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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

The regular Session of the 102nd General Assembly will please come to order. In place of the invocation today, I ask all Senators and those watching the proceedings to observe a moment of silence in accordance with your beliefs and in order for those lost during this pandemic. (Moment of silence) Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Bennett, please lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR BENNETT:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Bennett)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

James Carder, seeks leave to -- to record from Blueroomstream. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, February 15th, 2022.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. {sic} President, I move to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal just read by the Secretary, pending arrival of the printed transcripts.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolutions 835 through 837, offered by Senator Anderson and all Members.

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They are all celebration of life resolutions, Madam President.

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Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 834, offered by Senator Pacione-Zayas.

And Senate Resolution 838, offered by Senator Holmes.

They are both substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Mr. Secretary, Introduction and Reading of Senate Bills for the first time.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 4174, offered by Senator Stadelman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Belt, Chair of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Bills 3093 and 3907 Do Pass; and Senate Resolution 788 Be Adopted.

Senator Van Pelt, Chair of the Committee on Healthcare Access and Availability, reports Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 3017, and Senate Resolution 633 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Stadelman, Chair of the Committee on Local Government, reports Senate Bill 2912 Do Pass.

Senator Morrison, Chair of the Committee on Health, reports Senate Bill 3775 Do Pass; Senate Resolutions 723, 791, 792, and Senate Joint Resolution 42 Be Adopted.

Senator Crowe, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, reports

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Senate Bills 3069, 3477, and 3650 Do Pass; Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 3083 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Martwick, Chair of the Committee on Pensions, reports Senate Bill 2991 Do Pass; and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2952 Recommend Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Would all Members please come to the Senate Floor? We are going to 2nd Reading. Members please come to the Floor for 2nd Readings. Ladies and Gentlemen, would you please come to the Floor we're going on to 2nd Readings. We're going to be starting on page 2 of the printed Calendar. We'll be starting with Senate Bill 675. Please come to the Floor. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to go to the top of the Calendar on page 2, and start with Senate Bill 675. Senator Villivalam. do you wish to proceed? Move -- moving down to Senate Bill 1571, Senator Martwick, do you wish to proceed? Going on to Senate Bill 2973. Ope! Sorry, Senator Tracy, on Senate Bill 2154. Do you wish to proceed? She indicates she does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2154.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Have there been any Floor... Ope. 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2963, Senator Syverson. Senate Bill 2973, Senator Cunningham. Senate Bill 2977, Senator Morrison. Senate Bill 2989, Senator Villivalam. Senator -- Senator Villivalam on Senate Bill 3006. Senator Villivalam. Senator Villivalam, on Senate Bill 3007.

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Senator Villivalam. Moving on to Senate Bill 3025, Senator Bush. Senate Bill 3027, Senator Belt. Senate Bill 3036, Senator Hastings. Senate Bill 3045, Senator Cunningham. Senate Bill 3127, Senator Anderson. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3127.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senator Villivalam, on Senate Bill 3146. Sorry, Senator Villanueva how do you wish to proceed on Senate Bill 3146? Moving on to Senate Bill 3157, Senator Bennett. Senator Bennett indicates he'd like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3157.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senator Cunningham, on Senate Bill 3177. Back to Senator Bennett, on 3178. Senator Bennett do you wish to proceed? Senator Bennett, how do you wish to proceed on Senate Bill 3178? Indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3178.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3211, Senator Martwick. Senate Bill 3215, Senator Bennett, how do you wish to proceed? Senator Bennett, on... He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3215.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. Excuse me, Senate Bill 3215.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Revenue, adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Moving on to page 4 of the printed Calendar, we're going to go to Senate Bill 3474, Senator Koehler. Moving on to 3495, Senator Koehler. Senate Bill 3600, Senator Bennett, do you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3600.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3633, Senator Koehler. Senate Bill 3645, Senator Lightford. Senate Bill 3683, Senator Joyce. Senate Bill 3695, Senator Collins. With leave of the Body, we will skip over 3709, we'll go to the top of page 5, with 3762, Senator Hastings. 3786, Senator Ellman. 3808, Senator Lightford. Senate Bill 3900, Senator Lightford. Senate Bill 3902, Senator Lightford. Moving on to page 6 of the printed Calendar, we will begin with 3930, Senator Sims. Senator Sims, on 3932. Senate Bill 3936, Senator Sims. Senate Bill 3938, Senator Sims. Senate Bill 3939, Senator Sims. Senate Bill 3944, Senator Sims. Senate Bill 3981, Senator Sims. Senate Bill 3982, Senator Sims. Senate Bill 3985, Senator McConchie. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are going to go back and do another Reading for those who were not on the Floor for 2nd Reading. Everyone within the sound of my voice please come to the Floor if you've got a bill on 2nd Reading, you'd like to move to 3rd's. Moving on to page 4, of the printed Calendar starting with Senate Bill 3474. Senator Koehler, do you wish to proceed? He indicates he does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3474.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we are going back to page 2 of the printed Calendar and we're going to move on to Senate Bill 2952. That's Senator Van Pelt, how do you wish to proceed?

