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Speaker Turner: "The hour of 2:00 having come and went, the House shall be called to order. We shall be led in prayer today by the Reverend Jeff Hammer, who's the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Marengo in Marengo, Illinois. Reverend Hammer is the guest of Reverend (sic- Representative) Franks. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and pagers and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Hammer."

Reverend Hammer: "Lord, we thank You for this day that You have made. We thank You for those who... who have come here today to serve this great state in the House of Representatives. We pray for their families who are back home and we just ask now that You give them the support that they need. God, we also ask for these Representatives that You would give them courage, courage to lead this state with their convictions, that they would stand on them and fight for them. We also ask that You give them wisdom and insight as they make choices to lead our state. And Lord, as sometimes we have differing of opinion, I also ask that You give this House a spirit of honor and respect for each other that we may differ on many issues. We pray for the Governor and his family as he leads this state. We pray for our President and national leaders as they lead this great country. God, we also remember our men and women today who serve our great nation to the service in the United States military, whether it be on active duty, in the reserves or through the Illinois National Guard. We thank You for their sacrifice and for their service and we ask that You protect them and

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keep them from harm's way and be with their families.
Again, Lord, we thank You for this day, amen."

Speaker Turner: "We'll be led in the Pledge today by
Representative Howard."

Howard - 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 Turner: "Roll Call for Attendance. The Gentleman from
Jackson, Representative Bost, for what reason do you rise?"

Bost: "The record will reflect that all Republicans are present
today."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie, for
what reason do you rise?"

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect the
excused absences of Representatives Fritchey and Patterson."

Speaker Turner: "The record will so reflect. There are 115
Members answering the Quorum Call... 115 Members present and a
quorum is present. If I can have your attention. We're
going to start on page 30 of the Calendar and we're gonna go
down in numerical order. I'd ask that the Members be ready
to call your Bill once we get to that Bill number. If you
do not wish to call the Bill, please let the Chair know
ahead of time. We'd like to get as many Bills done as we
can this afternoon. On page 30 of the Calendar we have
House Bill 961. Representative Tryon. Read the Bill, Mr.
Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 961, a Bill for an Act concerning
local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Turner: "...man from McHenry."

Tryon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 961 is a Bill that allows township governments to enact a recycling program such as a drop-off center, a brush pickup, a land... a landscape waste pickup. And right now it really codifies current practice in township government. Most townships, at least in the suburban area, have some form of a drop-off center to provide their citizens for recycling. So, this really is codifying that practice. There's been a question raised whether or not the statutes actually allowed that and this will allow them to proceed as they have in the past."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House... No questions. The question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 961?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? ...all voted who wish? Acevedo. The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 31 of the Calendar we have House Bill 975. Representative Coladipietro. Mr... The Gentleman... Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 975, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Coladipietro: "...Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 975 adds the international transfer exchange of a prisoner to a list of events which will require notice to violent crime victims under the Rights of Crime Victims and

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Witnesses Act. Currently, the Governor has the discretionary authority to transfer a foreign national prisoner to his country of origin who's in the Department of Corrections. However, the Department of Corrections is not required to give notice of the transfer and intent to transfer. This legislation will require that the Department of Corrections give notice to the Prisoner Review Board and also... the office of the state's attorney who obtained the conviction. They would in turn give notice to the violent crime victim. This legislation was brought to my attention by the Cook County State's Attorneys Office regarding a constituent in my district. Her husband was murdered by a British foreign national who's serving a sentence in jail and was able to effect the transfer back to Great Britain. She was... she did not receive any type of notice that he was being transferred. This legislation is supported by the Department of Corrections and also the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. I would ask for your favorable vote and would be glad to take any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions... Representative Lang, the Gentleman from Cook, for what reason do you rise?"

Lang: "A point of clarification, Mr. Speaker. Is this the Gentleman's first Bill?"

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman, I think, acknowledges this is his first Bill."

Coladipietro: "It is my first Bill."

Lang: "We can sorta tell from the fear in his eyes over there, Mr. Speaker. So, one moment while I figure out what his Bill is about. While I'm looking through the file, Sir,

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'cause I just walked into the chamber, would you mind telling us what your Bill does, again?"

Coladipietro: "It requires that the international transfer exchange of a prisoner that violent crime victims be given notice of that transfer. Currently, they are not... the Governor's Office isn't required to give notice of this transfer under the Rights of Crime Victims Act."

Lang: "Who gets the... who do you want the notice to go to?"

Coladipietro: "The violent crime victim."

Lang: "And this is about the international transfer of prisoners?"

Coladipietro: "Correct."

Lang: "And so, if a violent criminal is transferred from Menard to somewhere in Peru it's nec... as you want it to... we should tell the victim of the crime that the perpetrator's in Peru?"

Coladipietro: "That's correct."

Lang: "Why?"

Coladipietro: "Well, there's... there's significant debate as to whether states should even allow these transfers and whether we should keep violent offenders in our own corrections systems to serve out their sentences."

Lang: "Can you repeat that? I have no idea what you just said to me."

Coladipietro: "Some people believe that we shouldn't transfer prisoners who have committed crimes in the State of Illinois to other jurisdictions and relinquish control over the sentence."

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Lang: "So, when you say foreign, you don't necessarily mean out of the country?"

Coladipietro: "Yes, out of the country."

Lang: "Out of the country. Well, then..."

Coladipietro: "In the case... in the case of my constituent, it was a British foreign national who was transferred back to Great Britain who was serving a sentence here in Illinois."

Lang: "So, that constituent would care if the person who did the crime was transferred out of the country?"

Coladipietro: "Sure, he murdered her husband."

Lang: "Well, why... why does she care where he's housed? Does she wanna go throw things at him once a week or I mean, why would... If he's not here causing a problem in our society, why do we care if he's in Australia?"

Coladipietro: "Well, there are a lot of people, crime victims, who it's very important to them to maintain and track what happens to the... the offenders in the system."

Lang: "Well, so if that sys... if that offender stays in the State of Illinois are they notified?"

Coladipietro: "Well, they're not notified unless there's a change in his status."

Lang: "Right. So..."

Coladipietro: "But they can check... but what I... what I..."

Lang: "...but if... if that offender is moved from one correctional sys... institution in Illinois to another, is that person notified?"

Coladipietro: "I believe that he is, yes."

Lang: "You believe."

Coladipietro: "Yeah, it is."

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Lang: "And so you wanna put different rules on the transfer of prisoners to Australia than the transfer of prisoners, let's say, from... between Menard and Joliet?"

Coladipietro: "Well, the counsel has... has advised me that they are required to notify the crime victim if there's a transfer."

Lang: "They are required. And so, what you're trying to create here is balance."

Coladipietro: "Correct."

Lang: "Why didn't you say that? This is a system here... Let me explain to you, Representative. When you come here to the floor of the House, you really need to know your Bills better. So, you come here to the floor of the House, you're talkin' about sending people all over the world... Do they need passports when we send them to Australia or Peru or wherever we send them?"

Coladipietro: "I would hope not."

Lang: "Who takes these people, Representative? Would it be... representatives of the Governor's Office?"

Coladipietro: "I believe it's the U.S. Bureau of Prisoners that handles the transport."

Lang: "The U.S.?"

Coladipietro: "Yes."

Lang: "Not... Illinois people don't do these transfers?"

Coladipietro: "No, I don't believe so."

Lang: "And you believe, so you don't really know?"

Coladipietro: "Well, from what..."

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Lang: "If you wanna check with your advisor... We'll wait while you check with your advisor about your Bill, Sir. Go ahead."

Coladipietro: "Yes. It is the U.S. Bureau."

Lang: "The U.S. Bureau? So, perhaps the Bill we oughta have here is requiring our own people to do this. Why should the... why should the folks from the U.S. Bureau of Prisons get those frequent flyer miles? Why not... why can't the Illinois people get them, Sir?"

Coladipietro: "I'm... I'm not entirely sure how to answer that question, Representative."

Lang: "Well, you've haven't known how to answer any of these questions. I think most of the people on this floor, Sir, even people on your side of the aisle would like to help a freshman with a Bill have a real stake in making sure that when people come to the floor on their very first Bill... well, you've been here since January. You've had two full months to get the answers to these very simple questions and you seem to be out of the loop. Are you gonna be traveling with these prisoners to Peru and Australia?"

Coladipietro: "If required, I will."

Lang: "Well, does your Bill require that?"

Coladipietro: "No, it doesn't."

Lang: "Does your Bill allow the victim of the violent crime to travel with them?"

Coladipietro: "No, it does not."

Lang: "Well, if... if it's important to them to have notice, would it not also be important for the victim to be able to make

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sure that the person ends up behind bars in that other country?"

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman will have to bring his remarks to a close."

Lang: "Well, I guess, Sir, but this is a very important Bill, certainly to the Representative. Did you have an answer to that one, Sir?"

Coladipietro: "Could you repeat the question?"

Lang: "I don't remember the question. I don't remember any question I've asked you. I make this stuff up as I go along, Sir. Thank you for your answers. I appreciate it."

Speaker Turner: "Representative... The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Coladipietro: "Yes."

Black: "Representative... Excuse me, my telephone fell off."

Coladipietro: "It usually does that by default."

Black: "Representative, there's a couple things I don't understand about this Bill. Who is a concerned citizen? How... What... what... what qualification must you meet to be a concerned citizen and... and ask that the Department of Corrections notify you if an inmate is being transferred to another country?"

Coladipietro: "The... a concerned citizen by the statute includes relatives of the victim, friends of the victim, witnesses to the crime and any other person associated with the victim or prisoner."

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Black: "All right. So, they'll have to have some connection to the victim?"

Coladipietro: "That's correct."

Black: "All right. So, not someone that just off the street who wants to know what's going on?"

Coladipietro: "That is correct."

Black: "Okay. Now, I'm... I'm not sure I understand how an inmate in the Illinois Department of Corrections could... is or could be transferred to a correctional facility in, as you mentioned, in Great Britain or Spain or France. Where does that request come from? Does it come from the sovereign country that wants them to do their time in that country?"

Coladipietro: "The request usually comes from the prisoner and it has to be pursuant to... There has to be a treaty in effect between the U.S. and that country. Currently, there's 12 bilateral treaties and 2 multilateral treaties with countries that the prisoner can make application and then in order to be transferred, the host... the United States must agree... consent to the transfer. The prisoner, obviously, must consent to the transfer. The country accepting must consent and then in the case of a state prisoner, the state... the Governor's Office must consent to the transfer."

Black: "I guess what confuses me is if this person ends up in the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons and is then transferred to a foreign country, why is he or she in the Illinois Department of Corrections at Illinois's taxpayer expense in the first place? Why... why aren't they..."

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why weren't they adjudicated in a Federal Court and put into the United States federal penitentiary system?"

Coladipietro: "Well, there could be instances where there was a federal crime and there's a federal conviction, but when there's a state offense and the offense is prosecuted by the State's Attorneys Office, it'd be part of the state system."

Black: "I... I guess I'm... I'm having a hard time understanding why the Illinois Department of Corrections would want to acquiesce to a foreign government... Ya know, the prisoner can request to be transferred to, I assume, a country where he or she is a citizen, correct?"

Coladipietro: "Correct."

Black: "So... so, if you were... if you were doing time in the northern part of the state and you just wanted to go somewhere where it was warmer, that... that wouldn't meet the standard of... of the transfer, right?"

Coladipietro: "Is that a transfer within Illinois or to a different country?"

Black: "No. To a... to a foreign country."

Coladipietro: "Well, I guess that technically he could make that application."

Black: "I would... When the prisoner is released, who then has responsibility for all of the records: what time served, what... what the charge was? In other words, if that person comes back to the United States, are those records still available at the National Crime Information Center or are they transferred to the country to where he or she is doing the time?"

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Coladipietro: "I don't know the answer. I would assume that we would keep copies of the... copies of the records here."

Black: "Well, I... and I think that's an important question that you should pursue should this Bill move to the Senate. What if the individual holds dual citizenship but suddenly decides that the prison system would be better in Great Britain than in the United... than in the State of Illinois, so he'd rather due time in Great Britain. What if... what if he's a citizen of both countries?"

Speaker Turner: "Well, could you bring your remarks to a close, Representative?"

Black: "Well, I'd like to, but I'm trying to figure out this Bill just like Representative Lang. On the dual citizenship issue... Well, let... You can work that out later. One thing that immediately came to my mind and I don't know what the future of the death penalty will be in Illinois. I know people have spent a lot of time bring... trying to bring some inherent change to that process. But what if this prisoner was, in fact, sentenced to death, although currently they are, ya know, we are not carrying out a death sentence, it would seem to me that if that person had dual citizenship or citizenship in another country where they didn't have the death penalty, why wouldn't that prisoner immediately fill out the necessary legal forms and say, hey, I don't wanna do my time here since you have the death penalty. I wanna be transferred to Great Britain where they don't have the death penalty."

Coladipietro: "Well, if a country accepts the prisoner, they have to execute the sentence that was issued."

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Black: "But there are many foreign countries that absolutely do not allow capital punishment."

Coladipietro: "Then we would... we would reject the... the prisoner's transfer."

Black: "Are you sure? I think it's very important for the victim that this person not be allowed to run off to a country where the death penalty would not be imposed."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Black, there's a few more that'll help clarify this Bill for you, but Representative, you can answer his question and then we'll have to go to the next speaker."

Coladipietro: "Well, the treaties strictly prohibits a transfer where there's not a comparable sentence in the country where the prisoner's being transferred."

Black: "Mr. Speaker, we're onto you. You're helping him pass the damn Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Say that again, Representative?"

Black: "Mr. Speaker, we're onto you. You're cutting us off. This is a very complicated Bill. You're helping this Gentleman pass a very complicated Bill without the necessary debate and questions that a Bill of this magnitude deserves. Now, when you and I were freshmen here long ago, we didn't make this... we didn't make these accommodations for freshmen and in fact, freshmen didn't carry Bills of this import, of this complication, of this... I mean, this... this is beyond the pale. If somebody robs my brother's business and ends up doing time in the Bahamas... I mean, look what happened to Anna Nicole Smith? I wanna make sure justice is served here. And I'm not... my questions aren't being answered."

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I'll... I'll demand more time later. I'm gonna consult the Rule book; this is an outrage. I am shocked and appalled."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Froehlich, for what reason do you rise?"

Froehlich: "Would the Sponsor yield for questions?"

Speaker Turner: "He indicates he will."

Froehlich: "Representative, whose job is it again to inform the victim?"

Coladipietro: "It's the State's Attorneys Office."

Froehlich: "The state's attorney not the Prisoner Review Board?"

Coladipietro: "Well, there's a question as to the statutory language whether furlough would... would be included in a transfer, so we added the Prisoner Review Board as a... as a safeguard."

Froehlich: "So, they're both going to be informing the victim then?"

Coladipietro: "I would hope that they would both inform the victim."

Froehlich: "Wouldn't that be a little duplicative given limited state resources to have two people informing the victim of the same... the same issue?"

Coladipietro: "No, I don't believe so."

Froehlich: "Okay. You don't think the Prisoner Review Board has enough on its plate already so it's good to give them something to duplicate what you already have the state's attorney doing?"

Coladipietro: "Well, this involves violent crime, so I... I think..."

Froehlich: "Right."

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Coladipietro: "...that any safeguards that are in place are good for the... for the crime victims."

Froehlich: "Now, did you deliberately pick a noncontroversial Bill for your first Bill?"

Coladipietro: "Now, this was a... this was a constituent concern and that's why I made it my first Bill."

Froehlich: "Very good. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Gordon... I mean, I should say the Lady from Grundy, Representative Gordon, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Coladipietro: "Yes."

Gordon: "Representative, you're an esteemed member of the bar. Is that correct?"

Coladipietro: "I don't know that I would grant myself that distinction."

Gordon: "Well, this..."

Coladipietro: "I am a member of the bar."

Gordon: "That's what our mutual friends have told me, so that you're an esteemed member of the bar of the State of Illinois and that your actual area of expertise is tax law. Is that correct?"

Coladipietro: "Yes, it is."

Gordon: "So... so, you love numbers, correct?"

Coladipietro: "I do."

Gordon: "And so... Now, I think someone may have asked you this question. And who is the actual agency or people to transport these prisoners overseas or internationally?"

Coladipietro: "The U.S. Bureau of Prisons."

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Gordon: "And... the U.S. Bureau, so the Federal Government."

Coladipietro: "Correct."

Gordon: "Does the state still pay for that?"

Coladipietro: "No, the U.S. Bureau does."

Gordon: "So, the Federal Government pays for that?"

Coladipietro: "Correct."

Gordon: "So, this is a cost savings to the State of Illinois on the transport, right?"

Coladipietro: "There would be a cost savings on the transport and the incarceration."

Gordon: "That was my next question. And... and so, we're also saving money on the incarceration for whatever period of time they were sentenced to we're gonna save money on... on housing them and feeding them and whatever other programs that they may avail... avail themselves to in the Illinois Department of Corrections, right?"

Coladipietro: "Correct."

Gordon: "Now, have you run the numbers that for the... potentially the number of people that this would apply to would that be enough of a cost savings for the money to cover the amount of money that Representative Reboletti needs for all the sentencing enhancement Bills that he has for the people that are now going to be locked up for years and years and years in the State of Illinois? Is that enough money to cover those bills and those people?"

Coladipietro: "I haven't run the numbers."

Gordon: "Okay. Well, ya know, Representative, I think it's something that you and I could work on, but this is a good Bill. Well done. Thank you."

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Coladipietro: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Bond, Representative Stephens, for what reason do you rise?"

Stephens: "Will the Gentleman yield?"

Speaker Turner: "...s he will."

Stephens: "Representative, when you came to this Body as a new Member, did I not welcome you with open arms..."

Coladipietro: "You did."

Stephens: "...here?"

Coladipietro: "You were very gracious."

Stephens: "Have I... have I not worked with you on the procedural matters: how to work in committee, how to attend to certain rules of... and decorum here on the House Floor?"

Coladipietro: "On an almost daily basis."

Stephens: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we've got a serious issue before us. It has nothing to do with the legislation, but it's about the process. Representative, this is your first Bill."

Coladipietro: "Correct."

Stephens: "Have you had the... have you had the courtesy to even ask for my support?"

Coladipietro: "I figured I..."

Stephens: "After all the help I've been to you, Representative... Ladies and Gentlemen, we've got a freshman Member here... I've been here for 20 years. This is about the process. We cannot let it go any further down this road. I have young... a young intern here from my district who's worried about the future of our country and it's going down the tubes if we can't follow some simple traditions of respect and honor."

