutions exchanging information. And all this does is clear up the law, permits them to communicate from one to the other altogether. I'd ask for passage of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for passage of House Bill 702. On that question, the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

Speaker Steczo: "He indicates that he will."

Black: "Representative, the staff tells me that in committee there was some confusion as to whether or not this was a vehicle Bill that will then be used for Household Finance in the Senate. What...what is your intent on that?"

Flinn: "Well, it actually is...was not a vehicle Bill. I had got it mixed up with another Bill and I said it was a vehicle Bill, and when I took it back, nobody believed me. But the facts are, the Household Finance people have stated that this Bill will not be changed. It will go to the Senate just like it is, and he'll have nothing to do with it if it's changed."

Black: "All right. Well, it's...it's... And I appreciate that, because of the confusion that it was a vehicle Bill, I was afraid I was gonna have to rise in opposition. But since

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you have clarified, and Members on our side of the aisle in committee said that this is, in fact, the truth. We appreciate your candor, and we would rise in support of your Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? There being none, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. The Gentleman from Vermilion, Mr. Black, for what purpose do you rise?"

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I have an inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Steczo: "State your inquiry."

Black: "Thank you. I just received a call from Representative HELM, and he asked me to tell the Body that they want Representative John Dunn to handle all of Senator SJUD's bill, and they're on this sheet, so if Representative Dunn would fill out a form to handle of Repe...Senator SJUD's Bills, Representative HELM would appreciate it."

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Dunn is nodding in agreement because there's such a close personal relationship between he and the Senator. Please vote Representative Monique Davis as 'aye'. Mr... Please vote Representative Lindner as 'yes'. Mr. Clerk, have we taken the record?"

Clerk Rossi: "The record has been taken."

Speaker Steczo: "Record has been taken. On this question, there are 113 'yes, 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'; and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Financial Institutions, Third Reading, appears House Bill 902, Representative Sheehy. Mr. Clerk, please call the

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Bill. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 902, a Bill for an Act amending the Security Deposit Return Act. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczko: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Sheehy."

Sheehy: "Speaker and House Members, House Bill 902... What it does, it amends the Security Deposit Return Act. It requires the landlords to deposit security payments into a bank account, a trust account and provide the tenant with the name of the financial institution. I'd be more than happy to answer any questions anyone has."

Speaker Steczko: "The Gentleman from has moved for the passage of House Bill 902. Is there any discussion? There being none, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I just want to explain my vote. I'm voting 'no', but I don't remember why."

Speaker Steczko: "Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 93 voting 'yes', 14 voting 'no', 5 voting 'present'; and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Financial Institutions, Third Reading, appears House Bill 1410, Representative Deuchler. Out of the record. House Bill 1412, Representative Walsh. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1412, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Banking Act. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczko: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Walsh."

Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1412 is an

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administration Bill. What it does is change two sections of the Illinois Banking Act. There was no opposition in committee and this Bill is supported by the Bankers Association and the Community Bankers Association. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 1412. Is there any discussion? There being none, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'; and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Financial Institutions, Third Reading, appears House Bill 1718, Representative Capparelli. Out of the record. House Bill 1797, Representative Flinn. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1797, a Bill for an Act amending the Savings Bank Act. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from St. Clair, Representative Flinn."

Flinn: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this Bill does two things: One, it removes archaic language in respect to the maintenance of the existing facilities. It also corrects a problem of omission that we had from a Public Act 87-1226 and permits savings...savings and loan to have the same rights that banks have in the cases of takeovers of failed banks or savings and loans. It's a technical Bill, and I move for its adoption."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for passage of House Bill 1797. On that question, is there any discussion? There

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being none, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'; and till, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Financial Institutions, Third Reading, appears House Bill 1985, Representative Brunsvold. Out of the record. House Bill 2082, Representative Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2082, a Bill for an Act amending the Deposit of State Moneys Act. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from St. Clair, Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 2082 simply provides that the State Treasurer may accept the security for state deposits and insured certificates of deposit issued by financial institutions having \$10 million rather than \$30 million in assets. And it was also amended to provide that banks, savings and loan associations and credit unions that receive deposits of public funds from the Treasurer must have their main office or branch in Illinois. That was, I believe, Representative...Representative Black's initiative. This is...is not an initiative from the State Treasurers' Office for the Republicans. They're not against it, but it is not their initiative. This is for small banks in Illinois."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 2082. Is there any discussion? There being none, the

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question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 99 voting 'yes', 7 voting 'no', 8 voting 'present'; and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to the Order of Constitutional Officers, Third Reading appears House Bill 318, Representative Balanoff. Representative Balanoff? Out of the record. House Bill 325, Representative Novak. Out of the record. House Bill 537, Representative Phelan. Representative Phelan? Mr. Phelan, House Bill 537. Out of the record. House Bill 913, Representative Woolard. Mr. Woolard? Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 913, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Vehicle Code. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Williamson, Representative Woolard."

Woolard: "Inquiry of the Chair. Was...was there an Amendment placed on this Bill?"

Speaker Steczo: "Yes, there has. There...there has been one filed."

Woolard: "What the basic Bill is trying to accomplish here is..."

Speaker Steczo: "Mr. Woolard, is it your intention to bring this Bill back to Second Reading for the purposes of amending it?"

Woolard: "That... I thought you said that the Amendment had been placed on."

Speaker Steczo: "It has been filed."

Woolard: "Okay. I want to bring it back to Second."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman asks leave to bring House Bill 913

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to the Order of Second Reading for the purposes of Amendment. Is there leave? There being no objections, leave is granted. Mr. Clerk, any Amendments...have any Amendments been filed on House Bill 913?"

Clerk Rossi: "Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Woolard."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from St... Williamson, Representative Woolard."

Woolard: "Basically, this does not change the concept of the Bill at all. This was presented to me by the Department of Transportation. I think it's a codification to make it more palatable to...to them for administration. We're... The State Police, the Department of Transportation, I think everybody's on board with this Amendment."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of Amendment #1 to House Bill 913. Is there any discussion? There being none, the question is, 'Shall Amendment #1 be adopted?'. All those in favor will signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed by saying 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment's adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Steczo: "Third Reading. On the Order of Constitutional Officers, Third Reading, appears House Bill 1052, Representative Homer. Out of the record. House Bill 1342, Representative Flowers. Representative Flowers? Out of the record. Moving back on the Order of Constitutional Officers, Third Reading, to House Bill 325, Representative Novak. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 325, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Vehicle Code. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from

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Kankakee, Representative Novak."

Novak: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 325 amends the Vehicle Code to provides for the creation of environmental license plates. Creates a special Illinois environmental license plate, where the road fund would be...the cap would be taken away from the road fund to help to defray the issuing costs. The extra... The \$40 original fee would stay the same and the \$20...the \$25 state parks fund fee would go into a fund called the State Parks Fund for the enhancement of our park operations around the State of Illinois. I got this idea from the State of Indiana about two years ago. Indiana just recently passed an environmental license plate law, and their projects in Indiana have already created over a hundred and some thousand dollars in...in sales of environmental license plates, specifically for a program to help the habitat of the bald eagle in Indiana. I know we have a lot of endangered species of plants and animals...and other indications of...of the natural resources in Illinois, but I think this is a good indication and a good idea, that to get environmental groups involved, if they want to display their enthusiasm for enhancing our environment, for protecting our national resources...natural resources, I can think of no other way more effective than to indicate their enthusiasm on an Illinois license plate. I talked to the Secretary of State's office on this, and they seem to be willing to pursue this matter and study it further. Other states in the union, such as Florida, have environmental license plates that protect endangered species such as the panther and such as the manatee. Other states across the nation are using environmental license plates for other...other services such as protecting

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habitat, purchasing wild...wild nature areas. I think this is a good idea, and I would like to have your support on the Bill, and I'd be more than happy to entertain any questions."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 325. On that question, is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Will, Representative Wennlund."

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

Speaker Steczo: "He indicates that he will."

Wennlund: "Can you tell the Members of the House what the start-up costs are for a new plate at the Secretary of State's office?"

Novak: "Start... Okay. On the note from the Economic and Fiscal Commission, Representative Wennlund, the start up costs would be approximately \$45,000."

Wennlund: "Forty-five thousand dollars?"

Novak: "Right."

Wennlund: "And...how many plates..."

Novak: "That's their estimate."

Wennlund: "Their estimate? Well... They produce several...over a hundred special plates at this point in time, so I'm sure they'd know what it cost to start up. How many...how many environmental license plates would have to be sold for the Secretary of State to recoup this \$45,000 in start-up costs?"

Novak: "I don't know. I haven't figured it out on my calculator, but let me just give you an example: The State of Indiana has much less population than Illinois does. The State of Indiana, I know, is...is...as far as their natural resource preserves are, I'm sure they have a lot of conservation groups and environmental groups. We just had a Conservation

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Congress convene on the House Floor here some time ago, made up of hunting groups, sportsmens groups, fishing groups, Salmon Unlimited, Whitetail Unlimited, all kinds of good, good, great outdoors groups. Illinois...Illinois Environmental Council, Sierra Club, you name 'em. One after another. I think all of these groups would create enough enthusiasm and all the thousands and thousands of environmentally conscientious people and conservation...conscientious people we have in this state would purchase many, many more license plates in Illinois the State of vis visa how the State of Indiana sold their license plates. And I think that's why we should off...we should give this an opportunity to succeed."

Wennlund: "All right. Thank you very much, Representative. I think it's a good idea."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Livingston, Representative Rutherford."

Rutherford: "Yes, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Steczo: "He indicates that he will."

Rutherford: "The State Parks Fund would be the recipient of these funds? Does this mean though, that this will be an additional revenue...for the State Parks Fund or is it opportunity that they'll be less general revenue appropriated to it?"

Novak: "I spoke to Director Manning yesterday, and this will be...this will be additional revenue for designated projects."

Rutherford: "Does that require appropriations...to go through the appropriations process of the General Assembly?"

Novak: "I believe it does. But if it's a dedicated fund, there certainly shouldn't be any difficulty in that respect."

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Rutherford: "Well, with it still going through the appropriations process, then the General Assembly could basically do similar to what...the perception was under the Common School Fund for education, as well then, and actually appropriate less general revenue moneys to compensate for the amount the funds coming in for this license plate."

Novak: "Well, Representative Rutherford, for the record, it is not my intent to use any...means by subterfuge or any...any type of situation like that to divert any funds away from the...the expressed intent of what this legislation seeks."

Rutherford: "Thank you."

Speaker Steczko: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Balanoff."

Balanoff: "Yes...yes, Mr Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. One of the things, this will not cost any money in start-up costs because unless 10,000 people order the plate, then they won't be issued. And I think we should look at the history of specialty plates across this country. In Florida, which leads the nation, they have raised \$160 million in just six years by issuing specialty plates. In California, they have an environmental plate that they're currently gonna be issuing this summer. They have over one million people that have pre-ordered this plate. It's a tremendous way to raise...to raise badly needed revenue without raising taxes. And I certainly support this effort and other efforts that are similar to raise revenue without raising taxes."

Speaker Steczko: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Will the Sponsor yield for a couple of questions, please?"

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Speaker Steczo: "He indicates that he will."

Parke: "Thank you. Representative, a number of Members on this side would like to know if those license plates are gonna be biodegradable."

Novak: "You know, we had that... Representative Parke, we've dealt with that biodegradable plastic subject. I don't know if Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing would be interested in that, since they make the covers for the plates, but...if we could have biodegradable license plates, we'll certainly try to do it. I think we'll have to talk to George Ryan about that."

Parke: "Well, are we going to be using...are we going to be using...Illinois products to make the paint for this and maybe use soybean ink on the production of these license plates?"

Novak: "You know, it sounds like a great idea to me, you know. And I just had an thought."

Parke: "You had a thought?"

Novak: "I had a thought."

Parke: "That's the one for today."

Novak: "You know, Democrats have thoughts every now and then, but wouldn't it be a great idea to have a statewide contest on...on a design for the license plate with getting our school children involved, and you know, our young kids involved to...to...to enhance their...their enthusiasm about protecting the environment. I think you couldn't ask...couldn't think of a greater idea to really get a lot of kids involved and have a big award. Their...their accomplishments would be right on an Illinois license plate."

Parke: "Well, I'm glad that you decided to try the Illinois...Illinois school children because if you left it

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up to the Legislature, we'd have a lot of stickmen on that license plate, so I just thought perhaps we might want to know that. Well, I think you're on the right track. You might want to follow it up, Representative Novak, with that kind of a contest. Now, don't introduce new legislation to do that. But I think it would be good to voluntarily have that program in pla...put in place for the school children of Illinois."

Novak: "Sounds like a great idea."

Parke: "All right."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from McHenry, Representative Skinner."

Skinner: "I...I like the idea, and I was going to ask what animals might appear on this, but if you're going to let school children do it, obviously you wouldn't know."

Novak: "I think you asked the right question there. I can think of some few Republicans we can put on the licen... No, I'm just kidding."

Skinner: "Well, there was a Representative that wanted to make the possum the state animal, and I remember his bumper sticker said, 'Better Possum than Crow'. That..."

Novak: "Yeah, I believe that was Representative Hannahan some years ago."

Skinner: "No. No. That was...now Senator Ralph Dunn."

Novak: "Oh, Okay."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Rock Island, Representative DeJaegher."

DeJaegher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the General Assembly. I'd like to commend our environmentalist, Mr. Novak, for implementation of this particular Bill. I think what we have to realize when we talk about environment, a few years ago, the State of Illinois secured property for a

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habitat for bald eagles. The bald eagles had been basically becoming extinct. But now, through the...the habitat that we have enhanced in Illinois, more and more bald eagles are appearing, and it's unbelievable the amount of tourists that come down to our area and visit and watch the performance of these bald eagles. So, I think it's good legislation. Here's an opportunity that's exploring the environmental, and I think it's a good program."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? There being none, Representative Novak, to close."

Novak: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I think it's time we start to recognize that through our enthusiasm with...and how to protect our natural resources and enhance our environment and make Illinois a better place for people to visit. I think one indication of our enthusiasm would be to create an environmental license plate. Other states have done it. Indiana has done it, and it's been successful. Our...our population is much larger, we have much more active or many more active conservation-environmental groups, and I'm sure they would be more than willing to spend a few extra dollars when they buy their license plate to go into a good cause, a good dedicated fund that's going to help Illinois...create a better environment for ourselves and for our school children. Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 325. The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present'; and

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this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to the Order of Revenue, Third Reading, appears House Bill 169, Representative Lang. Out of the record. House Bill 293, Representative Flinn. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 293, a Bill for an Act amending the Revenue Act of 1939. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from St. Clair, Mr...Representative Flinn is recognized."