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She indicates she yields. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2952.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Van Pelt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Van Pelt, on your amendment.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

I would like to move to adopt the amendment and I will discuss it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Moving on to Senate Bill 2963. Senator Syverson. He indicates he wishes -- he -- to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2963.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments

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reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we are going back to page 2 starting with Senate Bill 2973. Senator Cunningham do you wish to proceed. He indicates he does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2973.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Now going to page 3, we're going to go to Senate Bill 3045. Senator Cunningham, do you wish to proceed? He indicates he does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3045.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we are still going on page 3, the top of the Order. Senate Bill 3036. Senator Hastings, do you wish to proceed? He indicates he does. Mr. Secretary,

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read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3036.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor Amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. In the middle of page 3, we are going to Senate Bill 3177. Senator Cunningham. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3177.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor Amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we are going to page 5, very top of the page. Senate Bill 3762. Senator Hastings, do you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3762.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor Amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we are going back to page 2, near the top of the page. We're going to start with Senate Bill 675. Senator Villivalam. Moving on to Senate Bill 2989.

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Senator Villivalam. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2989.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Pensions adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Have there been any Floor Amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senator Villivalam, on Senate Bill 3006. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3006.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor Amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senator Villivalam, on Senate Bill 3007. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3007.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor Amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we are going to page 6, near the bottom. We have Senate Bill 3985. Senator McConchie, do you wish to proceed. He indicates he does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3985.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor Amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senator Rezin, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Madam President, for point of announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

State your announcement.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Madam President. Today we have a very -- we're recognizing a very important birthday today on our side of the aisle. I'd like to recognize Senator Don DeWitte's birthday. The dean -- the dean of the Senate over here, so please, if you have time to come over and wish him happy birthday. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Thank you and happy birthday Senator DeWitte. Senator Hunter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HUNTER:

For the purpose of an announcement, Madam President. The Senate Democrats...

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State your announcement.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you very much. The Senate Democrats will caucus virtually for one hour at 12:30. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

The -- Senator Hunter, that was a half hour you said?

SENATOR HUNTER:

Yes ma'am, thirty minutes, caucus.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator McClure, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR McCLURE:

Madam President, the Senate Republicans request a caucus for the same amount of time, thirty minutes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

The Senate Democratic Caucus will caucus starting at 12:30 for a half hour. The Senate Republicans will caucus also for a half hour, I believe in person. The Democratic Caucus will caucus virtually. We will then recess until the call of the Chair. When we come back there will be Floor action. Senate stands in recess till the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Ladies and Gentlemen, please come to the Floor. We are going to be taking up final action, this is final action, bills on 3rd Reading. Please come to the Floor. On page 7 of the Calendar, is the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. This is final action. Starting about the middle of page 7, we will go to Senate Bill

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670. Senator -- Senator Glowiak Hilton, do you wish to proceed?
The Senator indicates that she does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 670.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Glowiak Hilton.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

Thank you, Madam Chair -- Madam President. Been awhile since I've presented a bill, here we go. So Senate Bill 670 has no opponents. It..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Hold -- hold on a second, Senator. Could we keep it down so we can hear the bills on final action, please? Go ahead, Senator Glowiak Hilton.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

Thank you. So, there is a worker shortage that we're all aware of. We're trying to get people back to work. I'm trying to cut down on the red tape that's going on at IDFPR because it's taking too long for my constituents to get licensed to get to work. So, I heard from a lot of constituents, there was a lot of support from other Senators who also heard. There are -- people that are concerned like nurses, pharmacists, accountants, doctors, not being able to get their certifications quickly. So, this requires IDFPR, this Senate Bill 670, to complete licensing in 4 weeks, as opposed to, sometimes it's taking months to get through. So, it's just a -- a bill that from a complete application - four weeks until someone's licensed.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Senator Glowiak {sic}, do you wish to close?

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

Yep, thank you. I think it's good to get people back to work as soon as we can and the way to do that is to process their licenses as quick as we can. So, I would appreciate an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 670 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question there are 54 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, or 5 not voting. On that question, okay, sorry. I'm going back here. There are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 voting Present. On that question -- okay, Senate Bill 670, having received the required constitutional majority is declared passed. Turning to page 8 on the printed Calendar, we have Senate Bill 2942. Senator Turner. Senate {sic} Sally Turner, do you wish to proceed?

SENATOR S. TURNER:

I'm sorry.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

The Senator indicates she does want to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2942.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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Senator Turner, would you like to explain your bill?

SENATOR S. TURNER:

Sorry. Thank you, Madam Chairman. I'm sorry that took so long. Yes, this -- with our amendment, we also are asking that when a child victim is under eighteen years of age at the time of the offense, that the court can exclude -- witnesses from the proceedings while the child victim is testifying, regardless of the alleged victims age at the time of the victim's courtroom testimony. All persons, who in the opinion of the court, do not have a direct interest in the case, of course, except the media. This comes to us on behalf of the McClean County States Attorney's Office where they had a couple of cases in which the minor had to testify, and in some cases, the minor did not want to testify because they were afraid to do it in front of people that were inside the courtroom.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Senator Bennett, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BENNETT:

Madam President. Thank you. I just wanted to commend the sponsor of this bill, as someone who prosecuted these cases and saw what real courage is for children who've been betrayed by the people they are supposed to trust, to sit up there on the stand and speak to a crowded courtroom. To have the ability to clear the courtroom, except for media, which I understand the bill allows, as it should. Gives a little bit of peace of mind to these brave witnesses. And so, I just wanted -- I wanted to ask my side of the aisle to make sure that we support this bill. This is very important to make sure that these juvenile witnesses get a chance