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Representative, I have to urge my fellow colleagues to vote 'no' on this Bill. It is your first Bill, but it's high time we send freshmen and others like you a lesson, a lesson about dignity, tradition and respect. I stand in total opposition to the passage of this legislation. I call the vote. Let's have a 'no' vote. This should be the first century club vote of the year."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Coladipietro to close."

Coladipietro: "Thank you very much for the very spirited debate. And I'd ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House adopt... shall the House pass House Bill 975?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? He's a nice guy. Have all voted who wish? Representative Osmond. Representative Colvin. Osmond. The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Third... Third Readings, page 31 of the Calendar, we have House Bill 978. Representative Hannig. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 978, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Hannig: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. This Bill deals with the Procurement Policy Board which is a legislative agency and each of the four caucuses make one appointment. Part of what they do as a watchdog group is to oversee some of the... some of the issues over at CMS,

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particularly in the area of purchasing. So, we granted them a power some years ago to review some... some leases that CMS enters into and this Bill would simply extend that power for this legislative watchdog group to continue reviewing some of CMS's leases. So, it's a #1 priority for the Procurement Policy Board, a legislative agency. And I'd be happy to answer any questions. And I'd ask for your 'yes' vote."

Speaker Turner: "...no... Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 978?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Mitchell. Bellock. Lindner. The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 66 voting 'aye', 49 voting 'no', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Supplemental #1. Mr. Clerk, Rules Committee Report."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following legislative measures and/or Joint Action Motions were referred, action taken on March 22, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'approved for floor consideration' is House Resolution 179, offered by Representative Howard."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, read House Resolution 179 on the Supplemental Calendar #1."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Resolution 179, offered by Representative Howard."

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority are sponsoring their ninth annual legislative visit to the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., was founded in 1908 as the first sorority established by African-American college women; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha is an international organization with over 200,000 undergraduate and alumnae members; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha itself is an organization with a commitment to promoting education, healthy minds and bodies, family unity, economic development, political empowerment, cultural heritage, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha members who have distinguished themselves individually include Rosa Parks, Coretta Scott King, Hazel O'Leary, Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, Ella Fitzgerald, Phylicia Rashad, Zina Garrison, Jane Addams, Marlan Anderson, Margaret Burroughs, Cardiss Collins, Bettianne Gardner, Marla Gibbs, Gladys Knight, Constance Baker Motley, Jessye Norman, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, Alicia Keys, and Illinoisan Linda White, international president of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc.; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the members of this Body, in recognition of the achievements of the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the values for which they strive, do proclaim Thursday, March 22, 2007, as the Ninth Annual Alpha Kappa Alpha Day throughout the State of Illinois; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Linda White, international president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady... the Lady from Cook, Representative Howard, for what reason do you rise?"

Howard: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It is indeed a pleasure for me, again, to welcome my sorority sisters from Alpha Kappa Alpha. As you see, there are a number of great women who have been a part of our sorority and there are a great number who are still a part of our sorority and we are very, very proud of all of them and I am proud of the fact that my sisters have come here to be a part of this process today. Unfortunately, my voice is such that I'm going to lose any second and I'd like to ask my... my legislative sorority sister, Annazette Collins, to continue from here."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Collins, for what reason do you rise?"

Collins: "Oh, I rise to honor the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and we're so happy that they came down today to help us in our legislative agenda and that they participated in the process this morning. They got a chance to see how we operate and they come down every year. So, we'd like to welcome you and make sure you guys come back again. We're approaching our 100th year centennial next year that we'll be celebratin', next year in July, 100 years for the Alpha Kappa Alpha. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Howard asks leave for the adoption of House Resolution 179. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of

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the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Page 31 of the Calendar we have House Bill 979. Representative Hannig. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 979, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Hannig: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. This creates the Older Rural Adults Task Force to gather information and make recommendations. It requires the Department of Aging to gather this information about the special needs of older rural residents and to evaluate the adequacy and accessibility of existing programs for older residents. This is an initiative of AARP. It came through committee without any opposition. I'd be happy to answer any questions. And I'd ask for your 'yes' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 979?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Flowers. The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 29 of the Calendar we have House Bill 33. Representative Cross. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 33, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Cross."

Cross: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the General Assembly. This is a Bill... and I wanna... it won't take long

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to explain, but I want to... this involves safety at dams. And this has taken a good bit of time to work through and I wanna say thank you to the Lieutenant Governor and his office. The Lieutenant Governor has been very active on this issue. I wanna say to him personally on the floor or on his behalf, thank you for a good job. The Department of Natural Resources has also been very, very helpful in working through this issue. And we were able to get a Bill... get this through the... working with the trial lawyers and I wanna thank them as well. I no longer represent Yorkville, Representative Lindner does, but last summer we lost three people at a dam in Yorkville. A young... a relatively young man was on a kayak, went over a dam, two brothers went in to try to save him and all three of them ended up losing their lives. Unfortunately, at this dam 14 people have lost their lives and there are a number of dams around the state. I think Representative Dugan in committee talked about a situation down in Wilmington where some people have lost their lives. This Bill is... goes to that issue in an attempt to make dams around the state safer. There is money in the Governor's budget. I'm not sure that, ya know, I assume our budget will ultimately pass this Session, but there is money in here to implement this. And it's relatively simple in that it would require DNR to establish specifications for signs and devices that would indicate warnings of the presence of a dam. It would also authorize DNR to... to designate exclusion zones, both before and after the dam and making sure that people follow those exclusion zones or stay away from those areas and there would be a... the ability to

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charge someone criminally. It's unfortunately a fact of life that these dams are fairly... or not fairly... are significantly unsafe because of the power of what happens currentwise right below the dam. So, I would appreciate an 'aye' vote and again, say thank you to all the people that have worked on this Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Grundy, Representative Gordon, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Indicates he will."

Gordon: "Thank you. Leader Cross, you brought up the situation in Wilmington. Now, your Bill addresses dams that are specifically owned by the state. Is that correct?"

Cross: "If... if I'm not mistaken, Representative, it... it allows them to take care of... of those handled by the state and then it would be, they would be able to look at private dams on public waterways, if I'm not mistaken, but I think that's the case. So, there is a distinction between private dams on private waterways and they would not have the ability to go look at those."

Gordon: "And... and right now the dam in Wilmington is not... would not be covered under this legislation. Is that right because it's still privately owned, I mean, while it is on obviously a public waterway, but the land dealing with it is still privately owned."

Cross: "I think it would be covered. It's a private dam on a public waterway. In fact, I thought we talked about this in committee with Representative Du..."

Gordon: "Well, I wasn't in committee, so..."

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Cross: "I... I... all I was trying to say is, finish my thoughts, is that because it's a private dam on a public waterway it would be covered. If there's something we're missing, Representative, I... I've talked to Senator Wilhelmi, assuming this gets out, be glad to try to cover that, if that's your concern."

Gordon: "Well, it's definitely my concern 'cause... since Wilmington is in my district, specifically, ya know, and they've attempted for many, many years but because of pending litigation and problems with an estate and a family involved who still owns that... owns that dam and the representation with the municipality, that's what's being held up with that dam."

Cross: "Yeah, I... I just was talkin' to our... our side here that DNR's counsel wrote this legislation, told us that this would encover the Wilmington dam. I... I don't wanna at all neglect your situation. I know there have been issues in Wilmington and I... I apologize if I thought that was Representative Dugan's area. I'm sorry, I didn't do that intentionally. If there's somethin' that needs to be taken care of, Representative, I'm willing to work with you when it gets over to the Senate, but DNR has said this would... this... that the Wilmington situation is covered."

Gordon: "Okay. I appreciate that, Representative. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Bond, Representative Stephens, for what reason do you rise?"

Stephens: "The Gentleman yield for a question?"

Speaker Turner: "Indicates he will."

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Stephens: "Representative, did you say you worked with the Lieutenant Governor on this legislation?"

Cross: "Well, I also did not say I yield to a question."

Stephens: "That wasn't... the question wasn't of you, it was of the Speaker."

Cross: "Well, I don't think the Speaker heard me. I said 'no'."

Stephens: "Well, let's remember... let's remember where we are, Representative."

Speaker Turner: "Turn him off."

Stephens: "Did you work with the Lieutenant Governor on this Bill? Is he still associated with the Governor?"

Cross: "Yes and yes."

Stephens: "How's that workin' out?"

Cross: "I see great things with our new partnership with the Lieutenant Governor, if that's where you're headed."

Stephens: "In the process of developing this legislation, did you talk about the budget?"

Cross: "We talked about the need for money in the budget, Representative, to implement this and other than that, that's about all we talked about."

Stephens: "He didn't explain to you his position on his Governor's big tax spending increase?"

Cross: "I... I... He did not, but I..."

Stephens: "You guys are close, aren't you?"

Cross: "At the right time, when I get through with this issue, I will talk to him."

Stephens: "I can't tell ya how much we appreciate that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you for permission to ask a question."

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Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Kankakee, Representative Dugan, for what reason do you rise?"

Dugan: "Yes. Thank you, Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Indicates he will."

Dugan: "Yes. I... I just and Representative Cross who did and that certainly could have been my mistake in committee when I talked about the dam in the Kankakee River. The Kankakee River does... there's a dam also in my part of the district but also in Representative Gordon's, so I believe maybe Representative Gordon thought that I was talking about the Wilmington dam. So, I just wanted to clarify that. I think what we were doing... I agree with Representative Cross... with Leader Cross that all bridges even if they're not state-owned but privately owned on public waterways, that we also needed to make sure that we looked at notice to people so that the safety factor is there also and Representative... Leader Cross had... did... did say that we thought it would cover it and his concern was the same as mine which was even private dams on public waterways need to be. So, I just wanted to clarify that that Leader Cross was not the one that thought he... I think he just had it confused because I probably did that in committee when I just said the Kankakee River. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Cross to close."

Cross: "Thank you and real quick. I... I neglected to say this in presenting the Bill. The daughter of... and my sense is this Bill is gonna pass... but I do wanna acknowledge this young lady. Alyssa, the daughter of Craig Fliege, was down here in committee and testified. It was... one of... it was her

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father that was one of the individuals killed in this accident last year and it was, I think, fairly... not fairly... significant... very brave of her to be down here. And she said to me and then... through me to the committee, she didn't want this to happen to anyone else and what she had gone through. So, I... I just... I feel a need to acknowledge her role in this and her mother's role, Shari Walsh. So, thank you and I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 33?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. There are 115 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 31 of the Calendar we have House Bill 986. Representative Riley. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 986, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Riley."

Riley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 986 as amended restricts an insurance company or health care facility from using a patient's Social Security number as the identification number or in any mailing sent to the patient except when required by federal regulations such as... such as Medicare. The underlying legislation talks about not printing the patient's Social Security number on an insurance card but is silent to the issue of using it as an ID number or any other

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identifica... identifying information. The use of the word 'facility' brings this particular Bill in concert with the underlying Act. This Bill was brought to my attention by Representative May which is a Chief Cosponsor. I think this is a good consumer protection Bill. And I'd like your support."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "...cates he will."

Lang: "Thank you. Well, Representative, I just wanna confirm. This is your first Bill. Is that correct?"

Riley: "If I have to, yes, I will confirm."

Lang: "Yes. What is that hanging from your ear, Sir?"

Riley: "This is called a Bluetooth device, Representative Lang."

Lang: "What... Didn't we outlaw them on the House Floor when we outlawed popcorn?"

Riley: "I'm not sure. I don't remember that. I thought it was popcorn, cookies, cakes and I thought it dealt with grinding it into the... the new carpet."

Lang: "Yeah. I just thought you could only bring things on the floor that fit in a container. That's not in a container, Sir, it's in your ear."

Riley: "This is true."

Lang: "Okay. I just... it's just an aside. I guess it has nothing to do with your Bill. So, Representative, my analysis shows that Representative May is the Sponsor of this Bill. Did you steal this from her, Sir?"

Riley: "No, I did not."

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Lang: "How did you get it?"

Riley: "Well, put it like this. I've... I've learned in the short time I've been here about the collegial nature of this Body."

Lang: "The 'what' nature?"

Riley: "Collegial."

Lang: "I see. Well, not over... not all of us went to college, Sir, but go ahead."

Riley: "And I think because of that, ya know, we entered into a little bit of discourse and we're of like minds about many things and certainly about consumer protection."

Lang: "Well, if this Bill's so darn good, why didn't Representative May still have it, Sir?"

Riley: "Ya know, that's... that's... that's a good question. That is a very good question. But as I say, I'm here to support all of my colleagues in anyway that I can."

Lang: "Well, so, can ya give me an anecdote, a reason, a story about why we need this Bill, something of value? That thing is no longer in your ear, Sir, you got that out without me noticing."

Riley: "Yeah."

Lang: "That's excellent."

Riley: "Well, I'm... I'm good at doing those kind of things."

Lang: "And by the way, that's a very lovely tie."

Riley: "Thank you."

Lang: "And I'm just curious as to what the importance is of this Bill."

Riley: "Well, it's very important. Social Security numbers just like, ya know, a lot of personal identifying information and

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the Social Security number itself is one of the most important pieces of identification that we have and when compromised... and I've tried to do a few things around here with regard to consumer protection... when compromised it can really lead into just all kinds of untoward situations. I've had people talk to me about it taking 1, 2, sometimes 3 years to... 1, 2, and 3 years to clear up a situation dealing with identity theft. And so, this is extremely important. There's also precedence having taught in university. A lot of colleges used to use the Social Security number as a student ID number, they no longer do that. They have unique numbers for the students' use, so it's something that has a... a lot of credence and has precedent."

Lang: "Is that one answer to one question that you just gave me?"

Riley: "That's the universal answer to many questions."

Lang: "Well, I see. So, this would be like the universal health care answer? So, I notice in your Bill that... that... that we... they can't use the patient's Social Security number as the patient's identification number. I guess I get that."

Riley: "Right."

Lang: "But then it says you can't use it in any mailing sent to the patient. Are we trying to keep the patient's Social Security number a secret from him, Sir?"

Riley: "I would presume that the patient would know it. Of course, then..."

Lang: "So, why can't we... why... why would you prohibit in a Bill... ya know, this kills a lot of trees every time we do a Bill... why would you prohibit the patient from getting his own

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Social Security number in the mail. Is there something wrong with that in some way?"

Riley: "Well, as the Bill states, except in cases like Medicare where it's required by federal regulations, if a person doesn't fit in that particular class, I guess maybe I'm trying to protect the individual more than he might be... he or she might be trying to protect themselves."

Lang: "Huh? What did that mean? Who... Well, all right, maybe you could give us an answer at some point as to why we can't write the patient's Social Security number down and send it to the patient. Are you afraid their spouse will get their Social Security number if they open the mail?"

Riley: "Well, ya know, there is mail theft and I've... I've talked about that..."

Lang: "There's what, Sir?"

Riley: "Mail theft."

Lang: "Mail theft."

Riley: "They do steal mail and I've talked about that a few times when we've discussed..."

Lang: "Who's this 'they', Sir. Who's 'they'?"

Riley: "People."

Lang: "'They' steal mail."

Riley: "People. People who have bad intentions to their fellow citizens."

Lang: "Mail thieves."

Riley: "Mail thieves."

Lang: "Is it possible that they will go with the other Representative's people to Peru and Australia to be in jail?"

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Riley: "I would hope so."

Lang: "All right. So, on your Amendment..."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Lang, please bring your remarks to a close."

Lang: "Shortly, Sir. So, in your Amendment, you define 'health care facility' as any hospital or long-term care facility."

Riley: "That's correct."

Lang: "So, what about clinics, dental offices, all sorts of other places that also provide health care of various sorts."

Riley: "Well, those are health care facilities."

Lang: "Yes, but you've defined health care facility as any hospital or long-term care facility. What if I go to Representative Miller's dental office and he fixes my teeth, can he send my Social Security number to other people?"

Riley: "One of the things that... that this particular Bill does, by basically saying 'facility' it takes out the effects of individual practitioners. Okay? And so... and so the facil... but a health care facility, ya know, is a... ya know, big office, there's a lot of opportunity, ya know, for people to... Did I answer the question?"

Lang: "So... so... Not really, but all kidding aside, Representative, you should look at this definition in the Senate."

Riley: "Okay."

Lang: "You're gonna get your Bill out, of course. But you should look at this in the Senate. I think this definition is flawed; you really should fix it. Thank you for your..."

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Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Lake, Representative May, for what reason do you rise?"

May: "Yes. I have a question of the Sponsor."

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

May: "Yes. And my name was used in debate. Representative, ya know, I... I thank you so much for mentioning that I brought forward this excellent Bill that you are carrying, but don't you think it's unfair that my name isn't up on the board? What happened here?"

Riley: "That is unfair and I... I really don't know why that happened. And I will... I will defer to being a freshman. There are many things that I know, but that's one that I don't know."

May: "So, maybe you need to go straight to the Speaker to straighten this out?"

Riley: "I'm not prepared to make a statement about that at this time."

May: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Froehlich, for what reason do you rise?"

Froehlich: "Would the Sponsor yield for questions?"

Speaker Turner: "...cates he will."

Froehlich: "Representative, I'm sure you have good intentions for your Bill, but sometimes there's unintended consequences. You think if Social Security numbers aren't used, might insurance companies instead use driver's license numbers for identification which could also be... aid identity theft."

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Riley: "Well, it could. One of the things... Well, but I think we all know that the So... The Social Security numbers... Let me see how to craft this. It is the Social Security number that is tied to so many things about an individual. If it's been compromised, it just caused a lot of problems, rather than a driver's license number. I guess I could also say the driver's license numbers are more in the public domain than Social Security numbers are and it's not something that we... that we hold as dear in terms of causing us harm than the Social Security number is..."

Froehlich: "Okay."

Riley: "...tied to our employment and all kinds of other things."

Froehlich: "Well, I'm glad you recognize that this could lead to that... that problem. Now, do you have any compunctions about trying to dictate to insurance companies and health care facilities, how they operate?"

Riley: "Well, you know what, only in so far as not using this important number for means of identification. We must think about the protection of consumers. And the other thing too is, you can come up with a random number, it is not difficult to come up with identifica... identifying numbers that doesn't use Social Security."

Froehlich: "Well, speaking of that, isn't it a fact that... that health care facilities and insurance companies have already discontinued using Social Security numbers, which is why they haven't opposed your Bill, but it renders your Bill totally unnecessary."

Riley: "Well, I don't know. I... I can't speak for... for what all companies are doing and there's a lot of companies that are

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out there. I already gave in my explanation a situation where other entities like uni... colleges and universities were, until very recently, still using Social Security numbers for student IDs. So I can only make the assumption that maybe some insurance or health care facilities were still... still doing the same thing. There's no way for me to know, but I think that this Bill is an excellent vehicle to insure that the integrity of the Social Security numbers of individuals will not be compromised."