Flinn: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this Bill, along with another Bill, was tied to a Senate Bill last year, and the Governor vetoed the Senate Bill; mistakenly did not use his Amendatory Veto, and I'll briefly explain what the Bill does. Number one, it adds a punctuation word is all it does. Two, it changes the Section 216(d) to where the sheriff can file one petition instead of signing every notice that's delivered. He can do one for all of them, and it stops a lot of paperwork. The other is for the counties to recover their costs of tax sales when it's...distributed out among the other taxing bodies, that there is a certain amount of costs, not very much, that the county can charge for that, and the other one has to do with municipal liens. I'd be glad to try to answer any questions, but the Bill's already passed by a large Majority last year. I ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 293. Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Will, Representative Wennlund."

Wennlund: "All right, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield? Does this only apply to sales made in error?"

Flinn: "Yes."

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Wennlund: "So, this will avoid some abuse when a tax buyer says no that there was a sale made in error, goes ahead and comes in and purchases them?"

Flinn: "That's correct."

Wennlund: "Okay, thank you very much. We support that."

Speaker Steczo: "The... The Lady from St. Clair, Representative Younge."

Younge: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Steczo: "He indicates that he will."

Younge: "What is the provision of this Bill having to do with municipal liens?"

Flinn: "It has to do with the fact that if a person buys a set taxes on...with municipal liens on it, but they cannot take it back and offer to collect 12% interest from the county. It very simply says that they have all the opportunity in the world ahead of time to find out that there is a lien on the property; and, therefore, if they buy it with all that information available to them, they're stuck with it."

Younge: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? There being none, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 293 pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'; and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Revenue, Third Reading...For what purpose does the Lady from Whiteside, Representative von Bergen-Wessels, arise?"

von Bergen-Wessels: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to be recorded as a 'yes' on 325."

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Speaker Steczo: "The transcript will so reflect."

von Bergen-Wessels: "Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "House Bill 331, Representative Edley? Representative Edley? Mr. Edley. House Bill 331. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 331, a Bill for an Act amending the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from McDonough, Representative Edley."

Edley: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of the General Assembly. House Bill 331 is one of the package of the...our State Treasurer's attempts to get some fiscal responsibility in our budgeting process. What House Bill 331 does is require the Governor to provide a tax expenditure report in his budgeting documents each year outlining the cost to the state treasury of the tax expenditures or tax breaks that we provide the businesses and citizens of our state. I'd..."

Speaker Steczo: "Continue, Mr. Edley, I'm sorry."

Edley: "I would ask any questions on this Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 331. Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Will, Representative Wennlund."

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

Speaker Steczo: "...will."

Wennlund: "Is it your understanding that currently the law requires the Comptroller to do that; and, in fact, the Comptroller is now, as we speak, in the process of doing that same thing?"

Edley: "I think it's a question of timeliness of it, and when is the proper time to provide that information. I think what

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this legislation would do would couple it with the presentation of the budget."

Wennlund: "Well, the law that makes...that requires the Comptroller to do it just became effective July 1 a year ago, and it's my understanding that the Comptroller's currently about the business of compiling an annual report of each agency's best estimate of the cost of tax expenditures related to each revenue source administered by that agency, that the Comptroller's a more likely person to be able to do that because she keeps track on a daily basis of expenditures throughout the state."

Edley: "Once again, I think..."

Wennlund: "If it's a matter of timeliness, perhaps the best thing to do is just to change the date when...the Comptroller is required to do that, so that the state...the General Assembly will have access to all those numbers in its budget-making process."

Edley: "Well, I think the Governor has the primary responsibility for presenting the budget, and in that document, he should include what we are allowing to be...allowing tax, I don't want to say loopholes, but tax...incentives of what that is costing the states' revenue...in state revenue. So, I...I think it's a question of timing. I think it's a question that...that...should be in conjunction with the budgeting process. After all, if we have alternatives, we can increase taxes or we can close some of the tax incentives that we're providing that aren't...aren't providing the proper benefit to our citizenry. And I think the Governor is the proper...state...constitutional...officer to do that."

Wennlund: "So, does...does your Bill repeal Public Act 87-847, which requires the Comptroller to do the same thing?"

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Edley: "No, it does not."

Wennlund: "So, we're gonna...we're gonna duplicate it. We're gonna have the Comptroller do it, and then you're gonna require the Governor's office to do the same thing?"

Edley: "Well, I think what...what would end up happening is...the Governor could use the resources of the Comptroller to make his recommendation."

Wennlund: "Is that part of your Bill?"

Edley: "I think that's just common sense."

Wennlund: "To the Bill, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is another example of wasted legislation that duplicates an existing duty that the Comptroller, under an Act passed and effective on July 1, 1992, requires the Comptroller to do the exact same thing. To turn around and have the Governor's office do it, devote time to staff, devote money--tax payers' money, to duplicate a service that's already being performed by the Comptroller, and she may not like this, incidentally. I don't know whether she's aware of it or not, because why should she go about the duty to do this and the time and the expense and the staff when the Governor now is gonna have to do the same thing. It's a duplicate...duplicative waste of taxpayers' money. It just some...simply doesn't need to be done. It is absolutely ridiculous."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Levin."

Levin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in support of House Bill 331, which went through the Revenue Committee. One of the things that we always get hit with, when we have a new program or an expansion of a program that we are advocating, is what is it going to cost, and where is the money going to come

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from. Well, the same question is being asked...ought to be asked in terms of the Governor with his budget. And that's what this Bill intends to address; that the Governor comes in with a budget, he's asking for X amount of money, and we ought to know where the funding for that is gonna come from. One of the very controversial issues before this Leg...General Assembly is the extension of the Provider Assessment Law. The Governor's budget assumes that the revenue is gonna be found. And yet, he doesn't provide for how we're gonna get it. This is... It seems to me if we, as individual Legislators, are asked to account for where we're gonna get the funding for the programs that we advocate, that the same thing ought to be true on a broader scale for the Governor when he comes in with his budget. It's a good Bill. That's why it was recommended by the Revenue Committee by an overwhelming vote and encourage your support for this legislation."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Biggin."

Biggin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I speak against this Bill, and being on the Revenue Committee, would like to point out, it was a seven to five vote against...for...they brought the Bill out of committee. The Bill, as Representative Wennlund has pointed out, is a duplication of existing law in Illinois, and the Sponsor's opening remarks, and I respect the Sponsor greatly, but his opening remarks that the State Treasurer con...is concerned about fiscal responsibility is an absolute opposite of what this legislation is. And I further question the Treasurer's concern about the environment, because the amount of Bills that came from the Trea... I don't know how many trees produced all this paper that goes into this environmental and this ridiculous

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financial package that he presents, and I think he's doing more harm to our environment by using all this paper. I think you have to be more careful about legislation that's introduced in this state. Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Schoenberg."

Schoenberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. If anything, this Bill is impeccably timed for the Governor to take the lead on these matters because the Governor is the economic development point-person of this state. It was the Governor, not the Comptroller, not the Treasurer, not any other constitutional officer, it was the Governor who indicated that we were going to be actively participating in the Mercedes-Benz's derby. The latest, potentially big economic development package that this state will be competing for. It's only responsible economic development policy that since the Governor's office is the one at the table cutting the arrangements and competing actively with other states for economic development, that it'd be the Governor's office that'd take the lead on monitoring exactly what the implications are. Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Kubik."

Kubik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I, too, rise in opposition to this Bill. Frankly speaking, this...this responsibility is best placed in the hands of the Comptroller, because this...by giving it to the Governor, we're going to...we're gonna have people say, 'Well, these are the Governor's estimates. We need a unbiased estimate' and that's one of the reasons why the original Bill that was passed last year has the Comptroller evaluating these incentives, so that there's no juggling of

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the figures. So, why are we wasting our time asking the Governor to do this, when the Comptroller's already doing it. And frankly speaking, the Comptroller's in the best position to offer that...that estimate. It would be an unbiased estimate, and it will be an estimate that both parties and both branches of government could accept. So, I think this proposal, while well-intentioned, is nothing more than duplication of a system that I might point out, even hasn't...even hasn't been given a chance to work. The Bill was signed last year. It's currently in the process of being put together. So we haven't even allowed the Comptroller to do her duty yet; and already, we are creating another mandate on state government. So, for those of you who on the other side of the aisle are concerned about mandates, this is one. It's gonna cost some bucks, and we ought to have it done by the Comptroller. So, I would hope that we would defeat this measure."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Very quickly and to the point. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, would you like to vote on a Bill that would make the people in this chamber have to go to Third Reading on every Bill twice? I don't think you would. We wouldn't be home until the fourth of July. Why do you...why do you persist in this stuff? This is silly. I don't even know whether it's personally motivated. This is pure duplicative paperwork. The very thing most of us rail and rant and rave about on the campaign trail. Bureaucracy, paperwork, and people doing the same job in this office and that office and this office and the bureaucratic payroll just continues to mushroom. We kill half of the rain forest in this country so that we can

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create paper so the bureaucrats can duplicate each other's work. This is the absolute height of asininity. Mr. Speaker, I vote 'no' and request a verification should it get the requisite number."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Murphy."

Murphy, M. "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I, too, sit on the Revenue Committee, and I always contended from day one, this legislation was mis-committed. I urge you to listen. The Constitution of the State of Illinois gave the appropriate powers to the appropriate offices. I'm wondering if this is a contest between Dawn Clark-Netsch and Pat Quinn, and we should wait for the primary to have them hash that out. But seriously, someone spoke about the cycle of checks and balances. No matter who the Governor is...no matter who the Governor is, the Governor proposes the budget. He only proposes. We spend the money. We approve the budget. We fine-tune the budget. So, in order to have checks and balances, we should follow the Constitution that was wrangled over in 1970 in this very Assembly. We do not need duplication. We... The Governors' proposed budget is not going to look anything like it looked when he proposed it. Any of you that have sat on any boards of any kind know that the chief executive officer proposes and the trustees or members of the assembly or whatever, approve. We then have the Comptrollers' office. The Comptroller's office is doing the job that she was elected to do. Why you want to diminish the Office of Comptroller and duplicate efforts that are already in existence? I...I really question. This was not flown out of Revenue. It was a partisan vote, and it is a Pat Quinn Bill. But I think you better over these figure out if you're for Dawn or if you're for Pat. Thank

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you."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from McDonough, Representative Edley, to close."

Edley: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the General Assembly. I guess this is a partisan issue. Obviously, it's a partisan issue, I guess. It's unfortunate. But this does not a duplicative piece of legislation. Every night...every day, when we go back to our offices, we find that three, four, five, six reports stacked up in front of our desks, and most of them never get any action except for the printer printing them. Unfortunately, we have a Governor who we have to pass legislation for him to review what in this state costs us well over a billion dollars in tax taxes studies. Shouldn't... Isn't it just reasonable that he would take the Comptroller's report and...and make a recommendation of the General Assembly about...about an over billion dollars of tax expenditures. It only makes sense to me. Unfortunately...unfortunately, this Governor has to be pulled and dragged to do the right thing. It shouldn't be that way. And I would ask my Democratic colleagues to join with me in support of our State Treasurer; and, hopefully, our next Governor, maybe?"

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 1331 (sic-331). The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All those in favor will signify by saying 'aye...by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Madison, Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Mr. Speaker, did Representative Edley want to speak to the Chairman of the Party, because I have a direct line right here. If that was an endorsement, I...I think you

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maybe you better check it out first."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from Macon, Representative Dunn."

Dunn: "Well, Representative HELM is back here with me, and he'd ask leave to be voted 'aye'. Representative HELM would like leave to be voted 'aye'."

Speaker Steczo: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this Motion, there are 65 voting 'yes', 49 voting 'no'. The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, has asked for a verification. Mr. Clerk, poll those not voting, please."

Clerk McLennand: "There are none not voting."

Speaker Steczo: "Please poll the affirmative."

Clerk McLennand: "Those voting in the affirmative: Balanoff. Blagojevich. Brunsvold. Bugielski. Burke. Capparelli. Curran. Currie. Dart. Davis. Deering. DeJaegher. Dunn. Edley. Erwin. Flinn. Flowers. Frias. Gash. Giglio. Giolitto. Giorgi. Hannig. Hartke. Hawkins. Hicks. Hoffman. Homer. Jones, Lou Jones, Shirley. Kaszak. Kotlarz. Lang. Laurino. Levin. Lopez. Martinez. Mautino. McAfee. McGuire. McPike. Moore, Eugene. Morrow. Moseley. Murphy, Harold. Novak. Ostenburg. Phelan. Phelps. Prussing. Pugh. Ronen. Rotello. Saltsman. Santiago. Schakowsky. Schoenberg. Sheehy. Steczo. Stroger. Turner. von Bergen-Wessels. Woolard. Younge and Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Black, Representative Deering has asked leave to be verified."

Black: "It's way past his lunch time. Have him go."

Speaker Steczo: "Okay, there's no objections Representative Homer requests leave to be verified."

Black: "Fine."

Speaker Steczo: "Representative von Bergen-Wessels, ask leave to be verified. Questions of the Affirmative, Mr. Black."

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Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Representative Lou Jones?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Lou Jones. Representative Lou Jones? Remove her from the roll call. Any further, Mr. Black?"

Black: "Yes, thank you. Representative Capparelli?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Capparelli. Representative Capparelli? Remove the Gentleman from the roll call."

Black: "Representative Eugene Moore? Eugene Moore?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Gene Moore is in the aisle on the Democratic side."

Black: "Representative Bugielski?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Bugielski. Representative Bugielski is in the back of the chamber."

Black: "He's back there in the clean air..."

Speaker Steczo: "In the clean air section."

Black: "...area. Yes. Representative Laurino?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Laurino. Representative Laurino? Please remove the Gentleman from the roll call."

Black: "Representative Davis? Monique Davis?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Monique Davis. Representative Monique Davis? Please remove her from the roll call. Mr. Black?"

Black: "Than you. Representative Saltsman?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Saltsman. Representative Saltsman? Please add Representative Monique Davis back to the roll call, Mr. Black; she's in the back of the chamber. Representative Saltsman. Would you please... Representative Wyvetter Younger asks leave to be verified, Mr. Black."

Black: "That's fine. That's fine."

Speaker Steczo: "Please remove Representative Saltsman from the roll call. Representative Lang asks leave to be verified."

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Black: "That's fine."

Speaker Steczo: "Mr. Black, any further questions?"

Black: "Representative Martinez?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Martinez. Representative Martinez? Please remove him from the roll call. Any further questions, Mr. Black?"

Black: "Representative Homer?"

Speaker Steczo: "...We just gave Representative Homer leave to be verified."

Black: "Did I do that?"

Speaker Steczo: "Yes."