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to say what happened and have the truth heard in court. So, thank you, madam sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Aquino, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR AQUINO:

The Senator -- for a question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

She indicates she'll yield.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Thank you. Senator, I see that the ACLU of Illinois and the Cook County Public Defender's Office are opponents to this bill. Could you explain a little bit of their opposition?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Turner.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

Thank you for your question. Yes, we had a conversation with them and made sure to have a phone call. Their -- they didn't want the defendant and the victim to have the same exact rights, I guess, if you will. So, they tended to lean a little bit more toward the rights of the defendant. That's how we felt about that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Aquino. Is there any further discussion? Senator Turner, would you like to close?

SENATOR S. TURNER:

Thank you, Madam Chairman. I just would like to say I appreciate the Champaign County State's Attorney's Office and the McClean County State's Attorney's Office for providing us with this much needed bill. We'd appreciate your vote.

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The question is, shall Senate Bill 2942 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 49 Yeas, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. And Senate Bill 2942, having reached the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Fine, on Senate Bill 2945. Senator Fine, she does wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2945.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Fine, describe your bill.

SENATOR FINE:

Thank you. Senate Bill 2945 establishes the 9-8-8 Trust Fund in the State treasury to maintain the fund for the statewide 9-8-8 suicide prevention hotline.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2945 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 voting Present. And Senate Bill 2945, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next in order, we have Senate Bill 2951. Senator Hunter, do you wish to proceed? She indicates she does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2951.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you very much, Madam President. This is an initiative of the Illinois Hospital -- Health and Hospital Association and it basically extends the sunset from December 31st, 2022, to December 31, 2027, for the income tax credit for -- to for-profit hospitals. hospital owners, equal to the amount of property taxes paid by the hospital, or the cost of free, or discounted services that the hospitals provide. The bill also makes a permanent -- makes permanent, the sales tax exemption for non-profit hospitals equipment -- and materials by removing the sunset provisions entirely, and I know of no opposition and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2951 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 voting Present. And Senate Bill 2951, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving on to Senate Bill 2958. Senator Martwick. He indicates he'd like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

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Senate Bill 2958.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Martwick, would you like to explain your bill?

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 2958 establishes the servant -- service credit contribution formula for participants on union leave from the Laborers' and Retirement Board Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago. It is an initiative of the LABF and I know of no opposition. Ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2958 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. And Senate Bill 2958, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Then we're moving on to Senate Bill 2962. Senator Morrison, would you like... moving on to 2974. Senator Feigenholtz, would you like to proceed? She indicates she does. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2974.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Feigenholtz.

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SENATOR FEIGENHOLTZ:

Thank you, Madam President. This bill is a reconciliation of two bills that had a conflict regarding surrogate decision makers. It's a Guardian {sic} (Guardianship) and -- Advocacy Commission initiative and I'm happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2974 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present -- 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2974, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving on to Senate Bill 2984. Senator Fowler, do you wish to proceed? He indicates he does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2984.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 2984 simply adds youth entrepreneurs to the list of groups to be assisted at the Entrepreneurship Assistance Centers. The Entrepreneurship Assistance Centers were established this past spring to be supported by DCEO. Passed the committee unanimously, and just ask for a favorable vote, please. Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is shall Senate Bill 2984 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2984, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're moving on to Senate Bill 2993. Senator Johnson, do you wish to proceed? She indicates she does. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2993.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON:

Thank you, Madam President. So, Senate Bill 2993 is an initiative of the Alzheimer's Association, Illinois Chapter. It does three things. It amends the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dimensions -- Dementias Services Act by striking the Act's repeal date. It also ensures ongoing uninterrupted training of professionals with direct access to dementia and Alzheimer's patients. And it affirms that no further assessments of the training requirements are necessary, as the law is working as envisioned. There are no opponents and I ask for Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2993 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed,

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Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Yeas, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2993, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Stadelman, on Senate Bill 3005. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3005.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Madam President. Members of the Senate. Last fall we passed legislation to incentivize electric vehicle production in the State. The bill before you simply adds two new members to a Permitting Task Force that was created as part of that legislation. The new members of the task force shall be one statewide organization of municipalities and one member of an association representing automobile manufacturers. I'm not aware of any opposition and ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3005 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3005, having received the required constitutional

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majority, is declared passed. Senator Morrison, on Senate Bill 3011. Do you wish to proceed? She indicates she does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3011.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. This is cleanup legislation from a bill we passed last year. It corrects a typo, a misspelling and also clarifies that surgical smoke plumes, a definition for them. I know of no opposition to this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3011 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Yeas, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the constitutional -- required constitutional majority, Senate Bill 3011 is declared passed. Senator Morrison, on Senate Bill 3023. Would you like to proceed? Senator Morrison. Senator Fine, going on to Senate Bill 3032. Would you like to proceed? She indicates she does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3032.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