Froehlich: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Rose, for what reason do you rise?"

Rose: "A couple questions of the Sponsor, but I think I need a way from my ratio here to descend on this side. It usually comes down right about now while I'm speaking. Oh, here it comes. Good, good. Representative, do you mind if I ask you a few questions here?"

Riley: "Certainly."

Rose: "I am extremely concerned about these roving gangs of mail thieves that just elicited and talked about a minute ago. These mail thieving gangs cannot be tolerated. Would you join me in a Class X felony for mail theft?"

Riley: "I suppose I could, Representative."

Rose: "Outstanding, that's what I wanted to hear now. Now, Representative, you're a statistician, are you not?"

Riley: "That's correct."

Rose: "Now, as a statistician what chances would you give yourself of passing this Bill?"

Riley: "I'd like to think that it was 100 percent."

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Rose: "Well, we'll see, Representative, we'll see. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Miller, for what reason do you rise?"

Miller: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "...cates he will."

Miller: "Representative, you sort of articulated the importance of this Bill, but you've also mentioned that... and I wasn't clear whether dental offices were included or excluded from this piece of legislation."

Riley: "No, they're... they're not included."

Miller: "They're not. Is it something that you don't care about dental patients?"

Riley: "Absolutely not."

Miller: "Then why weren't we included in this Bill?"

Riley: "Well, I think that medical societies, dental societies such as yours, might have had something to say about that."

Miller: "Well, ya know, I don't own a medical society or a dental society, but I mean, ya know, these are patients that we treat at the end of the day and so I just wanted to see if there was any consideration on that. But anyway, I don't know if you know, like in our private offices, there's federal legislation that will restrict us from using Social Security numbers on insurance claims. How does this legislation correlate to that?"

Riley: "Well, I think... Well, frankly, I think there's... there's a direct correlation... I mean, you can't use 'em on a claims. Is that what you said or you...?"

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Miller: "Well, there's... there's legislation... Insurance companies, because of consumer fraud and things like that using Social Security numbers, are starting to use other forms of identification numbers."

Riley: "That's correct."

Miller: "And so, when we... when someone comes in for treatment they were getting out of that and I think that's federal legislation overall, so how does this correlate to... Why are we doing this if Federal Law is going to... is going in this direction anyway? I mean, this is just a... a waste of the taxpayers' money in my opinion."

Riley: "Well, I don't think it's a waste of taxpayers' money. I think that that's an affirmation of what I'm trying to do with this Bill. Ya know, they're saying use..."

Miller: "Trying to waste taxpayers' money?"

Riley: "No, no. Come into concert with the federal legislation that you're talking about. One of the things that's important and we're talking about claims, if they're using unique identification numbers... Well, that's exactly what we're talkin' about. Everybody's getting on the same page. And what I'm saying is, is that those offices, the insurance companies and the facilities..."

Miller: "But..."

Riley: "...should do... they should be like-minded and not use that number as an ID number..."

Miller: "But... but it could have been law... But in a sense of law will this State Law preempt Federal Law?"

Riley: "No, I think it augments it. I think... I think it mimics it."

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Miller: "All right. Well, who is... who is the Representative of the 38th District before you?"

Riley: "I'm sorry, I...?"

Miller: "Who was... who was... who was the Representative before you?"

Riley: "Robin Kelly."

Miller: "Well, didn't... didn't an incident happen to her where she had identity... identity theft?"

Riley: "That's exactly right."

Miller: "So, you aren't one of the coconspirators on this and you're just trying to cover up your tracks by doing this, are you?"

Riley: "No, Representative. I think you... I think you're miscategorizing it."

Miller: "Well, ya know... Well, we'll see what happens when this vote comes up. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative McCarthy, for what reason do you rise?"

McCarthy: "I move the previous question, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "The question is put. Gentleman... Representative Riley to close."

Riley: "As I said again, ya know, I think that we must always to the extent that we can protect the consumer. I think that this Bill is an excellent way of doing that. I think there has already been a lot of movement in other areas to insure that the Social Security numbers..."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 986?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted

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who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Gentleman's a nice man. Have all voted who wish? He's bettin' on 100 percent. Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 31 of the Calendar we have House Bill 987. Representative Phelps. Out of the record. We have House Bill 991, Representative Brady. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 991, a Bill for an Act concerning coroners. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Riley, do you wanna turn off your talk button. You're through for the day."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 991 is a initiative of the Cook County State's Attorneys Office and is supported by the Illinois Coroners and Medical Examiners Association which is simply at the time of a homicide investigation by means of autopsy that DNA samples will be kept from the decedent and forwarded to a... a laboratory of the coroner's choice. I'll be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 991?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? ...all voted who wish? Representative... The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the

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Order of Third Readings, we have House Bill 1041.
Representative Joyce. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1041, a Bill for an Act concerning
local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "...from Cook, Representative Joyce."

Joyce: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the
House. House Bill 1041 simply allows the Metropolitan Water
Reclamation District to have an exemption on their leases,
percentage of the lease, when they're dealing with a piece
of land, a piece of property, that has some problems with it
and there's going to be some remediation done at those
properties. I'd be happy to answer any questions. I know
of no opposition."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall
the House pass House Bill 1041?' All those in favor should
vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now
open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
Have all voted who wish? Representative Tryon. Pihos.
Representative Pihos. The Clerk shall take the record. On
this question, there are 101 voting 'aye', 13 voting 'no', 0
'presents'. And this Bill, having received the
Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the
Order of Third Readings, we have House Bill 1058.
Representative Burke, Danny Burke. Out of the... out of the
record. We have House Bill 1074, Representative Will Davis.
Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1074, a Bill for an Act concerning
regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Davis, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very quickly. First of all, let me say that House Bill 1074 does remove all references to the renewal of the licenses under this regulatory Act, but it does do two specific things, particularly as it relates to the audit threshold for cemeteries and it increases... it amends the Cemetery Care Act to increase the annual audit threshold from two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000). And second, this legislation amends the Cemetery Care Act to allow smaller cemetery associations with less than seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) in care funds to submit a financial report to the Comptroller's Office instead of filing annual reports. I ask for its passage."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 1074?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 31 of the Calendar we have House Bill 1076. Representative Feigenholtz. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1076, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1076 amends the Criminal Code. This is an initiative of the Cook County State's Attorney that

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essentially deals with juvenile prostitution. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Kane, Representative Lindner, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "He (sic-she) indicates he (sic-she) will."

Lindner: "Yes. Can you tell us what the reasoning is behind this to change this? It's been 16 years of age in the Juvenile Code and now you're changing it to 17."

Feigenholtz: "That is be..."

Lindner: "Why are... why are we doing this?"

Feigenholtz: "This Bill is aimed at the John or the pimp, Representative Lindner, not the juvenile. It comes up particularly in the context of human trafficking and the ages and element of the offense. The State's Attorneys Office has had to reject some cases because of the inconsistency in the age provision in the statute."

Lindner: "And is there any kind of a fiscal impact to the Department of Corrections with this?"

Feigenholtz: "I know of none."

Lindner: "And was there... were there any opponents to this Bill?"

Feigenholtz: "No."

Lindner: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 1076?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And

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this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Third Readings, we have House Bill 1077. Representative Feigenholtz. Read... Out of the record. On the Order of Third Readings, we have House Bill 1081. Representative Schock. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1081, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "...from Peoria, Representative Schock."

Schock: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1081 is an initiative brought to me by the City of Peoria and the Illinois Municipal League and it's a proposal to help them collect overdue property fines. Be happy to answer any questions. And I'd urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from McHenry, Representative Franks, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "...cates he will."

Franks: "Representative, have we seen this Bill before?"

Schock: "Yes, we have. It passed out of the House last Session."

Franks: "And what was the vote on that. Do you remember?"

Schock: "The vote was 71 to 40."

Franks: "So, there was plenty of opposition to that Bill and it wasn't called in the Senate, was it?"

Schock: "No."

Franks: "Okay. And I think one of the reasons it wasn't called in the Senate and one of the arguments we had last time was that there's no due process in this Bill. What you have

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here is the municipality being the judge, the jury and the executioner because they're saying that if they should levy a fine and if you don't pay that fine within 60 days, then they are going to lay it on to your property taxes. Isn't that correct?"

Schock: "It's... it's an additional tool for them to be able to use."

Franks: "But that's what they're gonna do without any due process. Isn't that correct?"

Schock: "My understanding is you still have an adjudication process for you to be able to appeal the fine."

Franks: "That's not what this says in this Bill. This Bill says that after 60 days of a fine being levied, regardless of an appeal, it doesn't give time for an appeal, it says that those fines will be added to your property taxes. That's what this Bill says. So, there's no due process in this Bill. That's the first problem I see with it. The second problem which I think on that face should be enough to get everyone not to vote for it because I believe it's fatally flawed constitutionally. But second of all, what you're saying now is the municipality that should levy a fine and let's assume for the sake of argument that the fine is correct, okay, and there's no appeal. But what you're doing now is saying the municipality has this super priority status over every other creditor and they should be paid first. Correct?"

Schock: "How are you inferring that?"

Franks: "Because what you're doing is you're gonna lay it on their property taxes and if the person doesn't pay their

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property taxes, then you're gonna have a tax sale and take their house. Correct? That... that's how it works, right?"

Schock: "Yes."

Franks: "Okay. So, everybody else who might have a judgment interest is outta luck, even though you might have had this judgment 10 years before or 7 years before. A little old lady sues the guy because he gives 'em a bad check. She gets a... she gets a judgment in small claims court and she records that judgment so it becomes a lien on the house. What you're saying now is the municipality who happens to have to mow this guy's lawn is gonna get paid but the little old lady who got a bum check isn't gonna get anything."

Schock: "Actually, Representative Franks, the municipality already has the authority to place the cost of mowing the lawn on the property tax bill."

Franks: "As a lien, not on the property tax bill."

Schock: "No."

Franks: "This is a huge change."

Schock: "That... that... that... that's not... that's not true."

Franks: "I disagree. What this Bill does..."

Schock: "Representative Franks, the realtors testified last year that they allowed for the actual cost for the city to clean up a property..."

Franks: "That is a..."

Schock: "...but not the fines."

Franks: "That is a fine or it is a lien, but it is not additional property tax. And what you're doing is you're combining two completely different things: a property tax and a fine. Correct? Correct?"

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Schock: "I'm sorry, say that again."

Franks: "You are... you are combining two completely different things: a property tax and a fine, because the fine has nothing to do with the property tax, right?"

Schock: "Well, the fine can be placed on the property tax bill as a special assessment..."

Franks: "No, you're missing my point. It can... not... you're saying it wouldn't be placed on the property tax bill, no, it could be placed on the property as a lien. Right now, you're saying it could be placed on the property tax bill, that's the difference. You are giving them now super priority status over every other creditor. I don't have a problem if you wanna place a lien on it and put him in the same position as every other creditor, but you're not doing that. You're saying that their bills are more important than everybody else's and that they should be paid first. That's a big difference and that's what this Bill does. Do you understand the difference? Do you understand?"

Schock: "Yeah, I understand the point you're trying to make."

Franks: "Okay. 'Cause there is a big difference and I noticed last time the Treasurer..."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Franks, bring your remarks to a close."

Franks: "That was a really fast five minutes. The Treasurer's Office were against it last time and this time they're not opposed. Correct?"

Schock: "They were not opposed to it with the Amendment last time."

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Franks: "Well, the Amendment gives them 5 percent of the fines, right?"

Schock: "That's correct."

Franks: "Okay. What about the assessor? Did you promise the assessor 5 percent? How about the clerk? Did you give the clerk 5 percent, too? I just wondered how many people you had to pay off here because it's gonna come off from the municipality and if we're gonna take money away from the municipality, please tell me are we cutting police or fire 'cause I wanna know when I vote on this who we're cutting, the police or the fire departments."

Schock: "Representative Franks, right now they're not collecting a dime. That's the purpose of this..."

Franks: "That's absolutely incorrect. They are able to collect whatever they can collect. But what you're saying is you're changing the whole layout how collections should be."

Schock: "That's not true. The Illinois Municipal League was the one who recommended in concert with the treasurers to give them 5 percent for the... for going through the process of collecting the fines because..."

Franks: "The treasurer's not the one who collects the fine. The municipality is doing the fine. And if the treasurer needs all this extra dough..."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Franks, you're finished. You're finished. Gentleman from Lake, Representative Sullivan, for what reason do you rise?"

Sullivan: "Will the Sponsor yield? Representative..."

Schock: "Yes."

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Sullivan: "Is there a limit to the amount of fines that can be imposed and sent on as a special assessment?"

Schock: "No."

Sullivan: "So, potentially, you could have a person with a thousand dollar (\$1,000) tax bill and potentially, have a three thousand dollar (\$3,000) fine and so now their assessment for that year is four thousand dollars (\$4,000)?"

Schock: "Or they'll actually... the tax bill would not be... because the fine would be placed as a special assessment and so it's spread out over 10 years."

Sullivan: "So, it's a 10-year assessment... And ya... how exactly... this has popped up. I mean, I apologize for not talkin' to ya ahead of time. Is this going to be... so it's an assessment over time that is... is finished up in 10 years. So, in essence..."

Schock: "It's similar, if I can, it's similar to ornamental lighting or sidewalk improvements..."

Sullivan: "It's a set amount or is it tied to the value of the property?"

Schock: "The fines are determined by the municipality..."

Sullivan: "So, if they have a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) fine, they could say we're gonna have a thousand dollar (\$1,000) assessment every year? So, it's a stable amount every year is what I'm trying to get at."

Schock: "Right."

Sullivan: "Okay. Thank you. To the Bill. We certainly understand what the Representative is trying to do, but any time that you are gonna take and potentially impact a person's livelihood and living in their home like tying

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fines to their home, it's a slippery slope. I see this ending up with a lot of people that have the potential to lose their homes because they're not gonna be able to pay their fines. When you can't pay your fine or can't pay your taxes, this is gonna go to a... to a tax sale and if you don't pay those back plus the interest on the tax sale, in two and a half years you could lose your home. And so, if they're having a hard time paying it now, what's to say they're gonna have a hard time... or gonna be able to pay it under their tax bill. I... I think this is very dangerous and I do... I would hope that people would not support this legislation."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Molaro, for what reason do you rise? Bobby Molaro."

Molaro: "I know... All I was gonna say, I know nobody wants to hear me, but... Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "...cates he will."

Molaro: "All right. I'm having a little problem with the Bill. The problem I have is it says, 'the property owner for Building Code violations that have been imposed by the Circuit Courts.' Okay. That's pretty good. Ya got a judge imposing the fine, hears the case. Now, it says here, 'or by a Code hearing officer under division 31.1 of Article 11.' What's a Code hearing officer under division 131.1 (sic-31.1) of Article 11? Circuit Court is a judge, so could you explain or ask or find out what... who that is or what that is?"

Schock: "Representative, I don't know, but the intent of the Bill is not to change the process by which somebody receives

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a fine, but rather how the municipality can collect the fine."

Molaro: "Okay. But what I'm getting at would be, if the court imposes a fine and it's a judge and you wanna now do it this way, which is a serious way of doing it, maybe I could be convinced that at least a judge heard it. I wanna get serious. I'm gonna put it on there, ya know, as a special assessment and you've heard the people that might have a problem with it. I may not have a problem with that. At least I know it was by a judge. Here's the point I'm trying to get at, Representative Schock, is that a hearing officer under division 31 Article 11... if I... it is what I think it is, I just don't have enough time to look it up... municipalities had that administrative adjudication stuff. I actually do that in my other life when I'm downs... I'm just a hearing officer there and what happens invariably people get a ticket for garbage, excessive garbage, excessive lawns, they'll be issued a ticket. When they don't show up, I, by law, can save seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) with that high. So, I get three for seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750), they've never even been there. And the Circuit Court, to get a fine, you have to send the people; it has to go up in front of a court... You're in front of a judge. This is just some... I don't even wanna call myself, ya know, I don't even wanna say what I am, but it's just some guy up there, don't even have to be a lawyer, nobody shows up and you get a seven hundred and fifty dollar (\$750) fine and now you can put it as a special assessment. I would have to find out before I can vote for this what is a

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hearing officer under division 31 Article 11 and see what that is because that's new in the Bill. It's underlined which means it's new, so you give me the information otherwise I have to vote 'no'."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. From time to time all of us feel very strongly about a Bill. I would just like to point out, I think there was a breach of common courtesy and etiquette when a good friend of mine on the other side of the aisle used the words and I quote, to the Sponsor of the Bill, 'I wanna find out how many more you had to buy off.' That... that... that's... that remark has nothing to do with the Bill and was used perhaps in frustration with his opposition to the Bill, but I don't think anybody in this chamber and God help them if they do, with the current U.S. Attorney and ethics rules, you don't buy off anybody to pass legislation in this chamber. If you do, you're not gonna be here very long. I think that was a very poor choice of words and not fair to the Sponsor of the Bill. Having said that, let me just say, I realize there are hard... this is not an easy Bill, but I also realize the Sponsor of the Bill and the City of Peoria, and I would suggest to you many cities in your district, the frustration that builds over people who refuse to maintain their property in any reasonable degree of uniformity with the neighborhood. I can take you to neighborhoods in my hometown of Danville that when I was in high school years ago were solid, blue collar neighborhoods.

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The grass was kept, the windows were repaired, the front door was in working order, the front porch was kept in repair. If they had to do their own... their own work and their children, every 4 or 5 years would paint the house. I can take you to those neighborhoods now: the front porch has fallen off, the front door fell off 2 years ago and is laying on what's left of the front porch, the grass hasn't been mowed or planted or trimmed in 3 years. This impacts entire neighborhoods and when you levy a fine on a property owner who lets their property go and violates every semblance of a Building Code, it spreads. It spreads like any other disease and pretty soon you have an entire neighborhood that the value of the property had deteriorated and not only that value deteriorated, the people in the next block have to live with that blight. The fines haven't worked. If you don't care about your credit rating, you simple ignore the fine. I realize that this is a... an exponential step and one that should be taken very lightly. At least we have spent millions of dollars in this state on urban renewal on programs to try and get people to fix up their house. My hometown of Danville gets a half a million dollars (\$500,000) a year in neighborhood rehabilitation funds, tax money and maybe what we need to do is to work a little harder and maybe even a little smarter and yes, maybe even a little tougher to tell people in the first place if you start to let your property go down hill, we're gonna levy this fine on your property tax and we think you might wanna pay it rather than let the property deteriorate and then we spend tax money to come in and pay somebody to

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rehabilitate the home. This is not an easy Bill to vote for, but I have seen my community.. neighborhoods in my community deteriorate to the point where we're now spending almost a million dollars (\$1,000,000) of taxpayer money to demolish homes. That's the only option left. Homes that 40 years ago any of you would have been willing to live in as I would have been and if you can nip this in the bud by telling that property owner you're gonna get tough, you're not gonna fool around with him, they are gonna maintain their home to certain Building Codes or they are gonna face an assessment on their property taxes. Yes, that... that may be subject to court challenge. Yes, there may not be the due process protection in this Bill that I'd like to see, but I think it's a move that in the long run people in your towns as people in my town would say you have to do something. If they won't take responsibility for their property, then the city or the municipal government needs to step in and say, if you don't and you won't, we're gonna put it on your property tax bill and sooner or later you're gonna have to pay. Wouldn't it be cheaper to fix the window than to ignore the fine or to ignore the property tax assessment? I think so. I think it's another tool that cities can use to keep neighborhoods from deteriorating to the point where then we appropriate money to either rehab the homes or in the case that if they're not habitable at that point, we appropriate tax money to tear them down. I think the Gentleman has a Bill worthy of consideration. I intend to vote 'aye'."