Black: "Representative Mary Flowers?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Mary Flowers. She is in the back of the chamber, Mr. Black."

Black: "Okay."

Speaker Steczo: "She thanks...she thanks you for calling her at that time."

Black: "I'm sorry. If I'd only known. Is Representative Mautino in the chamber?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Mautino. He's in the back of the chamber in the clean air section, and please add Representative Saltsman back to the roll call. He's right here, voting 'aye'."

Black: "Nothing further, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Steczo: "There being no further questions of the affirmative, on this question, there are 61 voting 'yes', 49 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'; and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to the Order of Elections and State Government, Third Reading, appears House Bill 73, Representative Giolitto. Representative Giolitto? House Bill 73. Do you wish to call it at this time? Mr. Clerk,

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please read the Bill."

Clerk McLennand: "House Bill 73, a Bill for an Act to amend the Civil Administration Code...Administrative Code. Third Reading of this Bill."

Speaker Steczko: "The Chair recognizes the Gen...the Lady from Winnebago, Representative Giolitto."

Giolitto: "Thank you, Speaker. This is House Bill 73, which I'm very excited about. What this Bill does is...wait...This is a special way of getting people off of welfare and keeping them off; and, therefore, in the near future, it's gonna save the state a lot of money, as the pilot project already has in Rockford, Illinois. It's an idea which has garnered broad support from both sides of the aisle. Specifically, the Bill will authorize the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs to make grants from existing programs and resources, no new funds, and this will teach under-employed and underemployed single parents the skills necessary to become financially and emotionally self-sufficient. In short, this is a Bill to move families from welfare to work. House Bill 73 will expand the program which has already proven successful in moving families from welfare to work and has already paid...saved the taxpayers of Illinois hundreds of thousands of dollars. Project Self-Sufficiency teaches clients the very basic skills required to take responsibility for ones' life and to find and hold a job. For most of us, these are very basic skills which we have been taught by our families; but, unfortunately, for those who come from generations of poverty, these basic skills are sometimes forgotten. At this time, I know of no opposition to this Bill. I have promised that a purpose of legislative...intent to read the following statement into the record: 'The Sponsor has no

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expectation to require the Illinois Department of Employment Security to expend any federal dollars in a manner inconsistent with the present unemployment insurance program or federal law.' Therefore, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, for the many reasons I have described, I ask for your 'aye' vote to bring a program with a proven record of success in moving families from welfare to work, to all the people across Illinois who may benefit from such training. Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "The Lady has moved for the passage of House Bill 73. On that question, are...is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

Speaker Steczo: "She indicates that she will."

Black: "Representative, is this your first Bill?"

Giolitto: "I had one on Consent Calendar."

Black: "Oh. All right, let me..."

Speaker Steczo: "Mr. Black, does that count?"

Black: "Absolutely. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I...I...guess it's harm... This is what I call a humpty-dumpty Bill, all right. This Body dismantled DCCA in the last two budget years; tore it apart, knocked it off. Now, all the king's horses and all the king's men and women are gonna run back and try to put Humpty-Dumpty back together again. No, first we tear DCCA down; now we're gonna build DCCA back up. That's okay with me. I thought DCCA did a pretty darn good job before we tore it apart. But all I ask you to do...all I ask you to do now, 'cause you're gonna pass this Bill, Representative, I'm sure of that, I want you to be there when it's time to put the

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money back into DCCA, because Humpty-Dumpty won't work if you don't pay the bills. So, if you want DCCA put back together (and I do), make you sure you sponsor the appropriate appropriations Bill to put the money back in DCCA."

Giolitto: "Thank you for..."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there... Is there any further discussion? There being none, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 73 pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Would...would the Lady yield, please?"

Speaker Steczo: "She indicates she will."

Granberg: "Representative, do you have a conflict of interest on this Bill? On page 10, it's the age...it says 22 but less than 46. Are you 46? Or how old are you? Is this a conflict, or you...are you young... Do you fall within the age group?"

Giolitto: "That's confidential."

Granberg: "That's confidential?"

Speaker Steczo: "Have all voted who wish?"

Giolitto: "Oh, yeah. File a freedom of information notice, Kurt."

Speaker Steczo: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes', 3 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. Please vote Representative Phelps as 'aye'. Please record Representative Martinez as 'aye'. Mr. Black? Please record Representative Wirsing as 'aye'. Please record Representative Woolard as 'aye'. Mr. Black, did you have an inquiry?"

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'll withdraw my

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request for verification."

Speaker Steczo: "On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'; and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Elections and State Government, Third Reading, appears House Bill 218. Representative Curran. Representative Curran. House Bill 218. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk McLennand: "House Bill 218, a Bill for an Act concerning governmental efficiency. Third Reading of this Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Sangamon, Representative Curran."

Curran: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill simply works...toward...eliminating...some unnecessary duplication in the management levels and supervisory levels of state government. It doesn't do anything with the Indians. But make sure we're being very observant about how many chiefs we've got in state government. The Republican Governor of Iowa initiated this program. I just talked to the person in Iowa who's handling that program. Her name's Jean McPearson of Iowa City, and what she told me is that they are very satisfied with their program. It has one year experience, and they're starting to freeze some of these management salaries that were sky-rocketing and doing a better job for the citizens of Iowa. We'll just copy what the Republican Governor of Iowa did, and do it here in Illinois. Be glad to answer any questions."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 218. On that question, is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. To the Bill. That's why... This is why I really like to be down here, because about five minutes ago, a Gentleman on that side of the aisle said that he goes back to his office and his desk is piled high with all these nonsense reports that he doesn't have time to read and that aren't worth the paper they're printed on. So, five minutes after that, we get a Bill sponsored by another of his colleagues on your side of the aisle to make more paperwork and more reports that we don't have time to read and that aren't worth the paper they're printed on, but this is such a great idea, that I'm gonna vote for it because I figure the way we're going, if we create enough paperwork, it will overflow and fill this chamber, so we can't get in and then the people of Illinois will be safe. So, I think it's a good idea."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any discussion? There being none, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. For what purpose does the Lady from Cook, Representative Mercy...Murphy, arise?"

Murphy, M.: "A question. Just a question. Is there mandatory language excluding... I can't... Although I believe this has been amended to exclude...exclude local government...and I've been told that it has, I have to concur with the Gentleman, State Representative Bill Black sentiments about duplicative paperwork once again. So yesterday, we were spending too much money, now we're spending too much paper work."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Logan, Representative Olson."

Olson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For a minute, I was the only vote

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up there not...not green, but I referred to the action in the committee here, and there were 11 votes in support of this and ten votes not in support of it; and I think there maybe more to see here than what warrants all those green lights."

Speaker Steczo: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this questi... On this question, there are 101 voting 'yes', 6 voting 'no', 5 voting 'present'; and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Elections and State Government, Third Reading, appears House Bill 476, Representative Curran. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk McLennand: "House Bill 476, a Bill for an Act to amend the State Employees' Group Insurance Act of 1971. Third Reading of this Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Sangamon, Representative Curran."

Curran: "Mr. Chairman. Mr. Speaker, leave to...bring this Bill back to Second Reading to put a CMS Amendment on it."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman asks leave to bring House Bill 476 back to the Order of Second Reading for the purposes of an Amendment. Is there any objection? There being none...Mr. Clerk, House Bill 476 is on Second Reading. Are there any Amendments?"

Clerk McLennand: "Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Curran."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from Sangamon, Representative Curran, on Amendment #1 to House Bill 476."

Curran: "I wish to withdraw Amendment #1."

Speaker Steczo: "Amendment #1 is withdrawn. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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Clerk McLennand: "Amendment #2, offered by Representative Curran."

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Curran."

Curran: "Amendment #2 is the agreed Amendment with the Central Management Services that brings this Bill into an agreed Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of Amendment #2. Is there any discussion? There being none. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "This Amendment makes a good Bill a great Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? There being none, the Gentleman offers...moves for the adoption of Amendment #. All those in favor will signify by saying 'aye', those opposed by saying 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Amendment #2 is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk McLennand: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Steczo: "Third Reading. On the Order of Elections And State Government, Third Reading appears House Bill 712, Representative Saltsman. Out of the record. House Bill 820, Representative Ostenburg. Out of the record. House Bill 831, Representative Curran. Out of the record. House Bill 915, Representative Hannig. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk McLennand: "House Bill 915, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Abandoned Mined Lands Reclamation Council. Third Reading of this Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Macoupin, Representative Hannig."

Hannig: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House."

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This is a Bill that would...that I proposed to consolidate two existing state programs. We have the Department of Mines and Minerals and we have the Abandoned Land Reclamation Council. Now, prior to 1986, both of those agencies worked together and were a part of the Mines and Minerals Agency. In 1986, in an effort to provide some work for the Lieutenant Governor, the Abandoned Mines portion of this agency was broken off and given to the Lieutenant Governor to oversee. Now, I suppose that was a fine thing to do at that time, and I don't really have any objections to finding things to do for the Lieutenant Governor. But I do think that as we reach more and more into the...fall more and more into this fiscal crisis, that we have to look for opportunities to consolidate agencies and try to save the taxpayers money, to try to make state operate more efficiency...efficiently, and try to do things, that in general, make sense for the State of Illinois. That is what this Bill basically tries to do, and I would ask for your support and would be happy to answer any questions."

Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 915. Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Many of you don't have any coal mines or old strip mine lands in your district, and so I know that many of you think...it doesn't really make any difference, and the Sponsor is a highly respected Member of the General Assembly, and so why not give him your vote. Well, my district probably has as much strip-mine land as any in the state and half as much coal reserves left as any county in the state. This does not save the state one nickel. It

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doesn't save us a nickel. What it will do, and I know the Gentleman I think would agree with me, and he has his reasons for this Bill. The Abandoned Mines Reclamation Council in the State Of Illinois is recognized as one of the finest in the country, and I think if you transfer this at this point to Mines and Minerals, who I think have a very close relationship sometimes with the coal industry, you're not only not gonna save any money, but I think you may be doing something that those of you who are on the environmental issues are so concerned about, had better take a long look at this. The office of Lieutenant Governor is not beholden to the coal industry in any way, shape or form, and I'm not suggesting that Mines and Minerals is either. But there is a distinct relationship there that you don't have in the Office of Lieutenant Governor. Now, I would simply tell you this, there has never been the hint of a problem with the Abandoned Mines Reclamation Council as administered by the Office of Lieutenant Governor. I personally, and many of you have as well, seen the projects they have accomplished in our districts around the State of Illinois cleaning up the environmental disasters of 30, 50 years ago, before we knew how or even cared enough to know about reclaiming coals spoil-land or strip-mine land. I can think of no valid reason to vote for this Bill. There is no savings of money involved whatsoever, and I think you put the sheep awfully close to the wolfs' lair if you transfer this to Mines and Minerals. In all due respect to the Sponsor, who is a...one of the most outstanding Members of the Coal Caucus in this chamber, and he sponsors, for the most part, outstanding legislation, I must respectfully disagree with him on this move, and I would ask for you to vote 'no' on

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House Bill 915."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Joe Daviess, Representative Lawfer."

Lawfer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I raise...stand in opposition of this Bill. Jo Daviess County or the northwest corner of the state has no coal mines, but we do have a tremendous amount of abandoned mines, lead and zinc mines, and we value that area up there. And I just...have been very satisfied with the Lieutenant Governor and reclamation projects that have went on there. I'd...I'd like to see that it be kept statewide and not under control of an area that might lean more to coal mining than the abandoned mines that we are trying to clean up in our area. I...I suggest and ask for a 'no' vote on this Amendment or this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? There being none, the Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Macoupin, Representative Hannig, to close."

Hannig: "Well, yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Let me say that there is no other coal state in this union that makes this separation the way Illinois does. And let's be honest, the only reason we did this in 1986, when the state had more money, was to give the Lieutenant Governor something to do. But we're in a different situation today. We're in the situation where we need to try to find ways to save money, we're trying to find ways to make government more...operate more effectively and efficiently and we're trying to get a bigger bank for our buck. Now, it seems to me that when we hear the people on the other side of the aisle cry about some of the Bills that we have, and they say, 'well this is

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gonna cost more money', well now we're trying to find a proposal that will save money. Well sure, every agency says, well this won't save any money. As Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, every agency comes in and says, 'Don't cut my budget. You can't save any money by cutting our budget', but we know that the truth is we have to cut some budgets. We have to make some consolidations, and this a good place to start, and I'd ask for your 'yes' vote."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 915. The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 53 voting 'yes', 51 voting 'no', 9 voting 'present'; and this Bill, having failed to receive the required Constitutional Majority, hereby fails. On the Order of Elections and State Government, Third Reading, appears House Bill 1016, Representative Curran. Mr Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk McLennand: "House Bill 1016, a Bill for an Act to amend the State Employees Group Insurance Act. Third Reading of this Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Sangamon, Representative Curran."

Curran: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill provides that a complete explanation of benefits statement must be mailed to the state employees within 30 days of an adjudication of a claim. You know, we've got a lot of state employees who aren't being paid...whose claims aren't being paid for months. This

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just lets them know early in the process what they have a right to. One of the worst scandals that's going on right now in all of state governments, it's nothing we necessarily can do something about this week, but one of the worst problems we've got is the hundreds of millions of dollars over the last few years that we have not paid into the state employees group health insurance. This simply gives those employees the decency of a response in a short period of time of what benefits they have coming to them."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 1016. Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Will, Representative Wennlund."

Wennlund: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The Department of Central Management Services stands opposed to this Bill, because they feel that it will be costly at a time when funds are already limited, they feel it would be unwise to impose an additional bureaucratic step which will cost money that could otherwise be used to pay health benefits so we wouldn't be so far behind in paying our health benefits. The Bill is unnecessary. Currently employees who need an explanation of benefits statement can request it from CIGNA or the Dental Health Plus, and the statements are routinely provided. So, to require the government to furnish just one more report, to expend the time, the money, the staff to issue one more report when they can get those reports anyway from either CIGNA or the Dental Care Plus, is really kind of ridiculous and it duplicates a service that's already being provided. It's just another waste of...of another report and more paperwork."

Speaker Steczo: "Any further discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Logan, Representative Olson."

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Olson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not...these reports...I'm not sure what all is to be included in them that come from the state agency, but if you're worried about what percent of the bill for services might be your percent and what is the insurance companies, you can also go to the provider of that service, whether it be a doctor or a hospital, and get what your part is and what the insurance company's part is. But if this program, it's estimated to cost over \$800,000 additional funds of state money, money that could be used to pay benefits, rather than to explain something which is provided in other information which is provided in other fashion. I would urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Adams, Representative Tenhouse."