Thank you, Madam President. Student loan debt is the second highest consumer debt category behind mortgages. The goal of this legislation is to prevent students from falling far behind on repaying student debt. It says a few things. First, it says official transcripts must be provided to a current, or potential employer, upon request. It also says a hardship policy must be put in place if a student has to withdraw during the semester. Hardships include things like a serious injury, or illness, or a mental health condition. And it also says if a student's debt is sent to a collection agency, it cannot be used against his or her credit score. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3032 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3032, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving on to Senate Bill 3090. Senator Villivalam, would you like to proceed? He indicates he does. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3090.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, thank you Madam President. Senate Bill 3090 is an initiative of the Illinois Department on {sic} Revenue. It clarifies that only dyed diesel fuel sales from -- for non-highway purposes made by licensed distributors to users who are not licensed distributors, or licensed suppliers, are exempt from the motor fuel sales tax. I know of no opposition and I would ask for an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Senator Rose, for what reason do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ROSE:

Yeah. Question of the sponsor, if I may?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR ROSE:

Senator, thank you for bringing this. Who -- who would have been -- who would have been an unlicensed seller?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

I think they are characterized as brokers or middlemen.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Oh, and I'm not being funny here but, in downstate Illinois, we got a whole lot of people that deliver fuel to farms. So, who are we cutting out of this?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Villivalam. Senator Rose did you have more to your question that I missed?

SENATOR ROSE:

I was just going to point out that the dyed fuel, I don't want to say it's pretty much ag only, but that's - certainly agriculture is the biggest user of dyed fuel. I assume, probably, you get airports using it as well, but for ag we always use it, it's always delivered to the farm and then they -- they put it out on the farm. So, I want to make sure we're not cutting out that entire supply chain that delivers the fuel to the farm. I'm not trying to be opposed to the bill here. I just want to make sure I'm not making a huge mistake for my constituents.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

We're not cutting them out at all. We just want them to be licensed, as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

I -- okay, so -- so, I get back to the first question. If they're not licensed, how are they selling it already?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Senator, we -- we believe they should be licensed and regulated like the -- like the other distributors that are doing it properly and that's the intent of this legislation. It's not

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to exclude them at all. We want them to be licensed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Well, I guess we're in a circular discussion here. If they're not licensed already, then how are they delivering fuel?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

I think it's the opinion of -- of -- of -- of myself and the Department, that their doing so improperly. They should be licensed and like the other distributors that are -- that are in this -- in this arena.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

To the bill and I appreciate the sponsor. I think there's just too much confusion. I'm not going to vote for this because I don't know what it's going to do to the people who are delivering dyed fuel to every farm in my district right now. Until I know more, because frankly, I don't know what the problem is you're trying to solve here. If they're delivering the fuel today and there hasn't been an issue, then I don't know what we're solving. On the other hand, if they're required to be licensed anyway, then what are we doing here? And I need to know more before I vote for this. I would encourage anybody on both sides, who represents downstate, to -- to take a second look at this before they vote Yes. Thank you.

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Any further discussion? Seeing none. Senator Villivalam, would you like to close?

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Again, this -- this is just clarifying that -- that the only dyed diesel fuel sales for non-highway purposes made by licensed distributors to users who are not licensed distributors or licensed suppliers, be exempt -- are exempt from the motor fuel sales tax. We want them to participate. We want them to be licensed. That's all that this does. We're not cutting anybody out. I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 3090 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 36 voting Aye, 14 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3090, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving on to Senate Bill 3103. Senator Glowiak Hilton, would you like to proceed? She indicates she does. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3103.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Glowiak Hilton, would you like to describe your bill?

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

Yes, thank you, Madam President. SB 3103 is an initiative of the Department of Natural Resources. It updates and clarifies the

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State Park(s) Act to allow the IDNR authority to let people take samples of plants, or animals, out of the State parks and that's especially for scientific study or research. It requires people to have a permit to actually take those plants. Right now, taking of plants or animals is currently a Class B misdemeanor, but this would actually allow people to take animals, or plants for scientific study.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is shall Senate Bill 3103 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3103, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3106, Senator Murphy. How would you like to proceed? Moving on to Senate Bill 3108. That is Senator Doris Turner, how would you like to proceed? She indicates she does. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3108.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Turner.

SENATOR D. TURNER:

Senate Bill 3108 would allow the Illinois State Museum to assist the Department of Natural Resources in managing the State's historic sites, particularly in the area of educational exhibits and programming. It would also clarify that the Department of

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Natural Resources has statutory authority to approve the Illinois State Museum's budget.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, shall Senate Bill 3108 pass? All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3108, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving on to Senate Bill 3130. Senator Feigenholtz, do you wish to proceed? She indicates she does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3130.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Feigenholtz.

SENATOR FEIGENHOLTZ:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 3130 is a initiative of the Public Guardian's Office. Children that are growing up in the DCFS system, who are being cared for by foster families, have really meaningful connections with siblings and foster parents who they live with for a long time. And sometimes, they're taken out of that environment when they're adopted, and they still have an emotional connection to the siblings they grew up with. So, what this bill does is it enables current and former foster youth, over the age of eighteen, to utilize the existing search and reunion services to connect them with their former foster parents and

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former foster siblings, in addition to the birth relatives and -- that they had relationships with. I'm happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3130 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3130, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3132. Senator Fine. She indicates she'd like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3132.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

Thank you. This bill is an initiative of the Department of Human Services. Many times a spouse has to leave their job to care for a loved one, and that way they are losing their income. This bill would allow for the spouse to service the provider of personal care services and get paid for what they're doing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3132 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that