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Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Kane, Representative Chapa LaVia, for what reason do you rise?"

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker. I'd like to speak to the Bill itself. I am the chair for Local Government and it did come through..."

Speaker Turner: "To the Bill."

Chapa LaVia: "It came through my committee. I mean, come on, we're talkin' about cutting of grass and weeds, removal of garbage and debris, the removal of motor vehicles that are, ya know, run down, rodents of vermin abatement. We cannot allow property tax to be used in a... as a control force for municipalities to enforce their ordinances. This is all wrong. I stri... I stand in strong opposition of this Bill. And what are we gonna do next? We're gonna add water and sewer in there. Most of these people we're talkin' about that have to pay their property tax can't afford it as it is and now we're gonna make 'em pay more? The municipalities have to come up with a bigger... a better solution to go after these individuals. Don't put it on their property tax. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang, for what reason do you rise?"

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in opposition to this Bill. Representative Chapa LaVia had it exactly correct. There are many procedures to enable municipalities to get their money. They can certainly put a lien on any property and maybe they won't get their money today but they're going to get their money. People can't avoid an appropriately placed lien. So, I don't understand what the Gentleman's

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driving at here or what he's trying to accomplish. It is very clear that this would be an effort that would change the complexion of property tax bills if every municipality did it and the question is after we put, what next? What next will municipalities wanna put on property tax bills? What other burdens should we put on property tax owners or property tax payers? It's... it's clear that the municipalities have a right and an interest in making sure that people follow their ordinances and we all support that. We support strong options by municipalities to collect these dollars, but there's ample opportunity in the law today for municipalities to collect these dollars. It's the wrong place to put it on the property tax bill. Additionally, I don't see anything about due process in here. And so, the fine has been issued or the citation has been issued perhaps the homeowner or the property tax payer wants to contest it. Perhaps they're in the process of trying to contest it and turn it around. While this is happening, the special assessment is going on their property. And so, I think this is a poorly constructed piece of legislation and I think we should be voting 'no'."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Winters, for what reason do you rise?"

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this Bill. The Rockford paper has started to, every week, pick out a property in our city that is so disgusting they'll put it on the front page of the paper to draw attention to how bad these property owners are treating their homes. That's one attempt to shame the owner into doing something. This is

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another attempt to say you have a financial responsibility to your community. I would also note, and pay attention to this, this Body 3 years ago said, if you don't pay your bills to your municipality for water or for sewer, cut 'em off. You have responsibilities as a property owner; if you don't pay, you need to have a consequence. What this Bill is trying to do is saying, look, if you don't keep control of your property, there has to be a consequence. One of the ways is to put it on the property tax and if you continue to ignore it, if you're a scofflaw, if you run down your neighborhood, the houses around you start to fail, the neighborhood starts to fail, we see crime going up. We gotta short circuit it. One of the ways is to put it on the property tax. If you continue to flout the law, then the city has the tools to deal with it. It's a decent Bill; let's support it. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "No further questions, Representative Schock to close."

Schock: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once again, I would urge a 'yes' vote. This is an initiative that was brought to me by the City of Peoria who presently is owed in the neighborhood of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in back fines from delinquent property owners. Currently, the last resort for them is to place liens on the properties in hopes that someday... someday when the property sells... they'll actually collect on the fines. This is a way to put some pain behind those ordinances so that the property owners do, in fact, today and not in some future time, clean up their property. It helps to insure the property values of the neighbors

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around those delinquent property owners as well. So, I would respectfully ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 1081?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. Voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 14 voting 'aye', 99 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill fails. On page 31 of the Calendar we have House Bill 1058. Representative Burke. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1058, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "...from Cook, Representative Burke."

Burke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. That's a heck of an act to follow, but very simply this Bill would provide that all schools in our state would be able to access the AED Heartsaver Fund. And I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 1058?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. And the voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Durkin. The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Schock, one more time on House Bill 1082. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Page 31 of the Calendar."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1082, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Peoria, Representative Schock."

Schock: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1082 is a very controversial Bill that I'm sure you'll all want to scrutinize and take a very close look at. This Bill was another piece of legislation that I introduced last year. You could take a note at the Roll Call; it did pass unanimously out of the House. It sets up a prescription drug price finder Web site modeled after a program that the Attorney General in Maryland offers and it requires the state to post the 50 most commonly prescribed drugs and their prices for cash paying customers. This information is currently held in the state's award winning data warehouse and so, we're just simply asking this information to be posted to the state's Web site. It's a great Bill, but I'd be happy to answer any questions and I'd urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from McHenry, Representative Franks, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "...cates he will."

Franks: "I... Aaron, I came over and talked to ya after your last Bill and I wanted to publicly apologize for making statements that I shouldn't... I shouldn't have and I wanted to do it on the record because of my statements on the last Bill were on the record and I wanna thank Mr. Black for pointing that out. I didn't mean to in... impugn your integrity and I apologize."

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Schock: "That's fine."

Franks: "On this Bill, it's a great Bill. I worked with Aaron on this last year. My only regret is I didn't think of it. I hope everyone votes 'yes' on it."

Schock: "Awww."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 1082?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 31 of the Calendar we have House Bill 1084. Representative Lang. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1084, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. House Bill 1084 embodies an agreement on the Beer Industry Fair Dealing Act between the distributors and the brewers. These are some technical changes that they all agreed to. It involves making sure that extensions of brands are exclusive rights of the distributor. I'd be happy to answer your questions."

Speaker Turner: "...man from Cook, Representative Molaro, for what reason do you rise?"

Molaro: "Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "...ates he will."

Molaro: "Now, this changes the Beer Industry Fair Dealing Act?"

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Lang: "This is not my first Bill, Sir. Yes."

Molaro: "Well... that's so... but it's even after this, it's still fair?"

Lang: "It is. All their dealings will be fair, Sir."

Molaro: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "No further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 1084?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? ...all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 31 of the Calendar we have House Bill 1100. Representative Acevedo, for what reason do you rise? Mr. Clerk, the Gentleman asks leave to bring the Bill back to Second. Place this Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Page 31 of the Calendar we have House Bill 1104. Representative Lindner, for what reason do you... Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1104, a Bill for an Act concerning forest preservation districts. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Kane, Representative Lindner."

Lindner: "Mr. Speaker, I request that this be moved back to Second for purposes of an Amendment."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady asks leave to bring the Bill back to Second. The Bill will be so moved. Page 32 of the Calendar we have House Bill 11... Representative Hannig. House Bill 1112."

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Hannig: "Out of the record."

Speaker Turner: "Out of the record. Representative Franks, we have House Bill 1138. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1138, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from McHenry, Representative Franks."

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is a simple Bill. All it does is it mandates the person list their domicile address on application for registration of a vehicle instead of a residence that way it'll clear up any confusion on where our car needs to be registered. Be glad to..."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 1138?' All those... those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Hoffman. The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. We have House Bill 1232, Representative Watson. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1232, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Morgan, Representative Watson."

Watson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1232 simply prevents further fund raids and administrative chargebacks from the four veterans'

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homes. I would be more than happy to answer any questions. And I don't know of any opposition."

Speaker Turner: "No questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 1232?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. Voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? ...all... Graham. Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Third Readings, we have House Bill 1236. Representative Tracy. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1236, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Brown, Representative Tracy."

Tracy: "Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill amends the Criminal Code and makes it a more severe penalty for anyone who steals the identity of a service person serving overseas, whether they be in the active army or the National Guard serving overseas. And I think it's very good opportunity for us to honor our veterans that are serving and make this a more significant penalty for anyone that would take advantage of them in their... when they are serving overseas and that's the reason behind this Bill. And I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Will Davis, for what reason do you rise?"

Davis, W.: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "...cates she will."

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Davis, W.: "Representative, does this only apply to active duty and is that specified in the Bill?"

Tracy: "It... it is."

Davis, W.: "Only active duty."

Tracy: "Only active, serving actively."

Davis, W.: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 1236?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Third Readings, we have House Bill 1238. Representative Watson. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1238, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "...from Morgan, Representative Watson."

Watson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1238 simply allows... it's permissive. It allows buses to be operating with the strobe light on if they're on a highway. I'd be more than happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Kane, Representative Lindner, for what reason do you rise? Representative Lindner, question?"

Lindner: "Somebody just played a joke."

Speaker Turner: "Okay. The question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 1238?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all

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those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Colvin. Representative Jakobsson. The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Third Readings, we have House Bill 1241. Representative Poe. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1241, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Poe: "Mr. Speak... Mr. Speak..."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Poe."

Poe: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This amends the Build Illinois Act. It authorizes loans up to a hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), now, currently, they're fifty thousand (50,000) for minority, female and disability small businesses. I ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 1241?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Boland. The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Gentleman from Lake, Representative Beaubien, for what reason do you rise? Doesn't. The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

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Black: "Mr... Mr. Speaker, an inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Turner: "Your inquiry."

Black: "There's only a half a dozen of us who will know what I'm about to say. But were you watching tapes of former Representative Peg Breslin last night?"

Speaker Turner: "Yes, I did."

Black: "Peg Breslin, you remember Representative Breslin, who later went on to a distinguished career in the judiciary. She was the fastest moving person I have ever seen in the Chair and you're about to equal that. I... Evidently, you watched the tape of her. I... It's... My finger is literally worn out from voting. How many more... You're moving so quickly. How much longer will we anticipate having to sit on the edge of our chairs because you're moving so fast and we... And I... Some of these Bills aren't even getting a... a review."

Speaker Turner: "Representen... Representative, there were four thousand (4,000) introduced and we're trying to get through as many as we can because we noted all this..."

Black: "Well, let's just do 'em all on one Roll Call."

Speaker Turner: "Speaker wouldn't wanna do that. But if at any time you need me to slow down, just say whoa. Okay. On page 32 of the Calendar, we have House Bill 1243. Representative Fortner. The Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Rose, is there something wrong? You keep..."

Rose: "Could... could you raise the glass shield so we can see? We can't see."

Speaker Turner: "Raise the blind?"

Rose: "Yeah. Thank you."

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Speaker Turner: "Gotta flashlight. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill.
House Bill 1243."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1243, a Bill for an Act concerning
finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "...from DuPage, Representative Fortner. Turn him
on."

Fortner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of this House. House
Bill 1243 will amend the State Finance Act and exempt the
Domestic Violence Shelter and Service Fund from the charge-
back provision. A very basic Bill. It protects an
important group of service providers in the State of
Illinois. And I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "...no questions, the question is, 'Shall the
House pass House Bill 1243?' All those in favor should vote
'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. Voting is now open.
Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The
Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are
114 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill,
having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby
declared passed. Representative Lindner on House Bill 1251.
Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1251, a Bill for an Act concerning
local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Lindner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill amends the Illinois
Municipal Code and states that when there is a county
transportation facility and then a municipality is
incorporated only after January 1, 2007, that that facility
would still be under the auspices of the county. There were

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no opponents to this Bill and it passed committee overwhelmingly."

Speaker Turner: "...no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 1251?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? ...voted who wish? Representative Granberg. The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Third Readings, we have House Bill 1254. Representative Hamos. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1254, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Hamos: "Thank you, Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. I'm proud to present today the year-long product of the Electronic Health Records Task Force which came to consensus that this is the Bill they wanted to move forward. And this Bill would create... would... would direct the state to create a new not-for-profit organization called the Illinois Health Information Network, ILHIN, which really provides state-level focus leadership on moving the state forward with electronic health records. ILHIN has really two goals. One is to create a mechanism for the sharing of health information among health care providers and secondly, to foster the widespread adoption of electronic health records. This would be a new not-for-profit. States are moving... really, many states are well ahead of us and are moving exactly in this direction because this provides for the

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opportunity to create a public-private partnership with a lot of private dollars hopefully, to move the state forward. This is fully supported by the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians, the State Medical Society, the Hospital Association and the insurance industry and I seek an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Flowers, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "...cates she will."

Flowers: "Representative, this will not be a state agency?"

Hamos: "No. This will be a not-for-profit which would be a public-private partnership."

Flowers: "Well, so, state dollars would be involved?"

Hamos: "Well, what happens in other states, Representative Flowers, and again, we studied nine states. Eight of them have already created not-for-profits and many did... what happens is that the state sometimes provides seed money sometimes not, but a great example is what happened in California where four point six million dollars (\$4,600,000) was put into this to move it forward and most of it by the insurance industry which has a lot at stake here and really wants to create better... something you and I believe in, which is higher quality health care and then better public safe... patient safety."

Flowers: "And you and I are also concerned about jobs as well. And so, my other concern is of... as far as who will be doin' the hiring and how will we know because it will have state

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dollars as far as minority participation in. So, can you elaborate on that, please?"

Hamos: "Well, and Representative Flowers, I don't see this as a big staff intensive agency because the work actually is being done at the health care provider level where we will be fostering the adoption of electronic health records. That's all decentralized. This is going to be a tight, little agency that does primarily two things and it is going to be a board of directors appointed by the Governor. This was all created by the Electronic Health Records Task Force, all spelled out exactly who should be on that board, who should govern the direction of this and they will be hiring the staff."

Flowers: "Well, Representative, I agree with you 100 percent and I know the hiring practice is not in the legislation, but my concern and I want the record to be... have it reflected that I am concerned that minorities be a part of this tight, little agency that will have some state seed monies who will be dealin' with these records because I believe in fairness across the board. Just wanna bring that to your attention and hopefully, again, just want the record to reflect. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question... I'm sorry. The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "...your inquiry."

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Black: "Committee Amendment #1, I'm going to assume was adopted in committee because it becomes the Bill. Will the Chair make sure that that's what happened?"

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, the status of the Bill, Committee Amendment #1, please?"

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Amendment #1 has been adopted."

Black: "And it becomes the Bill, correct? All right. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates she will."

Black: "Representative, Committee Amendment #1 becomes the Bill, correct?"

Hamos: "That is correct."

Black: "All right. Can you... There's a word in here that I... I... I have not heard, but I think I'm familiar with it. What's your definition of 'de-identified data'?"

Hamos: "'De-identified data', as I understand it, is data where you can not trace it back to the individual patient. It is used for aggregate... aggregating data to be able to understand public health issues and it does not reflect on individual patients."

Black: "All right. Then, in Committee Amendment #1, why did you remove the requirement that consent is necessary to share electronic patient records with nonprimary health care providers?"

Hamos: "Amendment #1 is a product of continuing to work with the coalition that created the Electronic Health Records Task Force and the report and the plan and the response I got from some of the health care providers is that in some cases electronic health records are used even if a patient comes

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in unconscious and is not able to give consent for that particular moment... at that particular moment to be able to provide health care."

Black: "How... So, in oth... in other words, if I had a living will and durable power of attorney, this may not be available to this database, correct?"

Hamos: "I'm... I'm not sure I understand."

Black: "Well, the language I'm reading, you can share electronic records with a nonprimary health care provider if the patient is unable to give consent. You're going to share my medical records without my consent with a nonprimary health care provider?"

Hamos: "Again, the only exception that was, again, created by one... and I remembered how this came in... as a reflection on a specific instance in which a person comes in, is unconscious, but is presenting for health care, is not able to give consent, but the health care provider, in this case the emergency room, would want to administer the appropriate treatment, would want to review the records of that patient. That would be the only situation. Patient confidentiality and patient security is written into every part of this process and the... actually the prototype that I saw would be like a HIPPA form, you would sign-off on the ability of your health care provider to use your electronic health record or to share it and that is going to be built into every part of this because everybody believes it and that is the goal here."

Black: "So, you're creating an electronic database of peoples' medical records, fair statement?"

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Hamos: "Not really. This is a very different kind of model. There is... there are different models that are being used in different states. Some... only one state that I know of actually has created this mega database, that is not what is envisioned here. This is more of a record locator service. The patient signs off on being able to access the last provider's record and then the electronic system moves into that person's... into that person's electronic health record and pulls off particular data just for that use. There is no database, centralized database that is being created in this Bill. That was carefully thought through by the task force; they rejected that. This will be a very different kind of process."

Black: "So, in other words, if I became ill in Chicago, if this were fully implemented, they would be able to access the health records or my database from my primary care provider, correct?"

Hamos: "Well, that would be... the goal is to be able to share your health records because most of us see multiple providers. We move on throughout our life seeing different providers..."

Black: "All right."

Hamos: "...and that goal is to... is for our health provider to have full access to our health record..."

Black: "Okay."

Hamos: "...to be able to provide better health care, reduce medical errors and for better patient safety."

Black: "Well, and that's a very noble objective and I certainly have no objection to that; however, I do get very nervous

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whenever we talk about sharing medical records. There are things in everybody's medical record that could cause you to lose a job, cause you to be rerated for insurance. How confident are you that this computer network will be absolutely secure?"

Hamos: "I am confident that patient privacy and security and confidentiality will be built into every part of this process. Everybody believes in that. This ILHIN board is going to be made up of all of those kind of providers that really understand the need for that, but still, this is the new age. Your electronic health records are here to stay and they will never be complete or comprehensive or as high quality as they could be if we don't provide the mechanism for sharing and that's what the task force has created a way to do that in a... in a minimum kind of way but still to provide for that."

Black: "Well, if my primary care provider does not have records in electronic or digital form, then they can't be accessed, correct?"

Hamos: "I think that's right."

Black: "All right. Is there any money down the road that will take small community hospitals or health clinics and help them digitize or put this in the electronic format?"

Hamos: "Well, and thank you, Representative Black, I think you're pointing to the exact issue here which is that one of the two goals... and the task force identified only two goals for this new entity... one of them is to foster widespread adoption of electronic health records and the reason they wanted to set up this mechanism is because we believe

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there's a lot of private dollars that could be brought to play to help do that. And there is interest in doing that, but the private insurance companies, for example, were not interested in handing money to the state in the hopes that it would be... end up in the appropriate way. So, there is not current money, we haven't identified it, but that will be the goal is to move forward and to be able to find resources to get that job done."