Tenhouse: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Over the past four years I've probably had too much experience as far as insurance benefits are concerned. Unfortunately, because of some family insurance bills that have come up, and I think I probably have about as much personal experience when we start talking about some of these problems with 110, 120-day payment cycle. We can talk about that all we want to, but the real difficulty is the fact that a lot of times when we have the health care providers (the doctors, the hospitals) that are hounding us in some cases, simply because they don't know what the benefit package is gonna work out in terms of how many dollars they're going to receive. I salute Representative Curran on this Bill, because I think it straightens out a problem that we have. A lot of us as we look at these Bills as they come in and we hassle with our local clinics or whatever, it would help a lot, as far as the state employee and a lot of state employees in my area. Until we

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get ourselves on the fiscal...good fiscal road and we get down to where we have a 30-day payment cycle, this makes good sense, and I support Representative Curran on this fine Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Sangamon, Representative Moseley."

Moseley: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have to echo what Representative Tenhouse just mentioned. I have several state employees that live in my district. I would say the state is probably the chief employer in my district. Several of my constituents have complained that they have no idea how much the benefit they're going to get, even if they're going to wait awhile, they at least want to know how much is going to be paid of a bill, so they can pay their responsibility on time. I urge your support for this measure. It's not going to cost any more additional money, because the agency already sends out this statement. It's just that it's being sent out very late. Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? There being none, Representative Curran, to close."

Curran: "Representative Tenhouse and Representative Moseley are absolutely correct. Representative Tenhouse realizes that often times the difficulty is not only in the long wait for state employees bills to be paid, but for their medical practitioners to even figure out what could be paid. Representative Moseley is correct, a lot of times when state employees are trying to get their bills paid, they're groping around in the dark for months. The Department of Central Management Services does not need to send out two responses, they only need to send out one. It would be their preference to send out a second response; that would be the only additional cost. All we're asking for is to

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have that cost incurred a little bit sooner, the same cost that they would pay anyway. It'd just give the state employees an idea earlier what their charges would be. Ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Steczko: "Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 1016: The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass'? All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question there are 108 'ayes', 2 'noes', 3 voting 'present'; and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative McAuliffe, for what reason do you rise? Please. Representative McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to ask leave of the Body to table House Bill 995, which I am the Chief Sponsor."

Speaker Steczko: "The Gentleman asks leave to table House Bill 995. Is there any objection? There being no objection, leave is granted, and House Bill 995 will be tabled. On the Order of Elections and State Government, Third Reading appears House Bill 1108, Representative Ronen. Out of the record. For what purpose does the Gentleman from McClean, Representative Brady arise?"

Brady: "Mr. Speaker, could I change my vote on the last one to 'aye', rather than 'present'?"

Speaker Steczko: "Since the record has been taken, we can have the transcript reflect that that was your request. On the Order of Elections and State Government, Third Reading, appears House Bill 1202, Representative Currie. House Bill 1202. Out of the record. House Bill 1222, Representative

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Santiago. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk McLennand: "House Bill 1222, a Bill for an Act to amend the State Employment Records Act. Third Reading of this Bill."

Speaker Steczko: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Santiago."

Santiago: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the General Assembly. House Bill 1222, what it does it amends the State Employment Records Act. Currently, under this Act, state agencies are required to report annually on the number of disabled, female and minority state employees. What this Amendment does...it provides that in order to ensure consistent and uniformed classification and collection of information from each agency, full compliance that all required information is provided, that the Index Department of the Secretary of State's office, Department of Human Rights, the Department of Central Management Services and the Comptrollers office shall develop a form to be used by all state agencies subject to the reporting requirements of the State Employments Act. Right now what we have...each department has its own form. What we're trying to do is narrow it down to just come up with one form."

Speaker Steczko: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 1222. Is there any further discussion? There being none, the question is 'Shall this Bill pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'yes'; all those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'; and House Bill 1222, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Just to let the Members of the

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House know, too, by way of announcement that there was a weekly House bulletin that was placed on everybody's desk which asks Members of the House to bring to their Clerk any Agreed Bill requests that you, as individual Members, might have. So, we would ask that you get those completed and turned back into the Clerk's office as quickly as possible. On the Order of Elections and State Government, Third Reading, appears House Bill 1570, Representative Giglio. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk McLennand: "House Bill 1570, a Bill for an Act to amend the Fiscal Responsibility Report Card Act. Third Reading of this Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Giglio."

Giglio: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can I bring this....to bring this back to Second Reading for the purpose of an Amendment?"

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman asks leave to bring House Bill 1570 back to the Order of Second Reading for the purposes of Amendment. Is there any objection? There being no objection, leave is granted. House Bill 1570 will appear on the Order of Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, are there any Amendments?"

Clerk McLennand: "Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Giglio."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Giglio, on Amendment #1."

Giglio: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. What this Amendment does, it allows the Comptroller to have a...an expense to have a revolving fund for the payment and reimbursement of the audit fees for local governments. Currently what's happening, there's over

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66,000 local units of government in Illinois; 105 of them are really not current with their annual financial reporting filing. What this does, it gives the Comptroller's office an opportunity to audit those units of government and the money would go into a revolving fund, whereby, it would give them more of an opportunity to audit a lot more of the local governments which are not doing what they're supposed to be doing, and I would ask for your favorable support, and if I can answer any questions, I will."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of Amendment #1 to House Bill 1570. Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

Speaker Steczo: "He indicates that he will."

Black: "Representative, does the Amendment become the Bill?"

Giglio: "No, what happens...this just puts another provision. The Bill, itself, is... What I wanted the Bill to do was to have the Comptrollers office audit these local governments and then those that are in arrears, are not doing it right, would inform the General Assembly of what's going on; and, whereby, we would have hopefully later on either the audit commission, or with this now, the Comptrollers' office could hire the auditors and go over there. Some of these communities, Representative Black, and I think there's one close to where you're at, never even file their annual report. They got so far in arrears that they were spending their moneys unwisely and untimely and they got in so much trouble. The intent of my legislation here is to signal to the state that there's something wrong with their...in

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their communities, that the people that are not spending and doing the job they're supposed to be doing. As you know when our surcharge money, you know it seems ridiculous that we give some of our state money that we collect back to units of government and then the units of government just go wild in spendin' their money any which way they want."

Black: "Very good. Let me ask you this. Where does the money go... Did the Amendment... What I'm trying to focus on is that the Amendment creates a new fund. It calls..."

Giglio: "It really... It doesn't collect a new fund, it's my understanding that the moneys collected from local government from the audit go into the General Fund, and it's not enough money in there to keep the fund going. If it went into revolving fund in the Comptrollers' office, then they'd have more money to go, you know, to go after more people of local governments to create more audits."

Black: "Well, does the money that might be collected to do these local government audits now go to General Revenue?"

Giglio: "Yes, that's my understanding. It goes to General Revenue."

Black: "Well, I...I'm shocked. And you mean you want to divert money from General Revenue and put it in the Comptrollers Audit Expense Revolving fund?"

Giglio: "Only the money that they pay, not money... We're not takin' any money out of the General Fund, the local governments have to pay for the audit."

What we're sayin', is we want that money to go in a revolving fund because the General...General Fund does not give it to the Comptrollers' office to continue doing the audits. Follow?"

Black: "All right. So, it would be the money that the

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Comptroller would collect from a local unit of government to help pay for the cost of having to audit that local unit of government."

Giglio: "That's correct. That's my understanding. Right."

Black: "All right. Now, if she requests a GRF appropriation to help the office do those audits, would the GRF money then go into this fund?"

Giglio: "That truthfully I don't know, because there's no intent here with this legislation to do that. If she would not...he, or whoever the Comptroller is, I would guess at a later date if they wanted to do more they can come in and ask, but not, not right now is my understanding."

Black: "Well, all right. I... I think the Amendment probably is a pretty good Amendment. But in all due respect to you Representative, I'd sure change the title of this Bill. It scares the heck outa me to stand in this chamber and look out and see a Bill called the Fiscal Responsibility Report Card. Because if that's the title of this Bill, we flunk."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? There being none, the Gentleman... Just a second, the Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook... Representative Murphy, did you seek recognition?"

Murphy, M.: "Is this adding to the responsibilities of the Comptrollers' office, and does anyone know how the IML or local governments are on this? Could I ask the Sponsor?"

Giglio: "The local.. Local governments right now that is my understanding, committee did not submit a slip. Actually, they're supposed to submit their audits every year. A lot of local governments and at this stage right now there's over 105 that have not, and what we...what we wanted to do, or what my intent is like I said before, is to have...have the Comptrollers' office look into these, do some kind of

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audit with these local units of government and find out how they're spendin' their money and what they're doing, and it's just ridiculous like I say what's going on with some local units of government, even with our surcharge money, they're takin the money, they're spendin' it; there's really no accountability, and a lot of these units of government are in so much trouble, nobody knows about it and they're not filing their reports. Hopefully, with this Bill and this Amendment, we'll be able to see this early enough that we can go in there and raise the red flag, let the people in the community know that there is something wrong here, and hopefully put 'em on the right track."

Murphy, M.: "You were speaking to compliance, so to ensure compliance, what will we do if they don't? If they don't do this, what will we do? What happens to local governments who do not comply?"

Giglio: "Well, right now, there...we go in there and audit, but there's not enough money to do it. There's nothing that I know that there's any penalties to go in there and sue the municipality do whatever has to be done. There's nothing like that on the statute right now."

Murphy, M.: "So, there's no compliance. And the only proponent was the Comptrollers office, did...who witnessed for this?"

Giglio: "There was nobody."

Murphy, M.: "Is the genesis the Comptroller's office?"

Giglio: "That's the... Yes, of the Bill, right."

Murphy, M.: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Balthis."

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

Speaker Steczo: "He indicates that he will."

Balthis: "Representative, is the Comptroller going to charge them

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an audit fee or a review fee after they've already paid for an outside audit?"

Giglio: "The whole idea is for the...is the community to reimburse the Comptrollers office for the audit, okay?"

Balthis: "Okay. But they're already paying on the local level to have an audit done of all of their funds which has to be submitted to the state, and so I'm questioning if we're gonna charge them, they're gonna be paying twice for auditing the same funds."

Giglio: "No. No, they're not being that. If they don't comply, if they don't comply, then we go in there and we charge them for the audit. If they're complying, we're not changing, we're not playing double."

Balthis: "So, in other words, if one of our local communities has an audit done on the local level, they submit that to the state, that's the end of it."

Giglio: "That's correct."

Balthis: "Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? There being none, the Gentleman moves for the adoption of Amendment #1 to House Bill 1570. All those in favor will signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed by saying 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Steczo: "Third Reading. On the Order of Elections and State Government, Third Reading, appears House Bill 1624, Representative Novak. Representative Novak? Out of the record. House Bill 1626, Representative Dart. Out of the record. House Bill 1705, Representative Prussing. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1705, a Bill for an Act amending the

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State Prompt Payment Act. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Champaign, Representative Prussing."

Prussing: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, House Bill 1705 is a way to kind of soften the situation for our vendors for which we owe \$2 billion. This would allow someone that we owe \$5,000 to to request a written notification from the agency that the money is owed so that they can use it for collateral for a short-term loan."

Speaker Steczo: "The Lady has moved for the passage of House Bill 1705. On that question, is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. To the Bill, and to the point. I don't know that we owe vendors \$2 billion or not, but this Bill will just make us 'em \$2.5 billion, because it just simply requires that we do more work. So, we hire more people so we delay the cash flow so we don't pay our bills. Now, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, vendors can already learn the status of their bills and whether those bills are approved for payments..."

Speaker Steczo: "Mr Black, excuse me one second. For what reason does the Lady from Champaign arise?"

Prussing: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take the Bill out of the record."

Speaker Steczo: "The Lady requests the Bill be taken from the record."

Prussing: "Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "On the Order of Elections and State Government, Third Reading, appears House Bill 1717, Representative Ronen. Representative Ronen? Representative Ronen? Out

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of the record. House Bill 1730, Representative Currie.
Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1730, a Bill for an Act amending the
Freedom of Information Act. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. This is a
Bill that would change the Freedom of Information Act that
applies to state government as well as to local communities
across the state, so as to shorten the response time when
individuals have requested pieces of information. Currently,
there are with all extensions available to an agency, 21
working days in order to respond to a request. The effect of
this Bill would be to provide an initial five day, five
working day period, and followed by a second working day
period, five working day period. So, it essentially would
change the operation of the Act from a three week response
time to a two week response time. You should know that at
the federal level, the Freedom of Information Act there has
a ten calendar day time-frame for response. We have
consulted with many members of the press, community
organizations, broadcast groups, other civic organizations,
and they're concern is that many agencies take the full
21 days before they respond to requests for information,
and it is the effort with this Bill to see to it that
people who want information that is a matter of public
record, that we as taxpayers provide, that we in fact
are funding, that we should be able to have that
information in a timely fashion. I'd be happy to
answer your questions and would appreciate your support
for this measure to make our Act more consistent with
the Federal Act and with other Freedom of Information
Acts across this nation."

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Speaker Steczo: "The Lady has moved for the passage of House Bill 1730. On that question, is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Balthis."

Balthis: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Steczo: "She indicates that she will."

Balthis: "Representative, in the current statute, there is the ability for local government to file a dire response back to someone asking for information indicating that's it's gonna take them more time. Is that still in the statute?"

Currie: "Yes, there's a five day period during which the unit of government can either respond to the request or indicate that more time is required."

Balthis: "And then after that they currently have 30 days, and you're reducing that to two weeks?"

Currie: "Well they... Essentially, they have 21 days and we were reducing that to ten. But that's ten working days, so essentially they end up with two weeks. Now, let me just tell you as a matter of practice what people want from...under the Freedom of Information Act is information, and I know it happens both with federal requests and with requests that are brought to our agencies or to local communities, that sometimes there may be a legitimate reason that a government may have for wanting further extensions. I know of no situation in which the requester of information is going to say, 'No I'm gonna take you to court'. If an agency is clearly trying to comply, then my sense that any requester of information will be responsive and will permit the agency to take longer than the actual numbers that are listed in the statute."

Balthis: "I don't have any problem with the change, and I think the Freedom of Information Act is something that we should

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definitely have out there. I just want to make sure that if we're gonna change this, that's there still extenuating circumstances that can be dealt with."

Currie: "Yes, the same as is in the current Act."

Speaker Steczko: "Is there any further discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Biggins."

Biggins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I ask the Sponsor a question?"

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

Biggins: "Representative Currie, it's currently...there are situations that occur in some governmental offices where individuals com in and demand, I think most of us would call excessive, access to excessive information. Does this Bill do anything about that?"

Currie: "The same as is in the current statute, Representative, and in the current statute the agency has the opportunity to say to a requester, 'This request is over-broad. I can't tell exactly what it is you're looking for. Would you please refine the request'. This proposed change doesn't alter that language at all."