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question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3132, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3149, Senator Villanueva. Do you wish to proceed? She indicates she does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3149.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Villanueva.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

Thank you, Madam President. This bill is an initiative of Young Invincibles, and it's basically a bill that requires ISAC and Higher Ed institutions to provide information on the Child Care Assistance Program and the federal dependent care allowance to MAP eligible students and parents. It basically states that ISAC is required to annually include this information about the Child Care Assistance Program and the allowance the -- the federal dependent care allowance within the language the school will already provide to students that are eligible for MAP Program grants. And again, it's just an opportunity to be able to provide additional information to parents or student parents in a time that a lot of folks need some help. So, I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3149 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that

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question, there are 53 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 voting Present. And Senate Bill 3149, having reached the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving on to Senate Bill 3163, Senator Crowe. She indicates she'd like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3163.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Crowe.

SENATOR CROWE:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 3163 is identical to Senate Bill 336, which passed the Senate 57 to 0 in May of 2021. It was subsequently replaced with a trailer bill. So I'm once before you again, Members, asking you to vote Yes on this bill. It allows the parents or a legal guardian of a child or child once he or she becomes an adult to redact the name of the attending physician from a certified copy of a child's birth certificate. The redacted certified copy of the birth certificate does not replace the original. I know of no opponents and I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3163 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Yeas, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3163, having achieved the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Going to the top of page 10 on your printed

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Calendar, is Senate Bill 3174. Senator Feigenholtz. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3174.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Feigenholtz.

SENATOR FEIGENHOLTZ:

Thank you, Madam Speaker -- Madam President, ope! Old habits die hard, sorry. You would think on my third try today I'd do better. This Senate Bill allows heirs of deceased property owners to submit an affidavit with the Treasurer's Office rather than having to submit certified copies of wills and other court documents for unclaimed property claims, valued at less than two hundred and fifty dollars. Currently it is less than a hundred. And it also increases the threshold from two thousand to five thousand for returning property through data matching provisions with the Department of Revenue. I'm happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3174 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3174, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving on to Senate Bill 3189. Senator Fine, would you like to proceed? Ope! Excuse me. We are moving on to Senate Bill 3180 which is Senator Fine. She indicates she'd like

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to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3180.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

Thank you. This bill is for families who have incarcerated loved ones. It says the family's point of contact person in IDOC must provide an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly documenting complaints and suggestions. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3180 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 voting Present. And Senate Bill 3180, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Now we're going to proceed to Senate Bill 3189. Senator Bush, would you like to proceed? She indicates she does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3189.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Bush.

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SENATOR BUSH:

Thanks very much, Madam President. Thank you, Members of the Senate. 3189 requires retailers whose annual gross receipts, excuse me, above twenty thousand or more to file their sales tax returns electronically for motor vehicles, watercraft, aircraft and trailers required to be registered with an agency of the State. This is an initiative of the Department of Revenue. I know of no opponents and I would just ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3189 pass. Ope! I'm sorry, Senator Rose, I missed you there. Go ahead.

SENATOR ROSE:

So this sounds kind of silly, but if they have an undue hardship how do they -- how do they prove that up?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Sorry about that. Thank you very much, Senator Rose, I asked the exact same question because that was my concern. There's actually -- they can call a phone number, it's listed. And trying to see if we actually have it written here. Oh, I sure wish I could exactly remember the answer. But really, there is a way for them to do it if they have a hardship. I believe they just -- they just call, right. It's listed on -- on the page which of course if they don't have a computer they don't see the page. But my understanding is that they just call, if they have a hardship.

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Senator Rose.

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SENATOR ROSE:

To the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

To the bill.

SENATOR ROSE:

And this -- absolutely has nothing to do with you, Senator Bush. I appreciate your bill. I have constituents that call phone numbers every day, in this State and get nowhere. FOID cards, concealed carry, unemployment insurance - whoa, unemployment insurance, anybody get them to pick up the phone? You name it, nobody answers the phone in this State when they get called. Nobody! I don't know where they're at. It just rings, forever, and then you're put on hold. And the best one is, 2nd Floor, the best one is when you are on hold for forty-five minutes, then it says, "We're sorry", and just hangs up on you. How many of you guys got that one? Anybody else, get that one? Yeah, a few. I'm not going to vote for a phone number for anything until the second floor can prove they're answering the phone calls they're already getting. Every agency in this State, is collapsing under its own weight. Every one. And this is probably a good idea and I would suspect that all my car dealers are already filing electronically anyway, but I don't for a minute believe anyone's going to pick up the phone when someone calls. And I will have to go back and basically beat myself up because the last bill was about asking the Department of Corrections to return phone calls and I voted for that. But that just tells you how silly this is. We just passed a bill to tell the Department of Corrections to return phone calls and now we're going to pass another bill to tell people to call the State of Illinois. No one is calling anybody back. So,

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I'm going to vote No out of principal, certainly not in disrespect to the sponsor. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Bush, I see no further discussion. Would you like to close?