Black: "All right. I... Representative, I intend to vote for the Bill, but I have some reservations and I'm sure you'll work on them in the Senate and later on. Any time we become a part of the digital world, as we've seen in political ads just in the last 48 hours, ads that have been worldwide against some Democrat candidates and Republican candidates, I don't know how these people get into these systems, I don't know how they make it available. I do know that..."

Speaker Turner: "Representative, bring your remarks to a close."

Black: "I'm asking 20 second questions and getting a minute thirty second answers, but that's all right. I... I will take the Representative at her word. The only thing that gives me some pause is that every day we read about somebody is able to hack into the digital world and I just have a strong feeling that every potential firewall and safety feature be... any time you're giving people access to your health records I think confidentiality and safety is paramount, but it seems to me we're headed in the right direction. She's assured me of those safeguards. And I simply hope that she continues to work on the absolute safety and security of a person's health care records."

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Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 1254?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 32 of the Calendar we have House Bill 1256. Representative Feigenholtz. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1256, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1256 expands eligibility for healthy benefits for workers with disabilities from 200 percent of the federal poverty level rate to 350. This is obviously an issue that we need to work on because lack of access to affordable health care forces a lot of people who are living with disabilities to work less or not at all and discourages them from working because they are afraid they're going to lose their Medicaid eligibility. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "...no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 1256?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. Voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'aye', 1 'no', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby

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declared passed. On page 32 of the Calendar we have House Bill 1257. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1257, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Last year we passed a piece of legislation that allowed people who were on the AIDS drug assistance program to go into Medicare Part D at HFS. This is a HFS Bill that essentially cleans up a little omission where we forgot to wrap in people 65 years or older. I would be glad to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 1257?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 32 of the Calendar we have Representative Feigenholtz on House Bill 1277. Out of the record. Representative Saviano on House Bill 1284. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1284, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "...from Cook, Representative Saviano."

Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 1284, some cleanup language for the department on its

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enforcement of the Funeral Directors Licensure Act. I would ask for your approval."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 1284?' All those in favor... all those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. Voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 33 of the Calendar we have House Bill 1348. Representative Hannig. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk, 1348."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1348, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Hannig: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. A few years back we passed legislation that divided our community college district here in Springfield, Lincolnland Community College into several districts. The State Board of Elections said that we needed to do a cleanup on that Bill and that's exactly what this is. So, this doesn't change anything; it simply clarifies those lines that we drew a few years ago. I've talked to Representative Poe and Brauer and Watson who also have an interest in the Bill and there's no opposition, so I'd ask for your 'yes' vote."

Speaker Turner: "...from Bond, Representative Stephens, for what reason do you rise? Stephens. Okay. It's gettin' late. Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 1348?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open."

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Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Hannig in the Chair."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Holbrook on House Bill 1288. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1288, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Thank you. This is the credit union cleanup Bill. I know of no opposition. It does three or four things concerning when a vacancy was declared, how they can do their account credits, how they can do training for the examiners and allows 'em an issue on their credit union names. I know of no opposition. Be glad to take any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "This is on the Order of Short Debate. Does anyone stand in response? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Turner and Saviano, would you like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Feigenholtz on House Bill 1299. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1299, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is a pilot project for... to that... essentially asks the Department of Transportation to use rubberized asphalt in one of their projects and to report back to us. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "This is on Short Debate and in response, Representative Durkin."

Durkin: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

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

Durkin: "Representative, in the Energy & Environment Committee there was some mention made that the Illinois Department of Transportation currently has a study in place which is doing what you're attempting to do, so are you aware of that?"

Feigenholtz: "No."

Durkin: "No. Okay. Is IDOT in support of this legislation?"

Feigenholtz: "There was no opposition in committee."

Durkin: "Okay. Again, does IDOT support this or do they oppose it, do you know?"

Feigenholtz: "I haven't talked to them."

Durkin: "Okay. Have they talked to you?"

Feigenholtz: "No."

Durkin: "Okay. All right. What is the..."

Feigenholtz: "Representative Holbrook ran this Bill for me in committee."

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Durkin: "Oh, I'm very familiar with the Bill, that's right. What is the cost that'll be associated with... with this program?"

Feigenholtz: "Actually, Representative Durkin, I'm glad you asked that. The cost for rubberized asphalt is actually less than other materials we've been using by about .72 cents a ton not to mention the environmental benefits, which I'm sure you're very concerned with."

Durkin: "We all are, of course, and I can tell by your response that you are too. My other question is just, what are the costs for administering this program?"

Feigenholtz: "I'm sorry?"

Durkin: "My only question is, what will be the cost that the IDOT..."

Feigenholtz: "I've never got a fiscal note on this. I don't know."

Durkin: "Do you want me to file one?"

Feigenholtz: "I assumed that it was not gonna cost more; it was likely gonna cost less, last longer and be more cost efficient. That's why I'm doing it."

Durkin: "All right. Well, this sounds reasonable and I was told earlier that I haven't spoke much this year, so I'm gonna start my... my... my..."

Feigenholtz: "It's glad to have you back, Jim. Glad to have you back especially..."

Durkin: "Glad to initiate you..."

Feigenholtz: "Yeah, I love it."

Durkin: "...with my first line of cross examination. But anyway, thank you very much."

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

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I know the hour grows late, but I rise in opposition to this Bill. The Illinois Department of Transportation is adamantly opposed to the Bill. The aggregate producers and asphalt pavers are adamantly opposed to the Bill, not because it may not be a good idea, but because the idea that she's promoting is redundant. The Illinois Department of Transportation is already doing a demonstration project in the Cook County area. Now, this Bill causes a second pilot project. Why don't we wait until we get the results of the first pilot project? Ya know, those of you who live in Cook County and the collars, you're benefiting from more money being spent on the Dan Ryan Expressway than the rest of us downstate are getting in total. We haven't passed a road construction bond Bill in 7 years. And I am not gonna stand up here, I don't care if this pilot project costs a thousand dollars (\$1,000) or ten million dollars (\$10,000,000). You already have a pilot project. You don't need a second one. Ya can't afford the money. Wait until we get the results of the first pilot project and if rubberized asphalt's a good deal, fine, I'll be all for it. But I... I can't believe we're sitting here asking IDOT to spend money that they don't have, not having a road capital infrastructure and jobs Bill passed in 7 years. And the only highway project that's spending hundreds of millions of dollars in the State of Illinois is the Dan Ryan Expressway. That's fine. I take the Dan Ryan

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whenever I go up there. But that one project is more money than is being spent in almost every other county of this state. Now, there comes a time when we must prioritize. You have a pilot project, wait until you get the results of that and then if it's a good deal, I'll support it. But I can't stand up here representing my road builders, the people that live in my district, and do another pilot project when IDOT is opposed to this Bill. Let's spread the wealth. This is a bad Bill; it's a redundant Bill; it's an unnecessary Bill. We already have a pilot project and if you wanna waste the money, let's waste some of the money downstate."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Feigenholtz, for what reason did you rise?"

Feigenholtz: "Well, I rise because it's my Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. But no, Representative, it's Represe..."

Feigenholtz: "My comments to Representative Black is that..."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative... Representative Feigenholtz, it's not your turn to speak. I thought you were gonna take it out of the record. Representative Meyer... Representative Meyer, you're recognized for five minutes."

Meyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "...cates she'll yield."

Meyer: "Representative, in... I realize you weren't in committee, but in committee I asked and I thought that maybe staff would relay that information to you, I asked that about the process of applying this rubberized asphalt. Are you familiar with it?"

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Feigenholtz: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take this Bill out of the record."

Speaker Hannig: "Out of the record at the request of the Sponsor. Representative Hamos on House Bill 1300. Out of the record. Representative Lyons on 1301. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. House Bill 1301."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1301, the Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lyons."

Lyons: "Thank you, Mr... thank you, Mr... thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1301 extends the nursing home residents ombudsman services to all nursing home residents regardless of their age or what part of the state they live in. Now, the Department on Aging does still have concerns with this Bill on the funding issues. The reality is here most of the funding issues come from the Federal Government, so we're hopeful that we can continue conversations on this so the Federal Government money can be brought into the state through the Department of Human Services as well as the Department on Aging so this Bill can be fully funded, if not we will take it back in language in the Senate to make it more permissive instead of mandatory. But I'd ask for your support on this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "This is on the Order of Short Debate. Does anyone stand in response? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes' and 0

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voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Okay. Out of the record on 1304, Representative Bradley? How about 1308? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1308, a Bill for an Act concerning property. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is an agreement between the oil and gas industry and the Farm Bureau regarding giving additional compensation and rights to surface owners when it comes to drilling on their property. I would ask for an 'aye' vote. Passed out of committee unanimously."

Speaker Hannig: "This is on the Order of Short Debate. Does anyone stand in response? Then the question is, 'Shall this... Excuse me. Representative Black."

Black: "Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield for one question?"

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

Black: "Representative Bradley, what committee did you get this out of unanimously? It wasn't the Revenue Committee was it?"

Bradley, J.: "No, it was Agriculture."

Black: "Oh, well, that under... then I understand it, fine."

Bradley, J.: "It wasn't Jud II either."

Black: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who

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wish? Representative Soto, do you wish to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Hoffman on House Bill 1313. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1313, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Madison, Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1313 simply provides that the Illinois Ethanol Research Advisory Board establish and operate the National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. And it will utilize interdisciplinary and interinstitutional collaborations to conduct research and training. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "...the Order of Short Debate. Does anyone stand in response? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Bost, do you wish us to read 1320? Out of the record. Representative Ford on 1332. Representative Ford. Representative Ford on 1332. Out of the record. Representative Brauer on 1355. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1355, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Brauer."

Brauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill does not mandate anything. It simply asks CMS when locating state facilities that they'll look in historic and downtown areas. I'll answer all questions."

Speaker Hannig: "...on Short Debate. Does anyone speak in response? The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang. Okay. Doesn't wish to speak, so... Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 106 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Do you wish us to read House Bill 1363? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1363, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Brauer."

Brauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill is for interns doing their predoctoral and when they go into underserved school districts, this provides and is subject to appropriations, this gives grants to put these behavioral analysts for autism into these underserved schools. I'll answer all questions."

Speaker Hannig: "This is on Short Debate. And in response, Representative Stephens."

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Stephens: "Actually, an inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. State your inquiry."

Stephens: "What time's the game start?"

Speaker Hannig: "6:20, someone said."

Stephens: "All right. I think we take the average drive time, factor that in, and adjourn at the appropriate moment."

Speaker Hannig: "Then we can put it on the big board."

Stephens: "I'll get the chips if you bring the beer in."

Speaker Hannig: "On House Bill 1363, does anyone speak in response? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all vo... Representative Brauer, do you wish to be recorded on this important Bill? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Krause on 1384. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1384, a Bill for an Act concerning energy efficiency. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Krause."

Krause: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I present to you House Bill 1384 which seeks to establish a state goal of reducing energy use in all the executive branch facilities by 10 percent in the next 10 years. The Bill proceeds to provide that the state agencies will work with CMS to achieve this goal and CMS shall provide the agencies with technical expertise, implement an energy information system to measure the programs. It lays

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out certain other steps and then provides by January 1 of '09 CMS shall evaluate the report submitted by each agency to determine whether or not the cost of implementing the provisions of the Act exceed the energy savings. If they determine that the implementation costs exceed energy savings, they'll request approval to terminate the implementation of this Act. I'd be pleased to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "There any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Eddy on 1399. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1399, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1399 is an effort to promote awareness of the location of E85 pumps by having the Department of Transportation provide information as to the locations on maps that they produce for distribution statewide. And I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' Excuse me. Representative Boland, do you stand in response?"

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Boland: "Well, I was just gonna add that actually there are maps already available. I know through the Lieutenant Governor's Office they've given me maps of all the E85s in the state, but you wanna have more maps, sobeit."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 1423."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1423, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Thank you. House Bill 1423 amends the Elevator Safety and Regulatory Act. It extends the deadlines for elevator mechanic licenses to apply to the end of this year. This comes back from JCAR. It does two other changes. It deletes the word 'design' from the purview of this program and it also adds a senior citizen to the review board. Most of this, except for the senior citizen issue, is una... request of JCAR. As we reviewed the rulemaking and I... and that's why most of the Members from JCAR are on this Bill. I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote and take any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "Any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes'

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and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 1425."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1425, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Reitz."

Reitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1425 sets up the... creates the Radon Awareness Act. This will set up a disclosure for 'em at the... at a real estate transaction for people to fill out. The intent here is just to raise the awareness on radon which is a serious problem across the State of Illinois. And I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "Does anyone rise in response? The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

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

Black: "Representative, is this the Bill that would require me as a seller of property to have my house inspected for radon and then give a... a statement of what they found to the... to the prospective buyer?"

Reitz: "The... with the Amendment it has a disclosure form that it... you basically... it's in addition to the seller disclosure form. It will have a separate form where you would check off if you know of any presence of radon and basically, the intent is to make sure that we give to each buyer of the home the information from IEMA on radon so that they are

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aware of that and can have it checked in the future. The initial Bill would have required a test, this one doesn't."

Black: "Does this still apply only to the transfer of real property?"

Reitz: "Correct."

Black: "Isn't radon a natural occurring element?"

Reitz: "Yes."

Black: "I... I had a personal experience with a good friend of mine who was selling a very upscale home and the prospective buyer asked for a radon inspection. The home inspector said, oh, my gosh, yes, there's radon. The prospective buyer immediately told him he'd buy the house for twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) less. And I don't know that anybody, ya know, I'm in my crawlspace changing the humidifier quite a bit and I've... I've... I've purchased some of those radon things at Lowe's and Menard's and all that and they never seem to register anything but it's because I have Visqueen down. I suppose if I took one part of the Visqueen up it would probably measure radon."

Reitz: "It would depend. I mean, would I... unfortunately I've learned through a lady that her husband she thinks died of radon, more than I wanna know about radon, actually. But this... we've tried to incorporate this as a first step so that we will just have a form. If you're aware of it, if you've done a test, you can give those tests over, if you've done your home test or anything. It doesn't require a home inspection and my concern was..."

Black: "It does or does not?"

Reitz: "It does not require..."

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Black: "Okay."

Reitz: "...a home inspection."

Black: "All right."

Reitz: "All it does is you sign a form that if you have had a test on radon, you will give them the copy of that form."

Black: "Okay."

Reitz: "And if you're not aware of it, it puts no onus on the seller at all."

Black: "Okay. So, if... if I've never had a test and I'm not aware of radon, I can so state and if the new buyer finds radon later on by digging in the dirt or taking up part of the basement, I... I assume no liability..."

Reitz: "Correct."

Black: "...if I fill the form out in good faith."

Reitz: "That's correct."

Black: "All right. Fine. That... that clears that up. Thank you very much."

Speaker Hannig: "Further discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Pritchard on House Bill 1452. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1452, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Pritchard."

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Pritchard: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. I rise to speak to the benefit of House Bill 1452. It adds clinical professional counselors to the list of persons who may examine minors prior to admission to a mental health facility. It is an initiative of the Community Mental Health Counselors Association. This really cleans up language of a few years ago that allowed clinical professional counselors to examine adults but missed the section that dealt with youth, so this cleans that up. I ask for support."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Riley."

Riley: "Are these... Is this a LCPC, we say, professional counselors? The people with the LCPC designation."

Pritchard: "Yes."

Riley: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Further discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? ...voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 1456."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1456, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you. For the record, Mr. Speaker, I am the Chief Sponsor of this Bill. This is a Bill that sets forth the

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procedure to initiate a referendum in municipalities under the Whistleblower Act. I know of no opposition."

Speaker Hannig: "Any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 1481."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1481, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Tryon."

Tryon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 1481 provides that the Pace chairman can only be elected after all of the possible voting members have been notified of the meeting at which the election will take place. And there is no opposition to this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Is..."

Tryon: "And I would urge a 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Kosel on House Bill 1491. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1491, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Kosel."

Kosel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill will authorize counties to change speed limits where necessary at their discretion. And I would move for your approval."

Speaker Hannig: "There any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Pritchard, do you wish to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 1246."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1246, a Bill for an Act concerning fire safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. This is an initiative of the Illinois Federation of Teachers. Is a State Fire Marshal Act by classifying current arson investigators employed by the office of the State Fire Marshal as special agents would authorize them to not only have a weapon at times when they are investigating but at other times. And it restores a 200-hour firearm training requirement that they must go through in order to be able to do this. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 34 of the Calendar, Representative Bost with 1492. Out of the record. Representative Brauer on 1499. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1499, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Brauer."

Brauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill very simply classifies ATVs as a implement of farm husbandry. So, when you're running down a road in a combine and in a tractor, the ATV is an integral part of this operation. This will not be for anybody else, but just for people engaged in agriculture. I'll answer all questions."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 102 voting 'yes' and 5 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 1525."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1525, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lyons."

Lyons: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1525 merely extends the sunset Act date on the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act from January 1, 2008 to January 1, 2012. It's been an extremely successful program that's helped thousands of people and saved millions of dollars in the State of Illinois. I'd appreciate your favorable consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Mulligan on House Bill 1538. Out of the record. Representative Dugan... Oh, excuse me. I didn't see you, Representative. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 1538."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1538, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1538 requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to file a monthly report with the General Assembly detailing enrollment figures in Medicaided (sic-medical assistance-funded) funded programs."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have

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all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. And Representative Mulligan on 1540. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1540, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1540 requires that the Medicaid Advisory Committee, MAC, within the Department of Healthcare and Family Services be expanded by four members with a member appointed by each of the Legislator... Legislative Leaders."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Dugan on 1542. Out of the record. Representative Winters on 1545. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1545, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Winters."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1545 amends the Riverboat Gambling Act requires that the Gaming Board issue all future owner's licenses and manager's license through an open and competitive bidding process. Under current law

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they have that option. This would simply require it. It does not change any of the current licenses. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of House Bill 1545. And on that question, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you. Will the Gentleman yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "Indicates he'll yield."

Lang: "Representative, I would like you to explain what the Bill does again so I make sure I understand..."

Winters: "Okay."

Lang: "...how this competitive bidding process is going to work."

Winters: "I will read the language of the Bill. It's five lines. 'Any license authorizing the conduct of gambling under this Act issued by the Gaming Board after the effective date of this Act must be issued pursuant to the competitive bidding process contained in Section 7.5.' So, that Section allows the competitive bidding. What this does then is make it mandatory for any new licenses, not the nine that are currently there, but any additional ones through a competitive bidding license. They would already find the location. The Gaming Board sets the location of the future licenses. Once the location is set, people in the industry then would... would make their market estimations, figure out what it was worth to them and then they would... they would enter a bid."