Biggins: "Okay. Thanks."

Speaker Steczko: "Is there any further discussion? The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Yes, going back to the same issue that Representative Biggins asked. We have a local situation where this is happening quite regularly, and then they file suit if you don't respond quickly enough. And if you have a municipality and basically the taxpayers of those municipalities are paying for the employees that are photocopying and doing whatever, if you changed the response time, aren't you putting a burden on the

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municipality or the municipal corporation that has to respond to that?"

Currie: "Representative, I would say we already have. That's what the Freedom Of Information Act says. It says that as a matter of public policy, we the taxpayers are entitled to public records. If you're asking about whether there are situations in which individuals may over-use or misuse the Act, that's probably true. But we don't pass statutes...we don't fail to pass statutes because there may be some people whose motives are not of the most reasonable. I'm aware of no situation in which somebody has succeeded in a court case where that individual did not have a legitimate request that was illegitimately denied by a unit of government. In fact, let me also suggest to you the court challenges under this Freedom...our Freedom of Information Act are not frequent. They are not frequent. Because if you secede what you get at the end of the day is the information that you ought to have had in the first place."

Mulligan: "Well, I would just venture to say, we had it...one of our municipalities that I represent just ended up spending over \$10,000 in a frivolous suit defending that, and it's of concern to me. I think three weeks is an ample time, particularly for a small unit of government, and if we keep making it narrow... I don't disagree that taxpayers, people in general, should have access to this information. It's just that we all know that sometimes for many different reasons people abuse it, and if we make the time to short, I think we're putting an undue burden on local government."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Murphy."

Murphy, M.: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of the

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General Assembly. I'm speaking in opposition to this Bill, because on first flush it looks like it's something one could be for simply changing from seven days to five. We will be placing an undue burden on local units of government, including school boards and municipalities. We will be adding to the court costs of these same units of government, because we will have given another hurdle for someone to sue upon. Some of our local units of government have streamlined and have very little staff to meet these requests. There, also, is a line in the analysis that suggests that we will be giving some more fodder for some more lawsuits against taxing districts that are already strapped by saying that unreasonable restrictions shall be deemed a denial. But we were just talking about hundreds of cases of unreasonable. We... The Representative Sponsor indicated that we were changing the time, and that if there was unreasonable requests, that they could just give 'em more time. Well, the analysis doesn't pro...support that contention. There's going to be further court cases that are going to determine what is reasonable denial and what isn't, and if it's simply a change from seven days to five days, did we need another piece of legislation for a two-day period of time to give more furtherance to more court suits against taxing districts that can least afford them. I speak in opposition to this Bill. The Municipal Clerks in the State of Illinois are in opposition to this Bill. Many school board members and school boards are in opposition to this Bill, and I would like to know if the General Assembly will adopt this as their method of doing business? Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? There being none, the Lady from Cook, Representative Currie, to close."

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Currie: "Thank you very much, Speaker and Members of the House.

I think one of the comments just made was the right comment to make, and that is that this is a simple straight forward not very complicated change. A change from seven working days to five working days. Any notion that that change is going to lead to a flood of litigation hardly seems reasonable. The point is that we have already determined that the citizens of this state have a right to the information that they pay for. What we're trying to do with this statutory change is to see to it that they get that information in a timely, not untimely, fashion. This Bill has the strong support of the Press Association, the Broadcast Journalists, the Independent Voters of Illinois, other civic groups that use the Freedom of Information Act, and I hope we will vote with them and with the taxpayers, with the citizenry to see to it that information that belongs to us is available to us when we want it and when we need it."

Speaker Steczo: "The Lady has moved for the passage of House Bill 1730. The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'yes'; all those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Please record Representative Ryder as 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 79 voting 'yes', 32 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'; and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Elections and State Government, Third Reading, appears House Bill 1913, Representative Hicks. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1913, a Bill for an Act concerning performance review. Third Reading of the Bill."

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Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Jefferson, Representative Hicks."

Hicks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1913 would...is a very comprehensive Bill, and it is one people should really look very closely at. This Bill is the Bill that would create the Performance Review Act. Basically, it would set forth in this Bill that strategic plans for the State of Illinois, goals for the State of Illinois, information services support for the state, and also the elimination and very importantly, the elimination of duplication of services here in the State of Illinois. In Texas where this was done, some \$2 billion was able to be taken out of their budget. There were over \$5 billion worth of items that could have been done, the Legislature saw fit to eliminate \$2 billion worth of it, it's something that might be able to address, I think in a lot of ways, the problems we have here in Illinois. I'd be happy to answer to any questions about it."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 1913. On that question, is there any discussion? There being no discussion, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'; and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Elections and State Government, Third Reading, appears House Bill 1927, Representative Lopez. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1927, a Bill for an Act amending the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lopez."

Lopez: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of this House. What House 1927 does is authorizes the the director of the state police to conduct a need assessment to identify the number of bilingual police officers and other personnel that are needed for the state police in order to provide services in a language other than English. It authorizes the director of the state police to create a temporary bilingual supplement pay program in the state police, in order to prepare for a permanent program that will be negotiated with the effected labor union. All it does is authorizes the department, and I ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 1927. On that question, is there any discussion? There being none, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from McLean, Representative Brady. Do you wish to explain your vote?"

Brady: "Yes. And I wanted to ask the question of the Sponsor, if he could just nod his head. Our analysis indicates that this requires the department not to do it, not just authorizes them. My question, if you just nod your head, and I'm sorry I'm late, but is...you indicated that this authorizes the State Police to do it; our analysis indicates that it requires them to do it. Does it require or authorize?"

Speaker Steczo: "Please turn on Mr. Lopez."

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Lopez: "It just gives them the power to do it, that's all it does. It's not a requirement. It just authorizes them, gives them the option so they can do it."

Speaker Steczo: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'; and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Elections and State Government, Third Reading, appears House Bill 2004, Representative Dart. Out of the record. House Bill 2205, Representative Dart. Out of the record. House Bill 2383, Representative Curran. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2383, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Purchasing Act. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Sangamon, Representative Curran."

Curran: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill is intended, right now it's just a stylistic change of vehicle. It's intended to go over to the Senate be Sponsored by Senator Topinka and Senator Severns, who are part of a blue ribbon panel made up of Democrats and Republicans looking into the Purchasing Act. So, nothing will happen with this Bill. It will just go over to the Senate and receive that sponsorship. We'll probably turn it into a Conference Committee Report sometime within the...and vote on it sometime within the next year."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 2383. On that question, is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield? Representative, you've indicated that this will be used as a vehicle for the Blue Ribbon Committee, and who will the Senate Sponsor be?"

Curran: "My intention is... The Senate Sponsor will be Senator Topinka and Senator Severns."

Black: "I've known you to be a man of your word. If those are the Senate Sponsors, that's good enough for me. Let's roll it."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? There being none, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2383 pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 7 voting 'present'; and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to the Order of Education, Second Reading. On that Order on page ten of the Calendar, appears House Bill 593, Representative Davis. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. Representative Davis, do you wish to call this Bill? Okay, Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 593, a Bill for an Act amending the School Code. Second Reading of the Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions filed."

Speaker Steczo: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Steczo: "Third Reading. House Bill 757, Representative Mautino. For what purpose does the Lady from Cook, Representative Davis seek recognition?"

Davis: "(House Bill) 593 does have House Bill, I'm sorry Amendment #2, Sir. It's been distributed, it's here. I

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have a copy."

Speaker Steczo: "Mr. Clerk?"

Davis: "It's not distributed? Then we will hold this on two, please. Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "House Bill 593 will be held on the Order of Second Reading at the request of the Sponsor. On the Order of Education, Second Reading, appears House Bill 757, Representative Mautino. Representative Mautino? Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 757, a Bill for an Act amending the School Code. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Mautino."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from Bureau, Representative Mautino, on Amendment #1."

Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the General Assembly. Amendment 1 to 757 transfers the funding and the authority from the educational service centers to the regional superintendent of schools. This Bill was discussed in committee, and this is the Amendment, as drafted, and we had an agreement when I passed it out of committee. I stand ready to answer any questions."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of Amendment #1 to House Bill 757. On that question, is there any discussion? There being none, the question is, 'Shall the Amendment be adopted?' All those in favor will signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed by saying 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment's adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Steczo: "Third Reading. On the Order of Education, Second Reading, appears House Bill 1083, Representative

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Churchill. Out of the record. House Bill 1087, Representative Churchill. Out of the record. House Bill 1165, Representative Hoffman. Out of the record. House Bill 1192, Representative Currie. Out of the record. House Bill 1696, Representative Burke. Out of the record. House Bill 1999, Representative Burke. Out of the record. House Bill 2107, Representative Levin. Out of the record. House Bill 2198, Representative Hawkins. Representative Hawkins? House Bill 2198. Out of the record. House Bill 2216, Representative Davis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2216, a Bill for an Act concerning proprietary schools. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Davis."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Davis, on Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2216."

Davis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 simply states that the person responsible for doing the investigation will remain with the state board as it exists today. Originally, the board had said...the Bill had said that some other entity would do the investigations, and after discussing it with the state board, they would prefer to continue with the investigation and then upon reaching...finding information, they would submit that to the Student Assistant Commission, and I urge a favorable vote or acceptance of this Amendment."

Speaker Steczo: "The Lady has moved for the adoption of the Amendment. Is there any discussion? There being none, the question is, 'Shall the Amendment be adopted?' All those in favor will signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed by

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saying 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Davis."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes Representative Davis."

Davis: "I wish to withdraw Amendment #2."

Speaker Steczo: "The Lady withdraws Amendment #2. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Davis. The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Davis.. Representative Currie, in the Chair."

Davis: "Thank you, Madam Speaker or Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #3 states that a \$100,000 surety bond would be filed by the State Comptroller for the proprietary schools, and this would become effective six months after the effective date of the Bill. The state would also retain the surety bond for two years after the proprietary school had ceased operation, and the proprietary school would forfeit its bond, if upon investigation, it was found that acts had occurred that did not allow the students to get the years of education that had been promised or promoted when that student registered. And we seek a favorable vote on this. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Davis moves 'do adopt' on Amendment 3 to House Bill 2216; and, on that Motion, is there any discussion? Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Currie: "She indicates she..."

Black: "If I read this Amendment correctly, oh it's an

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interesting concept. Let me share it with ya. Every proprietary school in the state would have to file a surety bond of \$100,000. The state would then retain that for two years, and the bond would be used to refund tuition to those students who have not been educated. Is there a..."

Davis: "No, Sir. That's the one we withdrew."

Black: "We're on Floor Amendment #3?"

Davis: "Yes, I apologize. You're correct."

Black: "Okay. Is it your intent to withdraw Amendment #3?"

Davis: "No, we plan to go with #3, and in fact we talked with your Minority Spokesperson, and we found some agreement on this language."

Black: "I always defer to my Minority Spokesperson. Thank you."

Davis: "Yes."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative Cowlshaw."

Cowlshaw: "Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, Representative Davis has worked long and hard on this Bill, and is attempting to respond to a really serious problem that some of her own constituents have had, and I for one would like to not only thank her for the conscientious way she's gone about this, but I think it's only proper for me also to stand here and thank the Devry Institute, because some calls were made there yesterday to consult those people to see whether they had any improvements they'd like to make in this, or if they would approve of this or whatever, and as far as I'm able to determine, this Amendment is very finely crafted with the help of the Devry Institute, which is a proprietary school, and I think that the fact that this now provides that the money from that surety bond can be used to refund tuition to students when the school fails to provide the instructional time agreed to, when the tuition was paid, is

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certainly a reasonable use for that kind of surety bond, and I stand in support of Representative Davis' Amendment #3."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Davis moves 'do adopt' on Amendment 3 to House Bill 2216. All in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Currie: "Third Reading. Continuing on the Education Call. House Bill 2230, Representative Kubik. Representative Kubik. Representative Kubik? Out of the record. We will now turn to the Local Government Call, Second Readings. House Bill 105, Representative Homer. Representative Homer. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 105, a Bill for an Act amending the Counties Code. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Homer."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Homer."

Homer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. This Amendment 1 is an agreed Amendment that was presented to me by the... You know, let's do this, I don't have that file in front of me. I think I should take it from the record. I know it's an agreed Amendment, but I think I should also be able to explain who agreed to it. So, lets take it from the record."

Speaker Currie: "Thank you, Representative. Out of the record. House Bill 165. Representative Balanoff. Out of the record. Representative Lang, are you ready with 168? Out of the record. Representative Capparelli, on House Bill 175. Representative Capparelli. Out of the record. Representative Lang, House Bill 550. Out of the record."

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Representative Balanoff, House Bill 611. Out of the record. Representative Ryder, House Bill 703. Representative Ryder. Out of the record. Representative Santiago, on House Bill 1279. Out of the record. How about 1280, Representative? Out of the record, and what about... (House Bill) 1280. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1280. The Bill has been read a second time previously. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Leitch."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Leitch, on Amendment 2. Representative Leitch. Representative..."

Leitch: "Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, and thanks to Representative Santiago. What this Amendment does, it comes at the request of some of the very rural and small townships in Illinois who are required to come up with a CPA audit every four years, and in...in these smaller counties they would be able to tax next year up to \$6,000...up to \$6,000 to pay for that audit and then in succeeding years be able to tax at the rate of \$1,500 a year in order to accumulate the funds to pay for the audit that we mandate on them. It would affect about 1,000 out of the 1,400 townships in Peoria. It does not affect the collar counties or Cook County, and I'd ask a favorable roll call, or just approval of the Amendment."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Leitch moves 'do adopt' on Amendment 2 to House Bill 1280. Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Would the Gentleman yield please?"

Speaker Currie: "He indicates he will."

Granberg: "Representative Leitch, some of the Members couldn't hear you, so could you clarify the Amendment? Does it... It would allow a township to levy a tax without a referendum?"

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Leitch: "That's correct."

Granberg: "So, with Amendment #2, for the Members this would allow a township to levy a tax without referendum."

Leitch: "They already have this authority. It would increase the rate, the amount that they can raise. In the next year they could go up to \$6,000 and then, subsequently, \$1,500 a year to accumulate some funds to pay for the audit that we are mandating them to have."

Granberg: "So, they could do it currently, but this would just increase the rate for which they can levy this tax, the amount?"

Leitch: "Yes."

Granberg: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative Deering."

Deering: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. What this Amendment is, as I understand it, is a way to allow the smaller townships, of which I represent a bunch of 'em, to raise the revenues to pay for a mandate that we put on 'em. It's a good Amendment in my opinion."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative Hannig."

Hannig: "Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield for a question?"