SENATOR BUSH:

I just would like to say this is not individuals. This is for retailers with a gross annual receipts of over twenty thousand dollars. And I do just want to say Senator Rose, I just called your office and no one answered. And thank you for that Senator Hastings. Anyway, so I'd ask for an Aye vote. Please don't reach out to Senator Rose, he does not answer his phone.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 3189 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 49 Ayes, 5 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3189, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving on to Senate Bill 3201, Senator Harris. Moving on to Senate Bill 3216, Senator Villivalam. Do you wish to proceed? He indicates he does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3216.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

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Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 13 -- 3216 amends the Illinois Vehicle Code by adding licensed physical therapist to the list of persons who can determine that a person has a disability for purposes under the Vehicle Code. I know of no opposition and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3216 pass. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. And Senate Bill 3216, having reached the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3416, Senator Glowiak Hilton. She indicates she'd like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3416.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Glowiak Hilton.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 3416 amends the Occupational Safety and Health Act. And what it does, it allows OSHA to deliver communications and notifications by email as opposed to regular USPS certified mail. It -- clarifies parity of Illinois and federal OSHA standards, it clarifies the penalty per violation and it amends the discrimination provisions to make them consistent with federal existing labor unemployment laws. There

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are no opponents to the bill. I ask for an Aye vote, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3416 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Aye, 2 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3416, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving on to Senate Bill 3433, Senator Johnson. She indicates she'd like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3433.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 3433 is an initiative of a young environmental steward, Glen Edgar, she's a senior at Libertyville High School. This bill amends the Illinois Exotic Weed Act and it provides that a municipality may adopt an ordinance to eradicate common buckthorn, glossy buckthorn, saw-toothed buckthorn, dahurian buckthorn, Japanese buckthorn, and Chinese buckthorn on all public and private property within its geographic boundaries. I ask for Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3433 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed,

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Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 Ayes, 2 Nays, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3433, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving on to Senate Bill 3459. Senator Doris Turner. Would you like to proceed? She indicates she does. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill, excuse me, Senate Bill 3459.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Turner.

SENATOR D. TURNER:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 3459 ensures that when -- -- when any Illinois resident dies while on State Active Duty, or federal Active Duty, under Title 10 or 32 of the United States Code, their next of kin may be presented the Illinois State Flag by the military personnel specified in the Act or their designee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3459 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3459, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving on to Senate Bill 3465, Senator Martwick. He indicates he'd like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read

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the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3465.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Martwick.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 3465 is an effort to allow -- to address the teacher shortage that's going on in the State of Illinois, but specifically here in the Chicago Public Schools. It amends the Chicago Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code by allowing retired teachers to return to work without affecting their annuity and this is through -- it's open for a window between now and June 30th, 2024, in subject shortage areas. So, this would allow retired teachers to return but the school must qualify as a subject shortage area. There's a number of metrics where they must post the position, they must tender offers to legally qualified certified teachers, and if they are unable to find them then teachers would be allowed to return to their work without affecting their annuity. I know of no opposition at this time. Happy to answer questions, ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3465 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 voting Present. And Senate

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Bill 3465, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving on to Senate Bill 3470. Senator Peters, indicates he'd like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3470.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Peters, to your bill.

SENATOR PETERS:

Thank you, Madam President. This is it -- for DCFS youth to be able keep their benefits as they're coming out of youth in care and to be able to help them have a good fresh start. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3470 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 voting Present. And Senate Bill 3470, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving on to Senate Bill 3482. Senator Joyce, do you wish to proceed? He indicates he does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3482.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator.

SENATOR JOYCE:

Thank you, Madam Chair. Senate Bill 3482 would require all revenue from the operation and use of any facilities of the Illinois State Fair in Springfield, the Springfield State Fairgrounds, the DuQuoin State Fairground, and the DuQuoin State Fairground to be deposited in the Illinois State Fair Fund. This is an initiative of the Department of Agriculture. Basically, the initiative is to illustrate a commitment from the Illinois Department of Agriculture in the State of Illinois to use the funds from the DuQuoin State Fair at the DuQuoin State Fair. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3482 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3482, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to move on now to Senate Bill 3498. Senator Murphy, would you like to proceed? She indicates she does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3498.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Murphy.

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SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 3498 is a noncontroversial bill. And it -- it allows a medical certificate -- certification to be completed and signed by a physician's assistant in the case of death. I don't know of any live opponents and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3498 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3498, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving to the top of page 11 on your printed Calendar, is Senate Bill 3597. Senator Joyce, would you like to proceed? Moving on to Senate Bill 3616. Senator Hunter, would you like to proceed? Indicates she does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3616.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you very much, Madam President. Senate Bill 3616 amends the Illinois Human Rights Act to provide that the term "race", as used in the Employment Article of -- of the Act, includes traits -- traits historically associated with race, including, but not

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limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists. This Body passed this bill last year, 58 to 0, and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senate Bill 3616 should they -- should Senate Bill 3616 pass? All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 53 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3616, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving on to Senate Bill 3625. Senator Bush, would you like to proceed? She indicates she does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3625.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you very much, this is another very difficult bill. Senate Bill 3625 just extends the sunset date of the Design-Build Procurement Act from July 21, 2022, to July 1, 2027. The proponents, this is an initiative of the Capital Development Board, Illinois Construction Industry Committee, Illinois Mechanical and Special Contractors Associations. I know of no opponents, I'd ask for an Aye vote. And I wouldn't bring up phone calls.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Senator Rose.