Lang: "All right. So, the latter part is the key to me. Previously, there had been Bills out here to set up a competitive bidding process where just everything would go

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to the Gaming Board who would decide it all, but fur... and then what would happen then is... well... So, you have a situation here where first they're gonna decide where the licenses will go and then those... those bids will take place within the confines of that region for each license."

Winters: "That is my understanding of it, yes."

Lang: "All right. If that's what it does, I support your Bill, Sir."

Winters: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Miller."

Miller: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Winters: "Certainly."

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

Miller: "This says... this says any... and I'm readin' our analysis here... you're changin' the fee structure here?"

Winters: "Well, I don't know about changing the fee structure. They have a process already set up in the statute that allows the Gaming Board to take competitive bids for a specific license at a specific location. What this does is... is saying for new licenses it would no longer be an option for the Gaming Board to choose that, but it would be the way that they would. I don't... and I... unfortunately I don't know the other options that they currently have."

Miller: "Would the bidding process go under any Procurement Code or how is that..."

Winters: "I assume that in Section 7.5 it sets that forward and that is the Procurement Cord (sic-Code), yeah."

Miller: "In terms of minorities and women-owned businesses, would that fall under that, do you know?"

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Winters: "Yeah. That would fall under the Procurement Code."

Miller: "And as far as... it says, currently an applicant and owner of a license must pay a fifty thousand dollar (\$50,000) application fee. Why don't we just triple that fee at this time?"

Winters: "Well, because there are cases where, ya know, let's... let's pick a site in downtown Chicago or at O'Hare that it might be worth millions of dollars to the state. And the gaming partners that are coming in, the corporations that would run the site, may be willing to give much beyond, ya know, a two hundred thousand dollar (\$200,000) fee. And what would..."

Miller: "But it doesn't say that. At least in our analysis, it says it's only a fifty thousand dollar (\$50,000) fee. You... you're... you're actually getting to my point."

Winters: "There... there is a fee that is the application fee, that doesn't change. What would change is the agreement that they would have with the state on the percentage that they would give back to the state. Ya know, the tax level, if you will, on the gross receipts. That would be one of the items that they could bid. And again, under a bidding situation..."

Miller: "Hold... hold... hold on. You said one of the items that they could bid is a tax that they could pay on it? Ya know, hold on. This is..."

Winters: "I believe that's... I believe that's within the purview of the Gaming Board."

Miller: "And I know it's late and I don't wanna belabor something here, but Representative Winters on our analysis

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it says that application fee... it must pay a fifty thousand dollar (\$50,000) application fee, a twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) license fee for the first year of operation and a five thousand (\$5,000) license fee for each year after. Five thousand (5,000) may be five minutes worth of business for any casino. I mean, I'm sort of... I guess if something new is gonna occur, then, as you know and we all know, is that... that's very, very low for it to obtain a new license fee and I'm sure anybody, ya know, who's... who's considering a license fee would love to pay it because this is probably just a drop in a bucket for any gaming facility. Do you wanna take it out..."

Winters: "They would submit a..."

Miller: "Go ahead."

Winters: "I'm sorry. Go ahead."

Miller: "I was gonna ask you, do you wanna take this out of the record and get some clar..."

Winters: "No. Not really. I think it's, ya know, it had no opposition in committee."

Miller: "I'm sure you didn't."

Winters: "And I... I'm not, unfortunately, I'm not reading your analysis, David."

Miller: "Yeah."

Winters: "But the way I understand this is that the... the annual fee that they would put out there would be what would be bid. The Gaming Board would say, okay, we're gonna pick a site. If it's south Cook County, it would have a geographic parameter... Dave. I'll wait until you can listen."

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Miller: "I don't know. I would just advise Members just to sort of inquire about this... the legislation. I'm totally a little bit unclear and would rather have some clarity and try to rush... instead of rushin' this through. It may be... there may be nothing to this. There may be nothing to this legislation and it may just go through, but I'm really unclear about it and I think we deserve a little bit of time to really kind of understand this a little better. Especially, based on what are analysis are. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

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

Sullivan: "Representative, I have a couple lines of questioning in regard to the lottery and I'm trying to be truthful here and not facetious. Right now, we license out different places that have lottery machines, do we not right now?"

Winters: "This doesn't deal with the lottery."

Sullivan: "Well, it says gaming... any gaming under this Act issued... 'Any license authorizing the conduct of gaming under this Act issued by the board after the effective date.'"

Winters: "The... the Act that we're amending though deals with riverboats, just riverboats."

Sullivan: "Okay. Well, that's... we were having a discussion over here wondering where that came in."

Winters: "No, it's riverboats only."

Sullivan: "So, because it's only under the Riverboat Act it will not have anything to do with the lottery at all."

Winters: "Right."

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Sullivan: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Winters to close."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, this... this sets forth the bidding requirements that the Gaming Board could follow. They will determine the geographic location and they can set restrictions if they wanna have a minority-owned business, they can... they can make that as part of the bid. Once they've done that, then, whichever group comes together with the highest bid, the highest license fee back to the state, would win the bid. And I think it's a straightforward, maximizes revenue to the state. We can still meet other state parameters that we wish to, such as minority ownership. Under the current gaming... Gaming Code, I think it's a great way to increase our revenue and help hurt Indiana, if you will. So, I'd appreciate a 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 106 voting 'yes' and 1 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Coulson, you're recognized on a Motion, a Motion to reconsider."

Coulson: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like to withdraw my Motion."

Speaker Hannig: "So, the Lady's Motion to reconsider House Bill 1246 is withdrawn. Representative Franks on House Bill 1553. Out of the record. Representative Dugan on 1554. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1554, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Dugan."

Dugan: "Thank you, Mr... Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1554 amends the Illinois Vehicle Code concerning the Illinois firefighters license plates. House Bill 1554 provides that the monies in the Illinois Firefighters Memorial Fund that are used for scholarships may be used for graduate scholarships, undergraduate scholarships or both, for spouses as well as for children of firefighters killed in the line of duty. It also provides that up to 10 percent of the annual proceeds of the funds may be used for maintenance and exhibits at the Illinois firefighter museum. I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "And... This is on the Order of Short Debate. And in response, the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

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

Black: "Representative, the only question I have is... is there current language to disallow a fund sweep of this fund? I notice it has a... a six-figure balance and the only reason I ask you that, if there's no language that prevents a fund sweep from this Firefighters Memorial Fund, once you start to approach two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in a fund, I would say come April or May some of that money that hasn't been obligated or spent is gonna be caught up in those fund sweeps."

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Dugan: "Well, Representative, thank you for your input. This... That wasn't discussed when this Bill was brought to me. They just wanted to make sure that they could use it for scholarships..."

Black: "Okay."

Dugan: "...for the children and that, so..."

Black: "I... I think it's a great idea. I think you may wanna talk to the Senate Sponsor about making sure that this fund is not susceptible to administrative chargebacks or the balance would be swept and put in the General Revenue Fund because that's not the purpose for which this fund was created."

Dugan: "I certainly appreciate that and will do that. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Any further discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 1610."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1610, a Bill for an Act concerning public safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Lake, Representative Mathias."

Mathias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1610 was brought to me by the State Fire Marshal and what it does is it updates the... and amends the Furniture Fire Safety Act. So,

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it makes sure that furniture that's used in public occupancies or public assembly areas must have flame retardant... meet flame retardant standards. And also updates the furniture that... that's sold in homes also in accordance to technical bulletins in California which is the leading standard in the industry. And I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 103 voting 'yes' and 4 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 1611."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1611, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Ryg."

Ryg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the chamber. House Bill 1611 amends the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act permitting the Department of Public Health to issue a 2-year license renewals for assisted living facilities based on the absence of specified levels of violations. There's no opposition to the Bill. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Molaro, do you wish to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 107

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voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Mautino on 1630. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1630, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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

Mautino: "Thank you, Speaker, and I've gotta say..., I don't have my glasses on. The Bill number on that is what?"

Speaker Hannig: "1630."

Mautino: "What's it do? Is it a good Bill? I'll go with that. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote. Actually, this is an initiative of the recorders for Illinois and it... and it deletes obsolete languages. There's a number of funds and fees which are used by no county within the State of Illinois. It eliminates an indemnity fund which is used nowhere. There's no opposition. Basically, it cleans up their statute for funds they're not using nor do they wanna use. And I'd like to thank the Speaker for his assistance on this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? The Lady from Cook, Representative Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I notice in our analysis and so maybe the... Representative Mautino could tell me. That there's a..."

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

Mulligan: "There's a Section that repeals the requirement that the recorder get bond in connection with abstracts of title."

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I'm interested in knowing if you're certifying something as correct, don't you have... who has the responsibility if it is incorrect to rectify that and if you don't have to have a bond anymore, it is a fault of the title company or how would you do that?"

Mautino: "Okay. That... that information I would have to get back for it. My understanding from the Clerks' offices is they no longer perform this function at all that they're required to have the bonding for it and that's why one of the bonding requirements is... has been taken out is because there are no clerk's office within the State of Illinois that perform this function."

Mulligan: "But you're charging a fee for them to certify. So, if they're certifying something, they're certifying as to the correctness?"

Mautino: "And the fee is also repealed, as well. This repeals all the fields..."

Mulligan: "So, you're repealing all of it and they no longer have to certify?"

Mautino: "Right. There's no fees on anything anymore that they don't do."

Mulligan: "All right. So, I understand they don't do it and it's a general cleanup, but it's interesting to me is who actually does do it now. Thank you."

Mautino: "I thank you very much."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who

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wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Pihos on 1643. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1643, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Pihos."

Pihos: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1643 is a simple change in the law and the context of a very important and complex issue. It changes the name of the Illinois Suicide Prevention, Education and Treatment Act to the Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance. The Illinois Department of Public Health feels and has told the Illinois Suicide Prevention Coalition that their current workings are duplicative and this legislation combines the DPH appointed committee with the existing coalition. And I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "...discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Burke on 1656. Out of the record. Representative Coulson on House Bill 1660. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1660, a Bill for an Act concerning radon awareness. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Coulson."

Coulson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1660 designates January as Radon Awareness Month and states that events and activities shall focus on increasing public awareness of the health hazards associated with radon exposure. And I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Coladipietro do you have... you wish us to read 1666. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1666, a Bill for an Act concerning forest preserve districts. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Coladipietro."

Coladipietro: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1666 is a initiative of the DuPage County Forest Preserve. It's intended to preserve open space. The legislation provides that property which a forest preserve is a grantee of a conservation easement or a conservation right will not be subject to condemnation proceedings. I'd be glad to answer any questions on this."

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Speaker Hannig: "And on that question, the Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Rose. Okay. Doesn't wish to speak. Rep... The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

Speaker Hannig: "Indicates he'll yield."

Black: "Eminent domain was a subject of some interest in... in the la... in the 94th General Assembly. I think we may have tightened the usage of eminent domain after some obvious abuses of that power. What I don't understand and I don't live in your area so you're gonna have to educate me, but there's been a lot of... I know the Suburban O'Hare Commission was very active here years ago, so why would you exempt O'Hare from the eminent domain provision? I mean, I thought... Excuse me. It was my understanding that a lot of the suburban areas around O'Hare were bitterly opposed to the initial granting of eminent domain to O'Hare so that they could expand. I... I don't know. The last article I read I think they were tearing down eight hundred (800) houses or something like that. I'm... I'm just curious. I'm not trying to kill your Bill or be cute, I'm just curious as to why we would want to exempt O'Hare from eminent domain provision and then as I understand it, they would also be exempt from the eminent domain provision on forest preserve land."

Coladipietro: "Leader Black, to be quite honest with you, I was told that I would not be able to push this legislation if I did not exempt O'Hare."

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Black: "All right. I understand that. Just for the record, who owns O'Hare?"

Coladipietro: "I believe the City of Chicago."

Black: "The City of Chicago. I... Representative, let me ask you this. Assuming the O'Hare thing didn't exist, is the underlying Bill important to you and your district?"

Coladipietro: "Yes, it is."

Black: "I'll swallow hard and see if I can give ya a vote, but I... as a downstater, I just... I realize why we have to do it. Chicago is so big and O'Hare is a very important economic engine, there's no question about that. But it just seems like we too often exempt the City of Chicago and its appurtenances from laws that everybody else has to follow."

Speaker Hannig: "Any further discussion? Representative Coladipietro, would you like to close? Would you like to close?"

Coladipietro: "Thank you. The purpose of the legislation is to help the forest preserve districts maintain their open space. And I'd ask for your support and an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 88 voting 'yes' and 19 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Pritchard on 1670. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1670, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from DeKalb, Representative Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This amends the Municipal Code. It provides that elected municipal officers shall commence at the first regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities after receipt of election results from the county clerk. This is cleanup language after we passed election reform last term. The clerk cannot certify the provisional ballots until after many municipalities have their main meeting as stipulated in their codes or in their law. So, this cleans that up. I ask for your support."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 1673."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1673, a Bill for an Act concerning forest preserve districts. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Lake, Representative Mathias."

Mathias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill also is an initiative of the DuPage County Forest Preserve District. And it basically is... allows forest preserves to save money from year to year in a capital fund instead of selling bonds and paying interest. The district, I think, believes that

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it could save about a million dollars (\$1,000,000) annually by allowing them to set up this separate fund. And I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 106 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Schock, you have House Bill 1705. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1705, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Peoria, Representative Schock."

Schock: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1705 deals with truth in filing. It's a Bill that's being supported by the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence. And it simply says that documents that are filed without legal counsel for protective orders must state a warning in there that the accusations are subject to perjury. Be happy to answer any questions. Would urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 106 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a

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Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 1729."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1729, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Joyce."

Joyce: "Thank you, Mr... thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1729 would allow for the licensure of board and care home facilities as opposed to the voluntary registration which happens today. This is an initiative of AARP and the Department of Public Health so that they can avoid these violations that have occurred in the ones that so far have voluntarily registered. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 84 voting 'yes' and 22 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Eddy on House Bill 1741. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1741, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1741 places some minor restriction on the purchase of ammonium nitrate in order to make sure that retailers have the opportunity to track the sale. It does

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not include large agricultural purchasers and is agreed to by the agricultural community. And I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Black, you have House Bill 1768. Do you wish us to read that? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1768, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill creates a penalty in fines if you do not comply with the off-highway vehicle sticker requirement of the Recreational Trails of Illinois Act. If you buy an off-road vehicle and you use it on trails that are built for that purpose, you're supposed to have a registration sticker and a usage permit. I believe that... I can't get my Etch-a-Sketch to work here. I believe it costs about fifty dollars (\$50) to do all that and many people are refusing to do that. So, the fine for doing that would be two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) for a first offense and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for a subsequent offense. Provides that the moneys collected

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shall be deposited in the Off-Highway Vehicle Trust (sic- Trails) Fund."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 106 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Phelps, you have 1779. Out of the record. Representative Flider, 1786. Out of the record. Representative Gordon, 1790. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1790, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Gordon."

Gordon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, House Bill 1790 is merely cleanup language from legislation that was passed in the 94th General Assembly. It amends the Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters Act and it puts the chief judge... provides that upon receipt of a written request from the chief judge of the court reporters circuit instead of a written request from the Supreme Court, which was changed in the Act. These were changes that were not made when they were changed in the 94th General Assembly. And also it amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code to provide the transcript costs for indivo... individuals participating in a mental health or developmental disability-related court proceeding must be paid from funds appropriated to the Comptroller which is

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where it was transferred to under legislation previously passed. This merely streamlines legislation and these two changes were not made when the legislation was passed in the 94th General Assembly."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

Speaker Hannig: "Indicates she'll yield."

Black: "Representative, just two questions, one right after the other. Did the Court Reporters Association weigh in on this Bill? They don't have any problem with this Bill being under the chief judge."

Gordon: "No, they don't, no."

Black: "And what about the Illinois Association of Court Clerks. Our staff said they had been contacted for a position, but upon the analysis, we still hadn't heard from them. Have you heard from them about being placed under the chief judge?"

Gordon: "Nobody was in opposition... nobody was in opposition to the Bill. They were the ones... they're... no."

Black: "Okay. Okay. Fine. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Any further discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a

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Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed.
Representative Osterman on 1799. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."
Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1799, a Bill for an Act concerning
human rights. Third Reading of this House Bill."
Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative
Osterman."
Osterman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the
House. House Bill 1799 authorizes the Department of Human
Rights the ability to charge a tuition to nongovernmental
entities other than nonprofits for training that is offered
by the department. This will enable them to provide
training but also recoup some of the costs for groups that
are required to have training. And I ask for an 'aye'
vote."
Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? The Gentleman from
Vermilion, Representative Black."
Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I know the hour grows
late. But unless there's been an Amendment to this Bill...
Will the Sponsor yield?"
Speaker Hannig: "...cates he'll yield."
Black: "How will the... how will this training be paid for?"
Osterman: "How will the training be paid for?"
Black: "Yeah. Yes."
Osterman: "Well, in various ways. I think that for entities or
businesses it would fall under this other than governmental
a... entities. If there was a requirement that... through part
of a settlement of a situation that would cover for the
department, someone... the department could charge a tuition
to the group or business that had to go through that

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training. The department, through the testimony in committee, had also mentioned that groups, businesses, come to them proactively to seek training, sexual harassment training, ADA training, things like that. This would simply give them the ability to charge a tuition. Additionally, in committee, the fees for the tuition would be what I would deem modest. I think they referenced fifty dollars (\$50) for a training class."

Black: "If I were a private business, my definition of modest may be different than the Department of Human Relations (sic-Rights). They've been providing this service for years. Why all of a sudden do they feel they need to charge for it?"

Osterman: "I think they wanna have the ability to charge for it and again, I would say, Representative Black, that in the testimony and talking to the director, it's not the intent of the department to charge exorbitant fees or exorbitant tuition costs to provide the tuition. They are simply trying to recoup some of their costs that will enable the department in their training unit to have the staffing required to do a good job. So, I think that you and I will both monitor the fees that are charged and the tuition that's charged and how that works out, but I would not expect them to charge exorbitant fees. Currently, businesses or entities that are required to do training through a finding of the department, would... could seek a private business to do the training. So, right now the department's providing it at a very, ya know, economical way

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by not charging. They're simply seeking to recoup some of their costs."

Black: "It's my understanding that the department has not disclosed the amount it will charge to a private business for this training. Why not? I mean, they've... they've obviously given this a great deal of thought. They should have some idea of what they're going to charge for this training."