Speaker Currie: "He indicates he will."

Hannig: "Yes, Representative, I asked you this privately but I'm not sure that everybody in the chamber understands the question. What does the clause mean where it says, 'Shall be audited by a CPA' and then you add 'or an independent public accountant'? What is an 'independent public accountant'?"

Leitch: "I'm told that this is already the practice, the...in many other parts of our law. It means that an audit can be taken by an independent accountant within these smaller

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townships, many of whom don't have a CPA in the county, and...but that independent audit must be certified by a CPA in accordance with the audit laws that were...are already on the book, and I understand as Chapter 111, paragraph 5500.01."

Hannig: "Well, what is the difference between a certified public accountant and an independent public accountant?"

Leitch: "Well, a certified public accountant, of course, is someone who has been duly licensed and has taken the tests to meet a professional standard of being a licensed certified public accountant. Many of the independent accountants are people who have been very skilled in bookkeeping and who have ability to keep simple books, but I would emphasize that their work would also have to be certified by a certified public accountant."

Hannig: "I... You know, I hope that you're correct. The way I read the Amendment, it just says that..."

Leitch: "Townships over 200,000 are already...already have this authority. So, this provision expands it to the smaller townships."

Hannig: "The Amendment says, 'Audited by a certified public accountant', and then it inserts 'Or an independent public accountant'. It sounds to me that you're putting an additional possibility into the law that, perhaps, is less than a certified public accountant."

Leitch: "Well, it would make it the same as in townships over 200,000."

Hannig: "Maybe, we can clarify this before Third Reading, but I'm not at all certain that I totally understand this Amendment. But I appreciate your effort to try to clarify it."

Speaker Currie: "Further discussion? Representative Dart."

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Dart: "Parliamentary inquiry as to the germaneness of this Amendment. The underlying Bill deals with an election, township elections; this deals with taxation."

Speaker Currie: "We will have a look at the question. Representative Ryder, for what reason do you rise?"

Ryder: "Simply to ask the Chair, was that a question concerning the germaneness of the Amendment."

Speaker Currie: "Yes. Representative Dart questioned the germaneness of the Amendment, and the Parliamentarian is now looking at the Amendment to determine the proper answer to the question."

Ryder: "Well, you knew the answer before he asked the question. So, I'm not gonna address that. What I am going to do is suggest that perhaps Representative Dart, can we tell...can we address him? I didn't hear him say 'germane'. Isn't that the key word to say."

Speaker Currie: "He did say 'germane'."

Ryder: "He did?"

Speaker Currie: "Yes."

Ryder: "Oh, well then I apologize to him. I thought that, you know, maybe it was his first germane Bill or something."

Speaker Currie: "Possibly he mumbled, but the Chair heard the word 'germane'."

Ryder: "Well, then he's learning faster than I thought."

Speaker Currie: "The answer is that the Amendment is germane, and seeing no requests for further discussion, Representative Leitch, to close."

Leitch: "I'd simply ask for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Leitch has moved 'do adopt' on Amendment 2 to House Bill 1280. All in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments?"

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Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Currie: "Third Reading. Representative Steczko, in the Chair."

Speaker Steczko: "On the Order of Local Government, Second Reading, appears House Bill 1728, Representative Currie. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. For what purpose does the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black seek recognition."

Black: "Yes, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I just rise for a...to make a simple announcement. If I could have your attention. The way it looks, all of us are going to be back here relatively early Monday and work through the week, and I know many of you have township and municipal elections next Tuesday when we're scheduled to be in Session. So, I would simply urge all of you to vote absentee. I'm sure most of you could do that Saturday or Monday morning, since we won't be in our districts Tuesday for the Township Municipal Elections."

Speaker Steczko: "Mr. Clerk, have you read House Bill 1728? Please read the Bill, second time."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1728, the Bill has been read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Wennlund."

Speaker Steczko: "Floor Amendment #1, Representative Currie. Withdraw Amendment #1. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Wennlund."

Speaker Steczko: "Withdraw Amendment #2. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Currie."

Speaker Steczko: "The Chair recognizes Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. This is an

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Amendment that takes out the responsibility that was in the Bill as introduced for clerks of local governmental units to notify State's Attorneys when they were going to at the behest of the board or council, destroy certain records. It occurred to the advocates of this Bill that, perhaps, the State's Attorneys didn't want to be receiving all this mail, so this Amendment would take that provision out of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any discussion? There being none, all those in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed by saying 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. Amendment #3 is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Steczo: "Third Reading. House Bill 2240, Representative Erwin. Out of the record. Going back to House Bill 703, Representative Ryder. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 703, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Municipal Code. Second Reading of the Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions filed. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Steczo: "Third Reading. Representative Homer, did you wish to go back to House Bill 105? Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 105, the Bill has been read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Homer."

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Homer."

Homer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, this Amendment is offered as an agreement with the DuPage County Mayors Association that would clarify that the State's Attorney's fee that allowed to be assessed would also be allowed to be assessed

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for a City Attorney who prosecuted the case. I don't think it's controversial. I would move its adoption."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Wennlund."

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

Speaker Steczo: "He indicates that he will."

Wennlund: "Yes, Representative Homer, ordinary traffic tickets that are paid or are contested the State's Attorney's fees it would still be applicable?"

Homer: "The intent of the Bill is not to apply to a..to a an ordinary traffic case. This would apply only to misdemeanors or felony offenses."

Wennlund: "But it's only limited to instances where there is an Order of Supervision?"

Homer: "Right. It's limited to cases where there's an Order of Supervision, and the Amendment... The Bill, itself, talks...speaks to fees of the State's Attorney would be allowed. The DuPage County Mayors came to me and said, 'a lot of our situations, we don't prosecute under a State Vehicle Code, we have municipal ordinances, and we have a city attorney', and they said would you agree to amend it so that they could retain their fee just like the State's Attorney in Vehicle Code violations, and that's what the Amendment does."

Wennlund: "Very good. Thank you very much. We support the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? Representative Homer moves for the adoption of Amendment #1 to House Bill 105. All those in favor will signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed by saying 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

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Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Steczo: "Third Reading. On the Order of Education Third Reading, appears House Bill 77, Representative Santiago. Representative Santiago? Out of the record. House Bill 125, Representative Levin. Out of the record. House Bill 347, Representative Dunn. House Bill 521, Representative Balanoff. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 521, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Balanoff."

Balanoff: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to move the Bill back to Second for the purpose of an Amendment."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman asks leave to return House Bill 521 back to the Order of Second Reading for the purposes of Amendment. Is there any objection? There being no objection, leave is granted. House Bill 521 will appear on the Order of Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, are there any Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Balanoff. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Balanoff on Amendment #2."

Balanoff: "What Amendment #2 would do, instead of mandating dental testing with the regular school exams, it would say that dental testing is recommended. The Tuberculosis portion would remain the same."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any discussion? The Gentleman from Will, Representative Wennlund."

Wennlund: "It's my understanding it's an agreed Bill, and we support the Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? There being none, the Gentleman has moved for the adoption of Amendment #2 to House Bill 521. All those in favor will signify by

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saying 'aye'; those opposed by saying 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it, and Amendment #2 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Steczo: "Third Reading. House Bill 532, Representative Cowlshaw."

Cowlshaw: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House."

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Cowlshaw, wait till the Clerk reads the Bill a third time. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 532, a Bill for an Act amending the School Code. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes Representative Cowlshaw."

Cowlshaw: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 532 is actually sponsored by Representative HELM, that is it is a committee Bill from the Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education. It consists of two portions: The first portion is that which permits school districts to put forward a referendum for a tax increase for a limited period of time, no less than three and no more than ten years, rather than always having to make those things indefinite. That is an initiative of the Illinois Farm Bureau and is not at all controversial. It came out of committee on a unanimous vote. The second portion of this Bill, which was just adopted as an Amendment yesterday, is a provision to take care of a problem in Representative Monroe Flinn's district, where there is a real problem with mine subsidence in the vicinity of a school. We have always been accommodating to one another with those kinds of problems. We...as I recall, we did something similar to

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this a couple three years ago for Representative Woolard, and so we are...I see no reason why we shouldn't try to be helpful in this situation for Representative Flinn. Those are the only two things that are in the Bill, and I move for its adoption."

Speaker Steczo: "The Lady has moved for the passage of House Bill 532. Is there any discussion? There being none, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'yes'; all those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'; and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Your first Bill, Representative Cowlshaw? The first HELM Bill actually. On the... Moving back to the Order of Elections and State Government, Second Reading, appears House Bill 103, Representative Novak. Representative Novak, House Bill 103. Out of the record. House Bill 109, Representative McAfee. Out of the record. House Bill 140, Representative Schoenberg. Out of the record. House Bill 147, Representative Giolitto. Representative Giolitto? Out of the record. House Bill 362, Representative LeFlore. Out of the record. House Bill 494, Representative Sheehy. Mr. Clerk, please call the Bill. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 494. The Bill has been read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Sheehy."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes Representative Sheehy."

Sheehy: "Speaker, House Members, I ask that Amendment #1 be withdrawn."

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Speaker Steczo: "Please withdraw Amendment #1. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Sheehy."

Speaker Steczo: "The floor recognizes Representative Sheehy on Amendment #2."

Sheehy: "Amendment #2 to House Bill 494, what it does is it adds new language and changes the Bill's definition. ...House Bill 494 stating that the standards to be adopted by the state fire marshall for operation of private fire-fighting units will not be used to regulate the provisions of the ambulance service, and this Amendment also changes the Bill's definition of private fire-fighting unit, to mean only those private for-profit fire-fighting units. I'd be more than happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of Amendment #2. On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Wennlund."

Wennlund: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield? Representative Sheehy, under the current law does the state fire marshall set standards that regulate the private ambulance industry?"

Sheehy: "Yes, they do."

Wennlund: "And you're proposing to eliminate the applicability of those standards to private ambulance services?"

Sheehy: "This Bill is designed only for private for profit fire-fighting units only."

Wennlund: "Fire-fighting units?"

Sheehy: "For profit, who contract out for-profit only."

Wennlund: "Who...who... If this Amendment were to pass and the Bill were to pass, who then would regulate private ambulance services?"

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Sheehy: "I can't answer that."

Wennlund: "There're already..."

Sheehy: "By the Department of Public Health."

Wennlund: "Does the Department of Public Health currently regulate the private ambulance industry, now in addition to state fire marshall?"

Sheehy: "Not that I'm aware of."

Wennlund: "Has the Department of Public Health adopted any standards, or do they have standards in place to regulate...?"

Sheehy: "Yes, to set the rules and regulations if this Bill passes."

Wennlund: "But doesn't the Amendment provide that the standards set by the state fire marshall shall not regulate the provision...ambulance services."

Sheehy: "Yes, it does."

Wennlund: "So...so, if this Amendment passes and the Bill passes there will be no regulation of private ambulance services?"

Sheehy: "That's true."

Wennlund: "What...it also provides for...that for profit fire-fighting enterprise, that's... Thank you very much, Representative Sheehy."

Sheehy: "You're welcome."

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Balthis."

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

Speaker Steczo: "He indicates that he will."

Balthis: "Representative, is this Bill designed to require...for-profit fire services to comply with the same regulations that local governments would have to apply to?"

Sheehy: "Yes."

Balthis: "So, there is not a lar...tougher standard for a for profit fire department than there is for a non...for a

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local government."

Sheehy: "No, there isn't. There's no laws on the books right now to govern them, that's why we have this Bill out here today."

Balthis: "So, this would not serve if a local government would try to deprivatize, this would not serve to cause their cost to be higher as a result of this regulation, that if they remained with..."

Sheehy: "It has nothing to do with the cost."

Balthis: "If it increased, if it increase the cost to the local government that's attempting to privatize, is that not an increase in cost?"

Sheehy: "If local government does not want to have a volunteer fire department, they can contract out and all we're asking is that these fire-fighter units, who are contracting out for profit, are regulated by the state fire marshall."

Balthis: "And local governments have to comply with these same regulations that you're putting into this legislation?"

Sheehy: "Local governments have their own Municipal Code."

Balthis: "And are the... One more time, are these codes more strict and gonna cost more money, if a local government utilizes this service than if they used their own private services?"

Sheehy: "The fiscal note, by the state fire marshall, said the cost would be very minimal."

Balthis: "Thank you, Representative."

Sheehy: "Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? There being none, the Gentleman has moved for the adoption of Amendment #2 to House Bill 494. All those in favor will signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. Amendment #2 is adopted. Mr.

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Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Steczo: "Third Reading. On the Order of Elections and State Government, Second Reading, appears House Bill 660, Representative Schoenberg. Out of the record. House Bill 737, Representative LeFlore. Out of the record. House Bill 832, Representative Curran. Out of the record. House Bill 973, Representative McGuire. Out of the record. House Bill 1201, Representative Currie. Representative Currie? Out of the record. House Bill 1228, Representative Curran. Out of the record. House Bill 1460, Representative Edley. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1460. The Bill has been read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment 1, offered by Representative Edley."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes Representative Edley."

Edley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. ...This Amendment would require line item budgeting of IDOT's budget in a detailed listing of road projects."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of Amendment #1. Is there any discussion? Representative Wennlund."

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

Speaker Steczo: "He indicates that he will."

Wennlund: "Would you explain the purpose of this Amendment?"

Edley: "The purpose of the Amendment is to get a more accountable distribution of our road fund moneys. Currently, we have a five-year plan. As you probably know right now, we're in the process of voting on IDOT's budget for next year, and we don't even know what the road projects are going to be next year. It's pretty tough to do that."

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Wennlund: "They're not specified anywhere within the boundary..."

Edley: "They're not specified as yet. The five-year plan has not been released. So, we're voting on hundreds of millions of dollars of road fund expenditures not knowing where, in what communities and what needs of our regions are being met."

Wennlund: "...The Department of Transportation says that the...road program in a detail will be out in two weeks, long before any budgets are going to be adopted around here."

Edley: "Well, it'll be out of the House. We may be voting on the budget next week. We've gotta, you know...we don't have any time to review it. I mean, it just doesn't make sense to vote for hundreds of millions of dollars of road projects and not know where they're gonna be built."

Wennlund: "Well, as I stated, the Department of Transportation states that it's detailed road program for the next fiscal year will be out in two weeks."

Edley: "Well...it...it'll be too late, probably, for the House to take any kind of action."

Wennlund: "All right. To the Amendment. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this is another example of a duplication of what the department does anyway and really what you're doing is, the full road program is a five-year program and all you're doing is adding one year and to require the Governor's office to take the time and the taxpayers money to provide yet another duplication of efforts is a ridiculous waste of the taxpayers money, and I'm going to ask for a Roll Call Vote, Mr. Speaker, on the Amendment; and if the Amendment gets the requisite number of votes, I'll seek a verification."