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SENATOR ROSE:

So, all joking aside, after the -- this bill was in committee, it turns out that the Capital Development Board has now been cited in the Shakman decree in federal court as having cronyism within it. This would be the exact same entity that is currently in charge of awarding these contracts. I think it -- we need to be very careful right now, in re-upping this, given what has come out in the media since this hearing -- since this was heard in committee. If what the federal monitor investigator has been saying is accurate, and again it's in court and we should let that play out, if it is accurate, then I'm not so sure that CDB needs to have this authority to approve these contracts. And this is no joking matter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Rose, is that a question or...

SENATOR ROSE:

Well, I would ask that my side of the aisle vote No. I would encourage the other side, as well, to at least look into what I've said before you cast your vote. I think we all need to know more about what's going on at CDB based upon the media accounts that have come out here recently. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Bush, would you like to respond?

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you so much Senator, I think you raise a good question. I'm going to pull the bill from the record. Ask for an extension, so we can look into those allegations and -- and I thank you for bringing that up.

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We will pull 3625 from the record. Ope! Moving on to Senate Bill 3651. Senator Martwick, do you wish... Moving on to Senate Bill 3661. Senator Martwick, would you like to proceed? He indicates he does. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 3661.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Martwick.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 3661, as amended, -- is -- a change in the Motor Fuel Tax Laws which relate to a form that was no longer used by the Department for some years for the reporting of fuel tax deliveries or -- or fuel deliveries, and so we are literally just by agreement with the Department of Revenue and the Illinois Fuel and Retail Association, we are eliminating that requirement from the statute so it no longer exists and they're not doing it. That's all and I'll ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3661 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3661, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. On to Senate Bill 3667. Senator Stadelman, do you wish to proceed? Nope, what's next? 3682. Senator Joyce,

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would you wish to proceed? He indicates he does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3682.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Joyce.

SENATOR JOYCE:

Madam, thank you, Madam Chair. Senate Bill 3682 requires that long-term care facility website, if there is one, be included in the directory of facilities. Each public health region is published annually by IDPH. I know of no opposition. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3682 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 voting Present. And Senate Bill 3682, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. 3685. Senator Stadelman. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3685.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Stadelman.

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SENATOR STADELMAN:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 3685 is an initiative of the Department of Revenue. It removes requirements that Certified Illinois Assessing Officer training courses be offered at various locations throughout the State. And that a course be offered in each county more than four hundred thousand inhabitants. The bill also removes the requirement that hearings on tentative equalization factors be held in either Springfield or Chicago. I'm not aware of any opposition. Ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3685 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3685, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3707 -- oh, 3707. Senator Fine. She indicates she... Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3707.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Fine, to your bill.

SENATOR FINE:

Thank you. Senate Bill 3707 requires employees with the Department of Aging, who provide services in the Community Care Program, to complete two hours of Alzheimer's and dementia training at the start of their employment. The training covers topics like

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safety risks, communication, and behavior.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3707 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3707, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving on to Senate Bill 3747. Senator Morrison. She indicates she wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3747.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 3747 as amended, extends automatic eligibility to the Child Care Assistance Program, CCAP, and the Early Intervention Program for families involved in the child welfare system. Happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3747 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3747, having received the required constitutional majority,

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is declared passed. Senate Bill 3761, Senator Gillespie. She indicates she'd like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3761.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Gillespie.

SENATOR GILLESPIE:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 3761 is an extension of a bill that we passed last year providing loan relief to social workers who go to work in Chicago Public Schools. It was meant to identify the shortage of social workers and to encourage more students to go through the process and then their -- pick careers in the public school system. After that bill passed, I received several reach outs from local municipal social workers who work in public services, community services, expressing the need for more social workers in those roles as well. Particularly, during the pandemic, when they've been helping with food relief and housing and a number of other things. So, this bill would simply extend that loan repayment program to social workers, who not only go to work in our public schools, but go to work in our municipalities, as well. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3761 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that

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question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3761, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3777, Senator Belt. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3777.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Belt.

SENATOR BELT:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 3777 is an initiative of the Illinois Venture Capitalist -- Capital Association. The Technology Development Act is -- as it -- as administered by the State Treasurer, the TDA allows the Treasurer's Office to use a portion of the State investments portfolio to provide capital to technology funds in Illinois that finance technological businesses seeking to locate, expand, and remain in Illinois. The goal of the TT -- TDA is to earn investment returns for the State and support technology related jobs in Illinois. Madam President, the bill passed unanimously through committee. I know of no opposition and I ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3777 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 -- ope, take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3777, having

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received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving on to Senate Bill 3785. Senator Curran, would you like to proceed? He indicates he does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3785.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Curran.