Osterman: "In committee, the testimony was that they estimated around fifty dollars (\$50) a training class. And I think that... I don't know specifically how far along they are in pricing out what they would charge, but again, Representative Black, in talking to the director, it's not their intent to charge exorbitant fees. And the only time that someone would be required training is either: 1) if they choose to or 2) if they're required, as part of a settlement with a complaint. So, this is not a proactive initiative on their part to go out and charge businesses for training that's not required. The business would either choose to be there or they would be required to be there under a settlement."

Black: "All right. Thank you very much for your answers, as always, they're very forthright. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, to the Bill. At some point in the governmental process you have to stop this merry-go-round. These businesses are required to follow various state rules, regulation and law. And if they... if there is a complaint filed by an employee and I've seen some of these complaints, I haven't always agreed with the veracity of the complaint,

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but the state usually issues a finding that there is a... a hostile workplace and that the workplace must be subject then to various training: sexual harassment training, anger management training, be nice to everybody training, bring your teddy bear to work training, whatever the case may be. So, there's... here's a private business trying to comply with rules and regulations of the state, found guilty by administrative rule of the state, and now will be expected to pay tuition to take the required training. Ya know, at some point we all better wake up, we... we... for all practical purposes led the Midwest in job loss, companies don't have to business in Illinois; they can do business anywhere in the world and if you don't start making it a more favorable climate to do business in Illinois, where are you gonna find jobs for your grandchildren. Who's gonna really pay the taxes regardless of the so-called fairness plan? Enough is enough is enough. I respect people like my brother who go to work every day, who pay huge sums of money in payroll taxes, who have to hire people to keep them in compliance with rules, regulations, restrictions, he's audited two or three times a year on sales tax and everything else. He's told me repeatedly and the only reason he doesn't move to Indiana, we're only eight miles away, our grandfather started this business in Illinois; we'd like to stay in Illinois, but I'm gonna tell ya somethin', it gets harder and harder and harder to do business in Illinois. And while this fee won't be huge, enough is enough. The government agency that finds you guilty is now gonna come in and take... do the training and send you the bill. I just think that's

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poor public policy, antibusiness, antijob. I intend to vote 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Meyer."

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

Speaker Hannig: "Indicates he'll yield."

Meyer: "Thank you. Representative, I'd just like to follow through on the fee and the fund that is gonna house the fee receipts. What is this fund going... How is that gonna operate? What's it gonna be used for?"

Osterman: "The department has a training unit within its department with... my understanding is, a handful of employees that do that training and they're also required to provide materials and go out and travel to businesses if a business wants to come and have a training that's done or is required by the rule of the state to have it done. So, I think it's basically trying to cover the costs and with regard to the previous speaker, if there are situations that... there have been malicious uses of this law that have been problematic to businesses, I would quite frankly love to hear that. And I think we could talk to the director about that, but to my knowledge..."

Meyer: "Well, how much is going to be generated on an annual basis?"

Osterman: "I think... I have a... an estimated revenue of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)."

Meyer: "Estimated at twenty-five grand. And what can it be spent for?"

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Osterman: "It could be spent for employees' salaries and/or printing costs, materials that are used, things like that. Travel costs."

Meyer: "Who has access to those funds?"

Osterman: "I would think that the director and the department would have the ability to use those funds."

Meyer: "Is there anything in your legislation that would prohibit those funds from being swept into the General Fund?"

Osterman: "Well, I think if we get down to sweepin' the twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), I think we're in some serious trouble this year."

Meyer: "Well, I'm not sure that twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) hasn't been swept before. I think we've been in serious trouble for a few years now, but..."

Osterman: "I don't... I don't see that it... I don't see that it has language dealing with sweeping of the funds."

Meyer: "How much was appropriated for training in 0... in the previous budget?"

Osterman: "I don't have that number with me now."

Meyer: "Okay. Well, Representative, I guess we'll be... we're dealing in hypotheticals then. We think it's probably gonna be around twenty-five thousand (25,000). We're not sure how much we're gonna charge business for it. We think that we can use it for salaries. I think the only way they pay a salary is to get it in the General Revenue Fund. But at any rate, I would stand in opposition to your Bill. And Mr. Speaker, if this Bill receives enough votes to pass it, I would ask for a verification."

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Speaker Hannig: "Okay. We'll grant you one, Representative, if that's the case. Representative Osterman to close."

Osterman: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, if I'm not mistaken this Bill passed out of committee unanimously. It is the intent of the Department of Human Rights to provide quality training to businesses in our state... to organizations in our state for situations like diversity training, sexual harassment training, training for people with disabilities. I would suggest to this Body that those people that are required to come to training before the department that there are findings that would lead them there or in a business in this state would proactively wanna go out to train its employees. The question before this Body is, do we want the department to do that and skimp by or do we wanna have them have the ability to charge, again, a modest tuition charge to do a good job. And I would think that that's what something... something that we would want to do. I would ask, respectfully, for an 'aye' vote. If there are problems in the administration of the training right now, it's news to me. And I'd like to hear any complaints that anyone has on the other side of the aisle and I'll set up a meeting with the director. This is good public policy; it's not gonna run business out. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Last call. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this

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question, there are 46 voting 'yes' and 53 voting 'no'. And the Bill fails. Representative Ryg, you have House Bill 1882. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1882, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Ryg."

Ryg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1882 seeks to reestablish the state Hemophilia Advisory Committee to assist in the oversight of seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) in public funds and to provide the Illinois bleeding disorder community a voice in the development of public policy initiatives that impact their lives. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 106 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Boland on House Bill 1917. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1917, a Bill for an Act concerning advisory referenda. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Boland."

Boland: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members. What House Bill 1917 does is gives the school boards the authority to place an advisory referenda or advisory question on the ballot at the next election by a majority of the school board members."

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And this is following up... we've given townships, cities, counties, and park districts this right and so, this would give school districts the same right."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 106 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 1922."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1922, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Knox, Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1922 is an initiative of the Illinois FFA and the Illinois Leadership Council for Ag Education. The... what it will do is require the State Board of Education to develop an agricultural education teacher training in continuum to recruit, to train and to retain Ag education teachers. The projections, the goal is to increase student enrollment. The projections are that by 2016 to have a hundred and fifty thousand (150,000) students enrolled in agriculture education and Ag science and so this would be a way to increase the number of teachers that are available. There actually is a shortage of teachers right now. All of our training institutions support this.

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There's no opposition that I'm aware of. Be happy to entertain any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? The Gentleman from Fulton, Representative Smith."

Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of this legislation. Wanna commend Representative Moffitt for his work. Together we serve on the Leadership Council for Ag Education and they actually are in town today and tomorrow for their symposium. This is, I think, a great legislation complementing what we did last year. Ag education and Ag educators continue to lead the way in... in their professionalism and in the development of the curriculum that they do with the State Board of Education. So, I'd encourage an 'aye' vote on this legislation."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. And Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 1923."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1923, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I bring to you House Bill 1923 which for your serious consideration and support. This is an initiative of the Illinois Fire Service and the Illinois

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Fire Caucus. We need a revenue stream to increase funding for the 0 percent fire truck loan and for the Fire Protection Fund. What this provides for is a twenty dollar (\$20) surcharge on serious traffic convictions and that's serious as divided... defined in the Illinois Vehicle Code. Of that twenty dollars (\$20), five (5) would stay with your local Circuit Clerk, seven fifty (7.50) would go to the 0 percent loan and seven fifty (7.50) would go to the Fire Prevention Fund. There's no opposition. And the entire Fire Service is in support. This was one of their big issues for this spring. Be happy to entertain any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "...man has moved for the passage of House Bill 1923. On that question, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Ford."

Ford: "No. I'm... just wanna state for the record that I voted 'yes' on the last Bill, 1922."

Speaker Hannig: "...22. The record will reflect, Representative, your intentions to vote 'yes'."

Ford: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from... Okay. The... Further discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 102 voting 'yes' and 4 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1926, Representative Stephens. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1926, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Bond, Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. House Bill 1926 would require the Department of... the State Board of Education to work in conjunction with the State Police to develop a way... weapons safety program designed to protect children from firearm-related deaths and injuries. I'd move its passage."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 1926. Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 106 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 1947."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1947, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Saviano."

Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 1947 will now allow us to license and regulate mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts matches in the State of Illinois. As you probably see on your sports channels, mixed martial arts are a growing competition. It's... it's affiliated with... with Olympic competitors and we see it becoming more popular than

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wrestling which is more of a form of entertainment than actually a competition. But we've been working with the department. The department is ready to receive and regulate this activity and we think it will be great for our state as far as bringin' in more tourism and convention business. And I would ask for your support for this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "And on the Gentleman's Motion, the Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Meyer."

Meyer: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in opposition to this Bill. On one hand I'm... I'm glad to see that at least the state is recognizing it should be regulated, but on the other hand, just to remind the Body that... that probably 11 years ago now this Body passed legislation that actually banned the so-called sport of ultimate fighting from holding matches in the State of Illinois and just because some of 'em have been held underground, the actions in the ring have not changed. It's a very brutal type of... of a confrontation. I likened it to a barroom brawl without a bar, at the time that we passed the last legislation. I've seen from time to time these events on the television through cable TV, not that I've watched 'em, but I just keep real... wanting to reassure myself that my opinion hasn't changed and for good reason. And I rise in opposition because this Bill, in fact, now allows for ultimate fighting to be held in the state and I still believe that it should not be held here. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Riley."

Riley: "Will the Sponsor please yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "...cates he'll yield."

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Riley: "With the traditional martial arts, most of the... the competitions, even the ones that are professional, there are practitioners from that art that do the judging and refereeing and so forth. So, tae kwon do has tae kwon do practitioners, kempo has kempo practitioners. The mixed martial arts as such, I mean, it really hasn't been around that long and one of the things that they tout is that they're an amalgamation of some of the traditional oriental martial arts. Isn't there a problem... What is the vehicle for the refereeing under your Bill, the refereeing of these... of these matches?"

Saviano: "This Bill will allow our boxing commission to set those standards. Right now we have these competitions going on in this state with no state regulation and also, coming to the department asking for waivers to have these events. We need to pass this Bill to pass the rules and regs to regulate this, that criteria for referees and such will be set forth. Currently, this... this sports activity has evolved from the days of the other Representative's comments when it was more of a bar scene activity. This has become a professional activity and held in major venues across the country, most likely here it will be at the United Center or the Allstate Arena, but we need to pass this to set that criteria of who the referees are going to be in the ring in this State of Illinois."

Riley: "But that's just it, that's just my question. Ya know, it's not boxing and so, people who are trained to referee boxing matches really would not be appropriate and again, since this is supposed to be a mixed martial art and

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frankly, knowing something about the martial arts myself, one of the problems is there's nothing specific, ya know, to this art. A lot of the people who are practitioners of it are not really trained in one of the form of martial arts. Ya know, you don't have to be a black belt to engage in this activity, so I'm saying again, ya know, don't you think you're gonna have some problems with regard to, I mean, you've already admitted regulations have to be set up. One of the problems you're gonna have is the fact that, ya know, there is no tradition, there are no standards with regard to this activity."

Saviano: "Representative, this... this sport is currently thriving in California and Nevada. I'm sure we will... we will be communicating with their respective commissions to see who the referees should be, what criteria they should... or training they should have. So, we're not reinventing the wheel here, we're simply adding the State of Illinois as one of the states that are willing to regulate this sporting activity."

Riley: "Mr. Speaker, to the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "To the Bill."

Riley: "I really think that there's not a lot of history in this. I think there's going to be problems with regard to its regulation, the scoring, the refereeing and these kinds of issues. One of the unfortunate problems is that this art does still suffer from its history. Ya know, where... whereby opponents are beaten into submission, ya know, so that it's not like the traditional martial arts that are controlled, that are focused and actually have hundreds of years of

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history to it. And so, I have to vote negatively on this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Miller."

Miller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I support this legislation. And as I mentioned in committee, there's a mixed martial art activity called Shudokan that... that I look forward to every time... every year at the Park West. And it's not as... as competitive as... as the sport that Representative Saviano is... is addressing today, but what they do have is trained, professional referees, what they do have is an ambulance that's outside waiting, what they do have is all the security that's needed and if we don't regulate it that means this activity could go underground, this activity could be unregulated, somebody could be hurt. This is only some commonsense legislation that I think is at its time and its day. It's a sport that is clearly taking... it's grabbin' a hold of the country and even though we may disagree with what's going on, it's something that at least that it's happening that we need to support. I would... I ask everyone to support this legislation."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Saviano to close."

Saviano: "We've been working on this for some time in the last 4 years. This is the culmination of a lot of work from a lot of people. And I would appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "And the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this

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question, there are 96 voting 'yes' and 10 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 1969."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1969, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Brauer."

Brauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This extends the debt limitation for Rochester School District to allow them to issue bonds up to fifteen million (15,000,000), pending local voter approval. This is the same Bill that we passed extending the debt limitations for Oswego and Lincoln-Way School Districts last year. Rochester currently tops the state construction priority list and is due to get approximately ten million dollars (\$10,000,000). Despite lack of state funding, Rochester voters approved nineteen million dollars (\$19,000,000), eight million (8,000,000) in 2002, an additional eleven million (11,000,000) in 2005. With the latest approval of eleven million (11,000,000), the lack of state funding, Rochester is currently bumping up against their debt limit and is still in need of funding a new high school. I'll answer all questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 1969. And on that question, the Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Very briefly. I rise in strong support of this. This is not a... a measure that increases anything regarding the district's rate unless it's a front door referendum. We've done it for several school

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districts. And appreciate your support of Representative Brauer's initiative here to help insure that the district that is on the top of the 24 is... is funded. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Graham."

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

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

Graham: "Representative Brauer, so this piece of legislation gives you bond authority for the area that you represent?"

Brauer: "Yes, it does."

Graham: "So, you wouldn't be necessarily opposed to anyone else bringing bond authority for their particular area?"

Brauer: "No, as long as it's a front door referendum."

Graham: "I guess, my concern is, we're down here, we... we're always supporting legislation when people come and say that this is something that affects our area, we try to support it where oftentimes if you're bringing legislation that affects the City of Chicago or some of the other areas, you guys are not very supportive of it. So, I was just kinda concerned about, ya know, history on your votes on issues that affected other peoples' areas."

Brauer: "Thank you for your question."

Graham: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Brauer to close."

Brauer: "This... this is very important. Again, Rochester is 99 percent of their funding used up. They need this for their school district. I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all

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voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 72 voting 'yes' and 33 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Myers, you have House Bill 1972. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1972, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Myers."

Myers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the General Assembly. House Bill 1972 provides that as a condition of probation or supervision, the court may require the defendant to contribute a reasonable sum of money, not to exceed the fine the defendant received, to the Investigative Cash Fund established by the DNR or Department of Natural Resources. This fund is for investigative purposes and uncut... undercover operations. This Bill has been an initiative of the Conservation Police Command Association which is a group of conservation officers and is supported by the Department of Natural Resources. And I request an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 103 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 36 of the Calendar, under the Order of House Bills-Third

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Reading, Representative Brauer, you have House Bill 2023.
Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2023, a Bill for an Act concerning
State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Brauer."

Brauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the
House. This is a Bill that has us to look at the legacy
items of our Lincoln sites here in Illinois. In less than a
year we're gonna be starting the 200th anniversary of
Lincoln's birthday celebration and we have only appropriated
five hundred thousand (500,000) this year, five hundred
thousand (500,000) for next year at a time when Kentucky's
put approximately ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) out
there. So, hopefully, we can get some interest, we can get
some legacy items that will be here for the next generation
that will be part of our donation to this 200th birthday of
Lincoln's birthdate. I'll answer all votes (sic-
questions)."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is,
'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed
'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have
all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk,
take the record. On this question, there are 104 voting
'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a
Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed.
Representative Rose, you have House Bill 2035. Mr. Clerk,
read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2035, a Bill for an Act concerning
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Speaker Hannig: "Representative Rose."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. This Bill would simply allow us to capture federal moneys that we're not currently able to capture by allowing local units of government or other entities to put into a fund to then use those dollars to capture federal matching funds. This came to me from a constituent organization, Charleston Transitional Facilities, which helps developmentally disabled individuals, and they're looking to get a... a van to transport developmentally disabled individuals. The program that we've had recently has been not funded for several years. They would be more than happy to put in the 20 percent match which would then allow us to capture 80 percent from the Federal Government, yet we can't do that under existing statute, thus why we're here today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "And on that question, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang."

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

Speaker Hannig: "Indicates he'll yield."

Lang: "Representative, my file indicates that IDOT may be opposed to this. Can you tell me why?"

Rose: "I... ya know, they didn't testify against it in committee, Representative, they may have filed a witness slip, but they did not testify against it. Therefore, my only thought would be that it would have... they would have to establish the rules and regs under which individuals could pay into this fund that would then be used in turn to capture federal funds."

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Lang: "Well, I have a note here that says that without a capital program there's no local match available through IDOT. Is that... could that be the program that we have a problem with?"

Rose: "That... that's exactly what we're doin', Representative. The problem with this is that there has not... that line item has not been funded for several years now. This would allow units of local government to voluntarily pay in to the fund which then could be used to match... to gain the federal match."

Lang: "All right. I have no problem with your Bill, but I would just ask ya to work with IDOT, if the Bill goes to the other chamber, to see if we can resolve their problems."

Rose: "Be happy to do that."

Lang: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "...cates he'll yield."

Davis, W.: "So... so, let me just make sure I understand. So, the City of Markham, in the south suburbs, if they wanted to... in order to acquire their local match for dollars, they could pay the money themselves?"

Rose: "Ye... yes, Representative. They can... Going back to the example of how we got here, there's a 20 percent local match or state match that's required that then captures 80 percent from the Federal Government. Because the 20 percent has not been funded for several years now, we've gone without it and have not been able capture that federal match. So, in your scenario, Representative, yes, if they decide as a local

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entity they wanted to pay into the fund that would then allow them to capture that additional federal funding for whatever specific project is they're looking for."

Davis, W.: "So... so, is that the only way... like... like, ya know..."

Rose: "No. And that..."

Davis, W.: "...some of my towns don't... my towns don't necessarily have dollars. So... so... so if... so if communities pay into this fund you're talking about, does that mean that it's now available for any community to use or..."

Rose: "No, it would have to be matched... it would have to be for a project-by-project basis to capture the federal money. There's... there's another way to get... it's not just limited to the local communities. It could also be local entities, like for example, in my district, the Charleston Transitional Facility, which helps developmentally disabled individuals and they would put in and be able to get a... their vehicle, their tran... their van to transport individuals, in my scenario. The other way to do it would be to fund this line item, but it would... hasn't happened in a long time and so, we're simply looking for another avenue to help fund some of these projects."