Speaker Steczo: "Any further discussion? The Gentleman has moved

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for the adoption of Amendment #1. All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? The Gentleman from Jersey, Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to explain my vote on this issue. I'm voting against this for the very simple reason that the Department of Transportation every year tells you what they're going to do for the next five years, so that we knew four years ago what was in the budget this year. To suggest that it has to be shown each and every year is actually redundant, more expensive and as the end result is going to be that the Department of Con...or the Department of Transportation has not going to be able to do all of the projects that they suggest. You don't build roads in one year, you build them over a period of years. If the projects change on an annual basis then we'll never be able to construct roads in this state. The requirement of this Amendment goes counter to the very good faith that the Department of Transportation is created over the years in which they've told us in a five-year plan what it is that they're going to do, and to my knowledge, they've kept their word. To suggest in this fashion that they have not, I think is certainly ill-advised."

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Edley, to explain your vote."

Edley: "Well, let me just say that we don't know what they're going to take out of that five-year plan for next year's expenditures. That's the problem. We're gonna be asked, like I said before, to vote for over a billion dollars of road projects and not know whose street is gonna get repaired, what highway is gonna get built, what road is gonna be resurfaced, and that's wrong. And I think that the Legislature should...fulfill its responsibility and at

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least know what they're voting on."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from Madison, Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Edley, I just got off the phone with the Governor's office and they have good news for you. That road through your district is going to be in the five-year plan; the bad news is, it's going to be a dirt road."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman from Logan, Representative Olson."

Olson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't really know what the discussion is here. We can get up in the morning and decide whether we're gonna present a Bill down here, amend a Bill or whatever, but you don't get up in the morning and decide you're going to build a road. Roads that are going to be built two years from now, three years from now, four years from now, are already un...their design is going on. They take the typographies, the structure of the soil, the design. It's all going on right now. Acquisition of area of land. This...this one-year plan in building a road is about as impractical as anything I've heard here today and that's been quite a bit."

Speaker Steczo: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 65 voting 'yes', 48 voting 'no'. The Chair recognizes Representative Wennlund."

Wennlund: "Request a verification."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has asked for a verification. Mr. Clerk, please poll those not voting."

Clerk Rossi: "Representative Hartke."

Speaker Steczo: "Proceed with the Poll of the Affirmative."

Clerk Rossi: "Balanoff."

Speaker Steczo: "Mr. Clerk excuse me one second. Representative

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Lang asks leave to be verified. Mr. Wennlund is that all right? Okay. Mr. Lang has leave to be verified. Mr. Clerk, please proceed."

Clerk Rossi: "Balanoff. Blagojevich. Brunsvold. Bugielski. Burke. Capparelli. Curran. Currie. Dart. Davis. Deering. DeJaegher. Dunn. Edley. Erwin. Flinn. Flowers. Frias. Gash. Giglio. Giolitto. Granberg. Hannig. Hawkins. Hicks. Hoffman. Homer. Johnson, Tim. Jones, Lou. Jones, Shirley. Kaszak. Kotlarz. Lang. Laurino. Levin. Lopez. Martinez. Mautino. McAfee. McGuire. McPike. Moore, Eugene. Morrow. Moseley. Murphy, H. Novak. Ostenburg. Phelan. Phelps. Prussing. Pugh. Ronen. Rotello. Saltsman. Santiago. Schakowsky. Schoenberg. Sheehy. Steczko. Stroger. Turner. von Bergen-Wessels. Woolard. Younge and Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Steczko: "Mr. Wennlund, do you have any questions of the affirmative?"

Wennlund: "Representative Capparelli?"

Speaker Steczko: "Representative Capparelli, is he in the chamber? Remove him from the roll call."

Wennlund: "Representative Morrow?"

Speaker Steczko: "Representative Morrow? Representative Morrow? Please remove the Gentleman. Representative Bugielski asks leave to be verified."

Wennlund: "Yes."

Speaker Steczko: "Representative von Bergen-Wessels asks leave to be verified."

Wennlund: "Yes."

Speaker Steczko: "Representative Pugh asks leave to be verified. Any further questions?"

Wennlund: "Yes. Representative Rotello?"

Speaker Steczko: "Representative Rotello, is he in the chamber?"

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Representative Rotello? Please remove him from the roll call. Representative Deering asks leave to be verified, Mr. Wennlund."

Wennlund: "Yes. Representative Blagojevich?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Blagojevich. Representative Blagojevich? Remove him from the roll call."

Wennlund: "Representative Flinn?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Monroe Flinn. Representative Flinn? Remove him from the roll call."

Wennlund: "Representative Hicks?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Hicks is in his chair."

Wennlund: "Representative Flowers?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Flowers is in her chair."

Wennlund: "Represent...Representative Gash?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Gash. Representative Gash is in the third row on the Democratic side, Mr. Wennlund."

Wennlund: "Thank you. Representative Martinez?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Martinez. Is the Gent...Representative Martinez in the chamber? Remove him from the roll call. Any further questions?"

Wennlund: "Representative Dunn? Representative John Dunn?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative John Dunn. Representative John Dunn? Remove Representative Dunn."

Wennlund: "Representative Shirley Jones?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Shirley Jones. Shirley Jones? Remove her from the roll call."

Wennlund: "Representative Bob DeJaegher?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative DeJaegher? Representative DeJaegher? Is the Gentleman in the chamber? Remove him from the roll call."

Wennlund: "Representative Kotlarz?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Kotlarz? Representative Kotlarz?"

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Is the Gentleman in the chamber? Remove him from the roll call."

Wennlund: "Representative Pugh?"

Speaker Steczo: "Please add Representative John Dunn and Representative Martinez back to the roll call, please. Further questions?"

Wennlund: "Representative Laurino?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Laurino. Representative Laurino? Is he in the chamber? Please remove Representative Laurino from the roll call."

Wennlund: "Representative Santiago?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Santiago. Representative Santiago? Is the Gentleman in the chamber? Please remove him from the roll call. Further questions?"

Wennlund: "Representative Lopez?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Lopez. Is the Gentleman in the chamber? Please remove him from the roll call. Add Representative Rotello, the center aisle, back to the roll call, voting 'aye'."

Wennlund: "Representative Lou Jones?"

Speaker Steczo: "Pardon, Representative Wennlund, I didn't hear that last request."

Wennlund: "Lou Jones?"

Speaker Steczo: "Lou Jones. Representative Lou Jones. Is the Lady in the chamber? Please remove her from the roll call. Any further questions, Mr. Wennlund?"

Wennlund: "Nothing further."

Speaker Steczo: "There being no further questions on the...on the verification of this question, there are 54 voting 'yes', 48 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present', and the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments, but a fiscal note has been

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requested on the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "A fiscal note having been requested, the Bill will remain on the Order of Second Reading. On the Order of Elections, and State Government, Second Reading, appears House Bill 1704, Representative Hicks. Mr. Hicks, House Bill 1704. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1704. The Bill has been read a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in Committee. No Motions filed. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Steczo: "Third Reading. House Bill 1745, Representative Rotello. Out of the record. House Bill 1912, Representative Moseley. Out of the record. House Bill 2097, Representative Curran. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2097, a Bill for an Act amending the Voluntary Payroll Deductions Act of 1983. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Curran."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes Representative Curran."

Curran: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe this is an agreed Amendment. It increases the period in which state warrants may be cashed from six to 12 months. It decreases the time period the Comptroller may reissue voided warrants to five years; it was three years. It provides that no person or company should be entitled to a fee for discovering a voided warrant until it aft...after it's been voided for a year; and finally it permits the Comptroller to issue a replacement warrant for less than \$500.00. It was \$25.00 when the original warrant and a written request for the replacement are filed with the office of Comptroller. I'd be glad to answer any questions. I've talked to Representative Black. I believe this is agreed."

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Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of Amendment #1. Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Skinner."

Skinner: "Mr. Speaker, I have a question. May I ask it?"

Speaker Steczo: "Of the Sponsor?"

Skinner: "Yes."

Speaker Steczo: "He will yield."

Skinner: "...What is this about a company having the ability to get a fee for finding a warrant that hasn't been cashed?"

Curran: "Apparently, there are fees that companies can get for finding a warrant. This provision changes that you can't get that fee until that warrant has been voided for a year and that, thereafter, the fees are limited to a 10% of the amount of the warrant. I guess there's been some abuses in loss warrants, people finding them and then charging an exaggerated rate for the recovery of this warrant."

Skinner: "I don't know why there should be a fee at all."

Curran: "Well, certain private companies obtained information from the Comptrollers' Office about voided warrants and these companies contact...payees of the large dollar amounts and then solicit some way to get a percentage. This puts a cap on that percentage and puts a reasonable amount of time before they can do that. A year for the lost warrant."

Skinner: "This sounds like something like tax sales. It sounds like..."

Curran: "I don't know."

Skinner: "It sounds like an insider game."

Curran: "It might be, but whatever the insider game was, it is now, with this Amendment, being much more strictly controlled."

Skinner: "Is someone from the Comptrollers Office on the House

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floor?"

Curran: "Someone for the Comptrollers Office gave me this Amendment, and I believe it is in agreement by your side, but I don't see that person here at this time."

Skinner: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? There being none, all those in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 to House Bill 2097 please signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "Amendment #2, offered by Representative Curran."

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Curran, on Amendment #2."

Curran: "May I defer to Representative Giorgi, on this Amendment? I believe this...was originally being offered by Representative Giorgi. It...this is from the Comptroller's Act...Zeke. It pertains to radios and...staff Members with you now?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Giorgi."

Giorgi: "Evidently there's some money for...public broadcasting and WNIU, could qualify if we get the proper language in before the end of the fiscal year, and that's the purpose of the Amendment, WNIU Public Broadcasting."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? There being none, all those in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 please signify by saying 'aye'; opposed, 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it, and the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Steczo: "Third Reading. House Bill 2101, Representative LeFlore. Out of the record. House Bill 2296, Representative Prussing. Representative Prussing?"

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Representative Prussing, do you wish to call your Bill? Out of the record. I would remind all Members that the Agreed List or the request for the Agreed List should be brought to the Clerk as expeditiously as possible. He will only take those requests for a few more minutes. For what purpose does the Gentleman from Sangamon, Representative Curran arise?"

Curran: "Mr. Speaker, my attention was diverted. Did you bypass House Bill 2101 on the Order of Second Reading, Elections and State Government, because it's Representative LeFlore's Bill?"

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Pugh had indicated to me that he wanted the Bill taken from the record. Or did not wish to call that Bill."

Curran: "Well...I'll defer to Representative Pugh, but I'm supposed to handle the Bill. I'm the Chief hyphenated Co-Sponsor. I'd like to move the Bill to Third Reading, unless you care..."

Speaker Steczo: "If you care to do that, Representative Curran, we can get to that just...just momentarily, but the Lady from Cook, Representative Davis."

Davis: "...Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. I really wanted to take this opportunity to let everyone know that...the Illinois House Black Caucus on yesterday honored State Representative Bob LeFlore, and he...he received the Richard Newhouse Life Achievement Award from the Illinois State Black Caucus. We want to thank all of those who attended the tribute to Representative Bob LeFlore and at the front of the chamber, there is the plaque that was offered to the Representative with a beautiful commemorative saying and we have all the names of the Legislators listed. We just ask you to come by and say

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hello and we want those who take this plaque to Bob to let him know we send our very best get well wishes with God's speed. Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "Back on the Order of Elections and State Government, Second Reading, appears House Bill 2101, and the Chair recognizes Representative Curran. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill a second time."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2101, a Bill for an Act concerning consolidation of state agencies. Second Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "Are there any Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Steczo: "Third Reading. On the Order of Housing and Economic Development, Third Reading, appears House Bill 636. The Chair recognizes... Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 636, a Bill for an Act amending the East St. Louis Area Development Act. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Lady asks leave to have House Bill 636 brought back to the Order of Second Reading for the purpose of an Amendment. Is there leave? There being no objection, leave is granted. House Bill 636 will appear on Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, are there...are there any Amendments filed?"

Clerk Rossi: "Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Younge."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes Representative Younge, on Amendment #1."

Younge: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. House Amendment #1 would change the Members of the board from nine to 11, and I move for the adoption of the Amendment."

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Speaker Steczo: "Is there any discussion? The Lady has moved for the adoption of Amendment #1 to House Bill 636. All those in favor will signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Steczo: "Third Reading. Also, on the Order of Housing and Economic Development, Third Reading, appears House Bill 652. Representative Younge. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 652, a Bill for an Act amending certain Acts in relation to foreign trade zones. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Lady asks leave to have House Bill 652 brought back to the Order of Second Reading for the purpose of an Amendment. Is there...is there leave? There being no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Clerk, are there any Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Younge."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes Representative Younge, on Amendment #2."

Younge: "Thank you, Mr...thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 deletes a duplication in words. It's a technical Amendment, and I move for the adoption of the Amendment."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. An inquiry of the Chair. Has Amendment #2 been printed and distributed?"

Speaker Steczo: "The Clerk indicates, Representative Black, that it has."

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Black: "Could I get a copy."

Speaker Steczo: "Certainly. Mr. Black, do you have any questions?"

Black: "Well, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. We...we have this identical Amendment in our file, but it's listed as Floor Amendment #1 and the LRB number is the same."

Speaker Steczo: "We're checking, Mr. Black."

Black: "Thank you."

Clerk Rossi: "Amendment #1 was adopted in committee."

Black: "That's correct. We had the Floor Amendment listed as one; we should have had it listed as two. Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "Mr. Black, do you have any further questions?"

Black: "No. No further questions."

Speaker Steczo: "The Lady moves for the adoption of Amendment #2 to House Bill 652. All those in favor will signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed, 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Steczo: "Third Reading. On the Order of Professional Regulation, Second Reading, appears House Bill 211, Representative Kaszak. Out of the record. House Bill 212, Representative Kaszak. Out of the record. House Bill 715, Representative Santiago. Out of the record. House Bill 1554, Representative Deering. Out of the record. On the Order of Professional Regulation, Third Reading, appears House Bill 208. Representative...Representative Hicks has asked leave to bring out the...to bring House Bill 208 back to the Order of Second Reading for purposes of an Amendment. Is there objection? There being no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Clerk, any Amendments? Mr. Hicks, we've been informed that the Amendment is not printed."

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Hicks: "...That Amendment was...was submitted...late last night. Is hasn't been printed already? I mean, it was submitted last night."

Speaker Steczo: "The records indicate that the Amendment was filed today."

Hicks: "Well, then it would have been very early today. I believe it was turned in last night. It must have been very early today and I would think that the Amendment should be printed by this time. I believe the other side has a copy of what that all is. ...Pardon me?"