Davis, W.: "So, I... I mean, I get the concept of what you're doin', so it might tell, won't it, to say every year for the next 5 years pay ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) into this fund. So, can they set money aside for future use?"

Rose: "Representative, there has to be a specific federal grant matching fund that's available. So, if the Federal Government had something that was available and we wanted to apply for that in that given year under the parameters of

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the federal match, then, yes, but I think it would be very hard to look out into the future and know what the Federal Government's gonna have available for federal match. Does that answer your question?"

Davis, W.: "I guess it does. So, but why is it then nec... if a community has the dollars to pay into this fund in order to acquire their match, then why is it necessary? So, why do you have to establish a fund to do it with the time... when the time comes, why can't they just pay their portion of the match and then keep going with the project?"

Rose: "Representative, because right now they're... they're not allowed to put anything in. Right now, it's only the state that's allowed to fu... to put money into the... the local... into the fund and then capture those dollars under the federal matching grant. They can't do that under current law. That's why we're trying to change that, to let them do that but it wouldn't... I mean, it's not an unlimited... it's not unlimited. There would have to be a specific Federal Government match program that they're going after when they do that."

Davis, W.: "Okay, Representative. Thank you."

Rose: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mulligan."

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

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

Mulligan: "Representative, trying to follow this debate and not being on the committee and it just appears to me that it's a lot more complicated than it looks, although all your committee Members voted for it, so I'm not quite sure. IDOT

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would have to establish and take the funding in and then what you would be doing is taking up the obligation of federal funds, if the state does not have a capital Bill, where a local entity might be able to do that. So, say, the City of Chicago wanted to fund something, they could put up the money and then federal funds would be obligated for the match. Is that IDOT's objection to this or is there any area that's excluded in your Bill?"

Rose: "Well, one, IDOT didn't actually testify at the committee. I... They may have slipped against it, but... but the... since it's hard to ascertain exactly what the nature of that objection is, but I would suggest that they're gonna have to create the rules and parameters for how this would happen and as an example, before they could even accept dollar one from a local entity, the Federal Government would have to have something in place to match in the first pla... instance and so, because we haven't funded it for several years now, large segments of our population have gone without access to these matching funds, this would allow them to go ahead and access those funds irrespective of what we do in this chamber and the other chamber and then the second floor."

Mulligan: "So, who brought you this idea for this legislation or did you just..."

Rose: "Representative, it came... the Charleston Transitional Facility, which is in my district; it's a very large provider of services to the developmentally disabled. They have been trying for some time to get a new van to transport developmentally disabled individuals. The grant program that would help them pay for these vans and as you well

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know, as your spokesperson on your committee, these vans are extreme... very expensive. If we could only get that 20 percent match, we could then access an 80 percent federal grant to cover the cost of the van, but because the capital line item has not funded these programs for so long, we now have these very vehicles are in disrepair and et cetera. They're more than willing to put up the 20 percent out of their funds which then allows us to capture that federal money."

Mulligan: "So, if they're able to put up the money, does IDOT automatically have to accept whatever they wanna spend the money on and put up Illinois's federal funding to cover that..."

Rose: "Well..."

Mulligan: "...or is there any process with..."

Rose: "... It didn't seem that Illinois wouldn't... That's the whole point of this. Right now, Illinois isn't putting up any money to capture these dollars. So, 'yes', is the short answer to your question ex... with the proviso that they would be putting up the money to then allow us as a state to capture the federal... to capture the federal pass-through. Now, that said, the only thing that we... that we... the only thing that would be different than that would be if the Federal Government has a no pass-through clause in their program."

Mulligan: "Okay. So, a local government or a local consortium of people in an area or a county would decide that they wanna project and since the state has no capital Bill, they would say we'll put up 'x' number of dollars to take... to do

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the capital project and they would have to contribute it to IDOT and IDOT would have to establish a line item to put that money in and then obligate matching federal funds that would be Illinois for that in order to get that project on the... on the record. So..."

Rose: "Essentially, yes."

Mulligan: "All right. So, would there be any problem with IDOT being able to establish that line item and then collecting the money. I mean... I... I work budget, but I'm not on that... in that area and to me that... I'm not sure exactly how that worked... it would sound like a good idea because I know in years gone by we have... we have mas... missed matching federal funds because either local people come to us too late or the program, ya know, we missed it and we're not putting it up. On the other hand, I'm not quite sure how it would operate and if IDOT would have a problem establishing that line item which will be a long time rollover which I would think because the program would take longer..."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative, your five minutes have expired. Could you bring your remarks to a close, please?"

Mulligan: "I have no problem. I just... I just can't quite... I wish you were not in the Chair and on the House Floor because you might be able to explain it to me, Mr. Chair, because you do a lot more budget than I do. I just see some... some issues with this and I don't wanna vote against it. But thank you very much."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Harris."

Harris: "Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question."

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Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman moved the previous question. The question is, 'Shall the main question be put?' All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The main question is put. Representative Rose to close."

Rose: "Thank you, again. This would help individuals that serve the developmentally disabled to serve schools through all kinds of social needs in our state access those federal... federal funds during this time of tight budgetary times. So, I would ask for its favorable adoption."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 102 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Saviano on 3374. Rep... Representative Durkin, you're gonna handle that. Okay. Representative Durkin."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3374, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Durkin."

Durkin: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I've got a hearing problem, and I'm not sure... About a year ago I had some surgery and I thought I lost the ringing in my ear, but something's returned in some form, but thank you, Mr. Black, for your consideration. Yes, this is the Illinois Police Canine Certification Act and this Bill's gonna set up a certification board of professionals who will be involved

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with, by administrative rule, establishing requirements for the certification of police canines that are used in law enforcement agencies throughout the state. I think it's reasonable. I was a former narcotics prosecutor and we often used canines to do a lot of the investigatory work. And they are, by... by the course, have established that canines are basically have probable cause with four legs, but it's a question of how they... how they're trained is very important. So, I think setting up a... a board which is gonna have uniform standards throughout the State of Illinois, I think, is a responsible way to handle these... these animals who are an integral part of law enforcement. I welcome any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 104 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 3394."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3394, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you very much, Speaker. This Bill creates the smart cities grant program which is a new program with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The program is subject to appropriation. The department may establish and administer a program to make grants to

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municipalities for urban preservation and redevelopment as well as green technology. The second part of this is House Bill 3394 also creates the green cities grant program which also allows the new program in the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is subject to appropriation. This program would also... would allow DCEO to make grants to municipalities to buildings... whose buildings conform to the United States Green Building Council Leadership and Environmental and Energy Design rating system. And I would ask for a favorable vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 99 voting 'yes' and 5 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Bassi, for what reason do you rise?"

Bassi: "An inquiry of the Chair, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "Yes. Proceed."

Bassi: "Is it the intent of the Chair to move Bills from Second to Third once we've finished with this final page of Third Reading Bills?"

Speaker Hannig: "Probably not, Representative."

Bassi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bellock on House Bill 3454. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3454, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. This is House Bill 3454 and this Bill provides that police training curriculum will include a block of educational instruction aimed at identifying and instructing and interacting with persons with autism and other developmental disabilities. This Bill was brought to me by the... a couple of police departments in reaction to several incidents that have happened over the last couple of years but especially last year when a young man was killed by a police officer with a taser gun that was autistic. And this training is done for free by lots of other groups so it probably won't have any cost and it will provide some good training."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 104 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 3487."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3487, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Froehlich."

Froehlich: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill simply eliminates a... one sentence on that... the statement of economic interest form to comply with a law that we passed last year. It's not controversial. I know of no opponents. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question... Excuse me. The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It grows late. I looked at this Bill. The future of western civilization may well hang on what we do here. Representative, if the Secretary of State no longer has to send me a receipt, what difference does it make whether I use a PO Box, a street address, an e-mail account, or I put it in my kickboxing account? I mean, what... what difference does it make, he isn't gonna send it to me anyway."

Froehlich: "Well, unfortunately, some of the county clerks, seeing that informa... that line on there, are mistakenly sending notifications that they shouldn't be. So, this is kinda cleanup to a Bill that followed last year saying you no longer send notifications to remove the language to indicate notification will be sent. It's just kind of an anachronism now to remain on the form."

Black: "Wouldn't it be simpler just to do away with the county clerks?"

Froehlich: "I guess you have to check with the county clerks on that one."

Black: "So, you just wanna do away on the form any... any indication of an address so that they aren't sent... you aren't sent notice that somebody checked your statements."

Froehlich: "No. Here's... here's the language that's currently on the form. It asks for your name then it says your full post office address to which notification of an examination of

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this statement should be sent. We're just gonna eliminate that and just ask for your address. That's all."

Black: "And so, but that... that line, under the old law, was if somebody pulled my statement..."

Froehlich: "Yes."

Black: "...I was notified that you had looked at my statement..."

Froehlich: "Correct."

Black: "...and I called you about that and asked you why and you never answered. Remember that? You pulled my statement."

Froehlich: "I forgot..."

Black: "You forgot that, didn't ya?"

Froehlich: "Yeah, I did."

Black: "What goes around comes around, Representative."

Speaker Hannig: "Any further discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 102 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Mathias, you have House Bill 3593. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3593, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mathias."

Mathias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Home Rule communities can now prosecute locally retail theft or... charges. And all this Bill does is allow non-Home Rule communities to have that same right. Unfortunately, there are so many shoplifting

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cases that I... I believe it's overburdening the system and I think with the fact that local communities can do it also will help... help unclog some of the system from the State's Attorneys Office. So, I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 104 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 3627. Return that to the Order of Second Reading at the request of the Sponsor. Representative Molaro has House Bill 3652. Out of the record. And Representative Lang... Out of the record. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of House Bill 1100?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1100 is on the Order of Third Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "...turn that to the Order of Second Reading at the request of the Sponsor. And Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 824."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 824 is on the Order of Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 824, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. All notes have been filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Davis, Will Davis, for what reason do you rise?"

Davis, W.: "An announcement, Mr. Speaker. I encourage everyone to watch or listen to the SIU Salukis tonight on TV, radio, the last Illinois team in the NCAA tournament."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

Black: "Mr. Speaker, a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "...point."

Black: "And I mean this in all due respect. I know we have a full Calendar and there are lots of Bills on it and I appreciate the fact that you've given most of us a chance to move our Bills early in the Session. However, I, personally, I'm not speaking for anybody except myself. We were scheduled to be in Session tomorrow and then it was canceled and so we work until 6:30 or longer tonight which means many of us will drive home in questionable weather, in the dark, getting home at 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00. I don't understand why we do this this early in the Session. It would have been much easier to go until 4:00 or 5:00 tonight, have a reasonable dinner and be able to watch the Salukis play on television and come back tomorrow as we were scheduled to do. Now, I'm gonna assume on my drive home I may get a radio station and listen to Southern Illinois and I may not. I mean, I... I just... and I mean this in all due respect... this early in the Session I don't know why we have to work until 6:30 or 7:00 on getaway day when we were scheduled to be in tomorrow in the first place. It would have been much easier to adjourn, have a reasonable dinner

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tonight, watch the basketball game, come in tomorrow and finish up the work. Instead, now some of us are gonna drive two and a half, three, three and a half hours to get home late and my wife and my dog are not appreciative of that."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lyons."

Lyons: "Representative Brauer or Representative Poe might correct me. I think 1450 is ESPN, ya get the radio on 1450 SIU and Kansas. And Kansas was leading 8 to 2 with three minutes gone in the first half."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, read the Adjournment Resolution. Representative Stephens, for what reason do you rise?"

Stephens: "On our side of the aisle, the score is 10 to 5."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, read the Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Joint Resolution 41.

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, March 22, 2007, they stand adjourned until Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at 12:00 noon."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lang moves for the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Adjournment Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, read the Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Mahoney: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 236, offered by Representative Cross. House Resolution 237, offered by Representative Madigan. House Resolution 238, offered by Representative Madigan. House Resolution 239, offered by Representative Saviano. House Resolution 240, offered by Representative Ryg. House Resolution 241,

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offered by Representative Monique Davis. And House Resolution 73, offered by Representative Cross."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lang moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Are there any further announcements? Then allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Representative Lang moves that the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 27, at the hour of 12 noon. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Motion is adopted and the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Referred to the House Committee on Rules is Senate Joint Resolution 5, offered by Representative Ford. Senate Joint Resolution 6, offered by Representative Ford. And Senate Joint Resolution 21, offered by Representative Riley. Representative Osterman, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 21, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 1508 and House Bill 1941. Representative Moffitt, Chairperson from the Committee on Fire Protection, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 21, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 1638; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 1921. Representative Lang, Chairperson from the Committee on Gaming, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 21, 2007, reported the same back with

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the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 3453. Representative Holbrook, Chairperson from the Committee on Environment & Energy, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 21, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 3729, House Bill 3728, House Bill 3671, House Bill 1407; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is House Bill 516, House Bill 1309, House Bill 1755; 'do pass as amended Standard Debate' is House Bill 1463. Representative Ryg, Chairperson from the Committee on Disability Services, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 21, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' is House Bill 226, and House Bill 495; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is House Bill 2002. Representative Franks, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 21, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' for House Bill 1868, and House Bill 3496, House Bill 6559 (sic-659), House Bill 2783, House Bill 3764, House Bill 3765, House Bill 3628, House Bill 1718, and House Bill 407, House Bill 1101, and House Bill 1496; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is House Bill 1021, House Bill 3397, House Bill 298, House Bill 3602, House Bill 161, House Bill 1467; 'recommends be adopted' is House Joint Resolution 14, House Resolution 149, House Resolution 211. Representative McCarthy, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education, to which the following measure/s was/were

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referred, action taken on March 21, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is House Bill 14. Representative Chapa LaVia, Chairperson from the Committee on Local Government, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 21, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 742; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is House Bill 1259, House Bill 1818, House Bill 1881, House Bill 3490; 'do pass Short Debate' is House Bill 988, House Bill 1302, House Bill 1622, House Bill 1703, House Bill 1822, House Bill 3428, House Bill 3463. Representative Saviano, Chairperson from the Committee on Registration & Regulation, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 21, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' is House Bill 3679, and House Bill 3724; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 474, House Bill 498, House Bill 944, House Bill 1071, House Bill 1248, House Bill 1271, House Bill 1283, House Bill 1427, House Bill 1479, House Bill 1885, House Bill 3388; 'recommends be adopted' is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 129. Representative Beiser, Chairperson from the Committee on DCFS Oversight, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 22, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is House Bill 1118. Representative Molaro, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary II-Criminal Law, to which the following measure/s

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was/were referred, action taken on March 22, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted as amended' House Joint Resolution 21; 'recommends be adopted' is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3135; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is House Bill 179, House Bill 306, House Bill 1290, House Bill 1450, House Bill 1557, House Bill 1831, and House Bill 3477; 'do pass as amended Standard Debate' is House Bill 1294, House Bill 1979; 'do pass Short Debate' is House Bill 39, House Bill 135, House Bill 270, House Bill 308, House Bill 441, House Bill 449, House Bill 502, House Bill 1289, House Bill 1291, House Bill 1382, House Bill 1403, House Bill 1504, House Bill 1998, and House Bill 3399, and House Bill 3416. Representative Mendoza, Chairperson from the Committee on Renewable Energy, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 22, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 185, and House Bill 285. Representative Phelps, Chairperson from the Committee on Rural Economic Development, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 22, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 3569. Representative Hamos, Chairperson from the Committee on Mass Transit, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 22, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' is House Bill 520. Representative Howard, Chairperson from the Committee on Computer Technology, to which the following measure/s

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was/were referred, action taken on March 22, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' is House Bill 314; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is House Bill 754. Representative Joyce, Chairperson from the Committee on Aging, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 22, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is House Bill 1646; 'do pass Short Debate' is House Bill 1351, and House Bill 3508. Representative Rich Bradley, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 22, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 1253, and House Bill 1605; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is House Bill 1331, House Bill 1627, and House Bill 1723."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative McAuliffe, Chairperson from the Committee on Veterans Affairs, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 22, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' for House Bill 1233. Representative Collins, Chairperson from the Committee on Juvenile Justice Reform, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 22, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' for House Bill 615, House Bill 1050, House Bill 790, House Bill 291, House Bill 3621, House Bill 1639; 'do pass Standard Debate' for House Bill 1518; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 1322, and House Bill 394.

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Representative Flider, Chairperson from the Committee on Least Cost Power Procurement, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 22, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' for House Bill 3657; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' for House Bill 1510. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 242, offered by Representative Sacia. This Resolution is referred to the House Rules Committee. Introduction of Senate Joint Resolutions. Senate Joint Resolution 2, offered by Representative Eddy. Senate Joint Resolution 3, offered by Representative Washington. Senate Joint Resolution 26, offered by Representative Jim Meyer. Senate Joint Resolution 28, offered by Representative Bellock. These Resolutions are referred to the House Rules Committee. First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 270, offered by Representative Riley, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 374, offered by Representative Riley, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 529, offered by Representative Will Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 576, offered by Representative Watson, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Senate Bill 673, offered by Representative Winters, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. Senate Bill 1225, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1296, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 1299, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning

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regulation. Senate Bill 1304, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Senate Bill 1346, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 1350, offered by Representative Hamos, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 1358, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning fire safety. Senate Bill 1361, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1363, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1365, offered by Representative Cole, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Senate Bill 1368, offered by Representative Gordon, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Senate Bill 1369, offered by Representative Hamos, a Bill for an Act concerning prison litigation. Senate Bill 1370, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 1375, offered by Representative Reboletti, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 1379, offered by Representative Riley, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Senate Bill 1358(sic-1385), offered by Representative Kosel, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 1418, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 1424, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1438, offered by Representative Reis, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1457, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning local government.

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Senate Bill 1460, offered by Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 1463, offered by Representative Will Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1467, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 1472, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1487, offered by Representative Fortner, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Senate Bill 1523, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 1544, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 1545, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 1560, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1568, offered by Representative Fortner, a Bill for an Act concerning forest preserve districts. Senate Bill 1575, offered by Representative Reis, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1579, offered by Representative Washington, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1581, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning health care. Senate Bill 1627, offered by Representative Hamos, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 1663, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 1664, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 1680, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 1704, offered by Representative Granberg, a Bill

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for an Act concerning alternative energy. Senate Bill 1739, offered by Representative Ryg, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. Senate Bill 19, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. Senate Bill 33, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 54, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 56, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 66, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 68, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 73, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 79, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 82, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act in relation to veterans. Senate Bill 83, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 88, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 132, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 137, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning the Internet. Senate Bill 140, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. Senate Bill 142, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 157, offered by Representative Coulson, a Bill for an Act concerning ethics. First Reading

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of these Senate Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."