Speaker Steczo: "Mr. Hicks, would you like the Bill to remain on Second Reading?"

Hicks: "Yes, I would. Just leave the Bill on Second Reading."

Speaker Steczo: "Okay. The Bill will remain on the Order of Second Reading. Did you wish to do the same with House Bill 1813?"

Hicks: "...I just inquired of the Chair on 1813, Mr. Speaker, I believe Amendment #1 was adopted. Is that so? An inquiry of the Chair?"

Speaker Steczo: "For what purpose does the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black rise?"

Black: "...Yes, yes, I'd... A question of Representative Hicks, if I might?"

Speaker Steczo: "Please proceed."

Black: "Representative, we'll be glad to share copies of the Amendment with you, but I'm concerned about House Bill 233. Where's that on the call?"

Hicks: "(House Bill) 233, Representative?"

Black: "That's a fine Bill."

Hicks: "I believe that's your Bill, isn't it?"

Black: "No, that's your Bill."

Hicks: "Oh, it's my Bill."

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Black: "It's our Bill."

Hicks: "It's our Bill. Excuse me, but I'll look for that, Representative, and see if I can't find our Bill."

Black: "I'd appreciate it."

Hicks: "Our Bill."

Black: "Okay."

Speaker Steczo: "Mr. Hicks, take this out of the record?"

Hicks: "...Well, no Sir, if Amendment #1 has been adopted, if we could, I'd proceed with Third Reading on it. No? Okay, thank you very much. It's been nice to deal with you today."

Speaker Steczo: "Out of the record."

Hicks: "I waited four hours."

Speaker Steczo: "Order...on the Order of Agriculture and Conservation, Second Reading, appears House Bill 581, Representative Schoenberg. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 581, a Bill for an Act amending the State Fair Act. Second Reading of the Bill. Amendment# 1 was adopted in committee. No Motions filed. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Schoenberg."

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Schoenberg, on Amendment #2."

Schoenberg: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Please withdraw Floor Amendment §2."

Speaker Steczo: "Amendment #2 is withdrawn. Are there any further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Schoenberg."

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Schoenberg, on Amendment #3."

Schoenberg: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Floor Amendment #3, provides for some technical

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changes...that...so that this version of the effort to privatize the state fair which is the desire of the Department of Agriculture and the administration mirrors its counterpart in the Senate. I urge its adoption."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of Amendment #3. Is there any discussion? Representative Black? There being no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the Amendment be adopted?' All those... The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Perry, Representative Hawkins."

Hawkins: "Yes, does this only affect the state fair in Springfield?"

Schoenberg: "That's correct."

Hawkins: "Okay, thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "All those in favor of the adoption of the Amendment will signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Amendment #3 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Steczo: "Third Reading. On the Order of Public Utilities, Second Reading, appears House Bill 633. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 633, a Bill for an Act amending the Public Utilities Act. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Wennlund."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes Representative Wennlund, on Amendment #1. Mr. Wennlund."

Wennlund: "Thank you. Floor Amendment #1 is an agreed Amendment between the Sponsor and myself. We both have a similar problem that only exists probably in her area and my area

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of the state. It is to clarification as to just who the Act applies to. That's really all it amounts to."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? All those in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 will signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Wennlund."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes Representative Wennlund on Amendment #2. Mr. Wennlund? Mr. Wennlund? Withdraw the Amendment. Mr. Wennlund withdraws Amendment #2. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Steczo: "Third Reading. On the Order of Civil Justice, Second Reading, appears House Bill 92, Representative Lang. Out of the record. House Bill 141, Representative Schoenberg. Out of the record. House Bill 224, Representative Pugh. Out of the record? Out of the record. House Bill 365, Representative Homer. Out of the record. House Bill 382, Representative Hoffman. Representative Hoffman? Clerk, please read the Bill?"

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 382, a Bill for an Act in relation to public works projects. Second Reading of the Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions filed. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Hoffman."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes Representative Hoffman on Amendment #2."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Floor Amendment #2 just clears up...is an agreement between the AFL-CIO and the Contractors Association...and what it does it essentially just changes the Amendment in

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committee and reduces the statute of limitation to one year."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Wennlund."

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

Speaker Steczo: "He indicates he will."

Wennlund: "Representative, the Floor Amendment #2 deletes three Acts from being covered in this Bill..."

Hoffman: "Yeah, it also..."

Wennlund: "Pardon?"

Hoffman: "Hold on, let me find that. You got it in front of you, Larry? You got it in front of you? Why don't you just tell me what they are?" The...okay...the Unemployment Insurance Act-Prevailing Wage Act, Minimum Wage Law are...are removed, I think. No...that's changed, the Unemployment Insurance Act or the Prevailing Wage Act. So, the Minimum Wage Law is taken out of the Bill."

Wennlund: "Will...will this offer any protection, if the...if the lowest bidder...if the lowest bidder made an error in his bid and would this cover the next lowest bidder then? Would it give him any protection?"

Hoffman: "Whoever got the contract, based on the lowest bid is who...is who it would be applicable. The Amendment does not change the Bill other than...other than, I believe, it takes out the Prevailing Wage Act from being a violation and it changes the statute from one year to two years. So, I think you're talking about the Bill itself. The Amendment does not have anything to do with that concern."

Wennlund: "So...so, what would happen with this Bill, as amended, with this Amendment, would be in the event that the lowest bidder violated some labor laws, then there would be damages to the second lowest bidder? Is that how it

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works?"

Hoffman: "That's the ultimate Bill, not the Am... The Amendment, all the Amendment does is it changes the ultimate Bill to agreement between the Contractors Association and the AFL-CIO, changing the statutes of limitation to one year and taking the prevailing wage out as a violation that can be sued, sued under. The ultimate Bill, other than that, remains the same."

Wennlund: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Giglio, in the Chair."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? All those in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. The Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Representative Lang, 764. Out of the record. Representative Homer. Homer. Out of the record. Representative Dart, 1161. Out of the record. Representative Currie, on 1203. Out of the record. Representative Santiago, 1277. Out of the record. Representative Currie, you have 1319. Representative Currie, 1319? Out of the record. Representative Pankau. Would you like to call this Bill, 1386? Out of the record. Representative Ryder, 1391. Out of the record. Representative McAfee, 1466. Read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1466, a Bill for an Act amending the Trust and Trustees Act. Second Reading of the Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions filed. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative McAfee."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative McAfee, on Amendment #2."

McAfee: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is an Amendment that was suggested in committee by the Minority Spokesperson and also Mr. Johnson

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to provide additional protections for the beneficiaries and the bar associations approve of it, and I know of no opposition. I ask for your support."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor of the Amendment...Representative Biggert."

Biggert: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to say that I agree with this Motion...with this Amendment. It's a good one."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? All those in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed, 'nay'. The Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Representative Blagojevich. Blagojevich, 1468, criminal gang constriction. Would you like to call that Bill? Out of the record. Representative Lang, 1575. Out of the record. Representative Homer in the chamber? Representative Lang, on 1905. Out of the record. Representative Mulligan, 1917. The Lady from Cook, Representative Mulligan. Mulligan, 1917. Would you like to call that? Out of the record. Von Bergen Wessels, 1940. Is the Lady in the chamber? Representative Cross, 2010. Representative Cross. Out of the record. Representative Levin, 2108. Out of the... Representative Lang, on 2111. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk, (House Bill) 2111."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2111, a Bill for an Act amending the Code of Civil Procedure. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Lang."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Lang, on Amendment #1."

Lang: "Withdraw the Amendment, please."

Speaker Giglio: "Withdraw Amendment #1. Further Amendments?"

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Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments. A judicial note has been requested on the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Lang."

Lang: "My understanding is the note has been filed. I have a copy of a note that was filed."

Clerk Rossi: "A corrections impact note, a fiscal note, and a state mandates note have been filed on the Bill. A judicial impact note has not been filed and has been requested."

Speaker Giglio: "The judicial...Representative Lang, it's very important. Representative Lang."

Lang: "I would...I would ask the Chair to rule whether a judicial note on this is dilatory. I would ask the Chair to rule that the judicial note is inapplicable."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Black."

Black: "Yes, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I am appalled that the Gentleman would ask that this be declared dilatory at this hour in the evening when I would then have to go to various methods of Parliamentary confusion, verification, opuscitatum, escapism and all the other applicable notes that I could think of. This Bill has something to do with the judiciary, and whenever we fool with the judiciary, I want a judicial impact note filed, however, in all due respect to Representative Lang, who I hold in the highest esteem, if he says that this note doesn't apply, and in the interest of moving along in a non-dilatorious fashion, I withdraw my note...request."

Speaker Giglio: "Withdraw the request for a fiscal note and judicial note, and further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Representative Lou Jones, 2112. Is the Lady in the chamber? Representative Tom Jones,

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2156. Excuse me, Tom Johnson. Representative Johnson.
Tom Johnson, 2156?"

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2156, a Bill for an Act amending the
Criminal Code of 1961. Second Reading of the Bill. No
Committee Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion on the Amendment? Did you read
the Bill, Mr. Clerk? You read it?"

Clerk Rossi: "No Floor Amendments, but a state mandates note, a
balanced budget note and a judicial note has been
requested."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Dart."

Dart: "...We'll withdraw those."

Speaker Giglio: "Withdraw the notes requests. Further
Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Rossi: "A Message from the Senate by Mr. Harry, Secretary.
'Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of
Representatives that the Senate has adopted the following
Senate Joint Resolution in the adoption of which I am
instructed to ask the concurrence of the House of
Representatives to wit; Senate Joint Resolution 47,
resolved by the Senate of the 88th General Assembly of the
State of Illinois, the House of Representatives concurring
herein that when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, April
16, 1993, the Senate stands adjourned until Monday, April
19, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. and the House of Representatives
stands adjourned until Monday, April 19, 1993 at 3:00 p.m..
Adopted by the Senate, April 16, 1993. Jim Harry, Secretary
of the Senate'."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Currie moves for the adoption of
the Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed, 'nay'."

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In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The adoption...the Resolutions are adopted. Allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk to enter the Bills into the record, Representative Currie now moves that the House stand adjourned until Monday at the hour of 3:00. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed, 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The House stands adjourned."

Clerk Rossi: "Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 30, offered by Representative Maureen Murphy, a Bill for an Act concerning fire protection districts. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 31, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act to amend the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 33, offered by Representative Salvi, a Bill for an Act to amend the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 118, offered by Representative Levin, a Bill for an Act to amend the Nursing Home Care Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 132, offered by Representative DeJaegher, a Bill for an Act relating to children with disabilities. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 169, offered by Representative Hartke, a Bill for an Act to amend the Agricultural Co-Operative Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 181, offered by Representative Levin, a Bill for an Act to amend the Clerks of Courts Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 210, offered by Representative Noland, a Bill for an Act concerning pigeons. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 239, offered by Representative Balanoff, a Bill for an Act to amend the Secretary of State Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 247, offered by Representative Cross, a

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Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 248, offered by Representative Dart, a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code of 1961. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 286, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Act on the Aging. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 287, offered by Representative Biggert, a Bill for an Act to amend the Probate Act of 1975. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 289, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Civil Procedure. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 308, offered by Representative Biggert, a Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 325, offered by Representative Dart, a Bill for an Act to amend the Probation and Probation Officers Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 347, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act to amend a named Act in relation to child labor. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 370, offered by Representative Balthis, a Bill for an Act relating to the monetary award scholarship program. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 390, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act to amend the Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 402, offered by Representative Balthis, a Bill for an Act in relation to the allocation of municipal tax revenue. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 406, offered by Representative Deering, a Bill for an Act to amend the Coal Mining Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 411, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act concerning Homeless Families. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 418, offered by Representative Ronen,

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a Bill for an Act in relation to compensation for crime victims. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 425, offered by Representative Parcels, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Power of Attorney Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 439, offered by Representative Hartke, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 444, offered by Representative Hughes, a Bill for an Act to amend the Local Government and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 460, offered by Representative Levin, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 464, offered by Representative Weller, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 465, offered by Representative Levin, a Bill for an Act to amend the Land Trust Beneficial Interest Disclosure Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 466, offered by Representative Wennlund, a Bill for an Act to amend the Environmental Protection Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 469, offered by Representative Andrea Moore, a Bill for an Act to amend the Counties Code. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 478, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 479, offered by Representative Hartke, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 482, offered by Representative Parcels, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 487, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act to amend the Minimum Wage Law. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill

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488, offered by Representative Granberg, a Bill for an Act to amend the Plat Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 503, offered by Representative Balthis, a Bill for an Act to amend the Build Illinois Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 505, offered by Representative Cowlshaw, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 543, offered by Representative Wirsing, a Bill for an Act to amend the Environmental Protection Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 550, offered by Representative Balthis, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Development Finance Authority Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 567, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Aid Code. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 568, offered by Representative Deering, a Bill for an Act to amend the Metropolitan Civic Center Support Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 571, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act to amend the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 576, offered by Representative Frias, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Uniform Conviction Information Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 578, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Utilities Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 579, offered by Representative Deering, a Bill for an Act to amend the Motor Vehicle Franchise Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 580, offered by Representative Ryder, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Insurance Code. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 596, offered by Representative Woolard, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Horse Racing Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 602, offered by Representative

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Roskam, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Controlled Substances Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 604, offered by Representative Deuchler, a Bill for an Act concerning home and community-based services. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 607, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act to amend the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 614, offered by Representative Maureen Murphy, a Bill for an Act to amend the Crime Victims Compensation Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 618, offered by Representative Parcels, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 619, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code of 1961. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 628, offered by Representative Maureen Murphy, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 629, offered by Representative Parcels, a Bill for an Act to amend the Environmental Protection Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 667, offered by Representative Clayton, a Bill for an Act to amend the Nursing Home Care Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 682, offered by Representative Steczko, a Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Civil Procedure. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 694, offered by Representative Schakowsky, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Health Finance Reform Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 704, offered by Representative Hicks, a Bill for an Act to amend the Airport Authorities Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 712, offered by Representative Balanoff, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Aid Code. First Reading of the

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Bill. Senate Bill 914, offered by Representative Salvi, a Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Civil Procedure. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 926, offered by Representative Parke, a Bill for an Act to amend the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 941, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act to amend the State Finance Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 951, offered by Representative Brunsvold, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 952, offered by Representative Parke, a Bill for an Act to amend the Environmental Protection Act. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 956, offered by Representative Homer, a Bill for an Act to amend the Unified Code of Corrections. First Reading of the Bill. Senate Bill 964, offered by Representative Salvi, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Health Finance Reform Act. First Reading of these Senate Bills. No further business, the Perfunctory Session of the House will stand adjourned until Monday, April 19, at the hour of 3:00 p.m."

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