SENATOR CURRAN:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 3785 is a follow-up to House Bill 126 that was passed last year. IMRF did not consider county or -- were not certain on whether county corrections employees met the definitions of sheriff law enforcement employee for a transfer of pension credit into the downstate police pension funds. So this clarifies that they do meet that -- that definition. And -- there was no opposition in committee. I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3785 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3785, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We are going to the page of -- page 12, the top of the page of your printed Calendar, and we're going to start off with Senate Bill 3793. Senator Morrison, would you like to

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proceed? She indicates she does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3793.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 3793 includes community service as possible punishment for a person who commits the offense of speeding in a school zone or includes community service as a possible penalty for a person who illegally passes a stopped school bus. Know of no opposition to this legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3793 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3793, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Morrison, how about Senate Bill 3795? She indicates she'd like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3795.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

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Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 3795 authorizes counties to utilize design-build contracts for public projects. It is consistent with previously enacted design-build authorization laws. Happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3795 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3795, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Morrison, for what reason do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MORRISON:

Madam President, in my zealous appeal to my colleagues, I forgot to vote for my own bill, Senate Bill 3795. And I would appreciate the record reflecting my intention.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

The record will reflect that. Moving on to Senate Bill 3799, Senator Villivalam. He would like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3799.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 3799, as amended,

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creates a two-year moratorium from January 1, 2023, to January 1, 2025, on the Department of Agriculture issuing cannabis transporter licenses and all associated fees. I know of no opposition and I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3799 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Yeas, 1 Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3799, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3833, Senator Crowe. Indicates she'd like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3833.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Crowe.

SENATOR CROWE:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 3833 includes physical therapists, physical therapy assistants, occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, and athletic trainers in the list of mandated reporters under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. I know of no opposition and I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3833 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed,

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Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3833, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3847. Senator Belt, do you wish to proceed? He indicates he does. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3847.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Belt.

SENATOR BELT:

Thank you -- thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 3847 makes technical changes to the Community Development Loan Guarantee Act by providing a streamlined option for administering the Loan Guarantee Program and it also clarifies that the State Treasurer may withdraw funds from a Loan Guarantee Account in the event a participating financial institution fails to comply with the program. Madam President, I know of no opposition and I ask for a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3847 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3847, having received the required constitutional majority,

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is declared passed. Senator Villivalam. Senate Bill 3848. Moving on to Senate Bill 3853. Senator Morrison, would you like to proceed? She indicates she does. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3853.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Madam President. This bill creates the Extended Family Support Pilot Program that will provide additional resources for families receiving Extended Family Support Program services from DCFS with such things as wraparound services for management, home visiting services for caregivers with children under the age of 5, parent mentors for caregivers with children over the age of 3. This is a three-year pilot and will begin January 1st, 2023.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3853 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3853, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3867. Senator Johnson. She indicates she'd like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3867.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 3867, as amended, it includes that school boards shall waive fees for each student with a parent who is an active military personnel or a veteran with an income at, or below, 200% of the federal poverty level. Senate Bill 3867, it is an initiative of the sponsor on behalf of a constituent in my district. The North Chicago School District is in support of this legislation and the school district is located across from the Bobby Thompson Expressway from the Great Lake's Naval Station. I know of no known opposition and I request your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3867 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3867, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3882. Senator Fine. Senate Bill 3893. Senator Joyce. He indicates he'd like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3893.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Joyce.

SENATOR JOYCE:

Thank you, Madam Chair. Senate Bill 3893 allows, within a school code, that a substitute teacher may teach 120 days for any -- license -- one licensed teacher under contract in the same year, previously, limited to 90 days. This increased number of days shall apply to the 2021-'22 and 2022-'23 school years. I know of no oppositions. Ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3893 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3893, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3895, Senator Gillespie. Indicates she would like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3895.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Gillespie.

SENATOR GILLESPIE:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 3895 is a trailer

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bill to the 2021 Affordable Housing Omnibus Act. It makes two corrections. One is determining the base year, in calculating the reduction of assessed value, is clarified to say that base year shall be the year before construction started. And second, to where authorized by law, primarily this is in the City of Chicago, using a weighted average to determine maximum income limits and maximum rent for participating affordable units. This bill is a consensus between developers and the housing councils and the City. Know of no opponents and I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3895 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3895, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3912. Senator Gillespie, would you like to... She indicates she would. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3912.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Gillespie.

SENATOR GILLESPIE:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 3912 is a companion to Senate Bill 3761 that we voted on earlier. In addition to the loan repayment, this bill would extend the provisions of the Social

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Work Scholarship Program to municipal workers, as well. And I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3912 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3912, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3915, Senator Loughran Cappel. She indicates she wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3915.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator.

SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

Thank you, Madam President. SB 3-9-15 amends the School Code to waive the application fee for short term substitute teaching licenses when the Governor has declared a disaster due to a public health emergency. As we all know, that this pandemic has exacerbated the teacher's shortage and the substitute shortage. So, waiving this fee is just one small way to help alleviate this issue. I know of no opposition and I ask for a Yes vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3915 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed,

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Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3915, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3957. Senator Connor, would you like to proceed? He indicates he would. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3957.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Connor.

SENATOR CONNOR:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 3957 is an initiative of the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund in order to expand the window for conducting elections from just the first week of November to the first week through the third week of November. I know of no opposition and I'd ask for an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3957 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3957, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving on to Senate Bill 3986. Senator Pacione-Zayas, would you like to proceed? Senate Bill 3988, Senator Pacione-Zayas. She indicates she'd like to proceed. Mr.

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Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3988.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Pacione-Zayas.

SENATOR PACIONE-ZAYAS:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 3988 is an initiative from the constituents of the 20th District's education policy round table composed of parents, educators, school administrators, and community leaders focused on education. Essentially, what the bill is trying to do is solve for the teacher's shortage in a specific way. We know that the teacher shortage or vacancies have been exacerbated over the pandemic. And specifically, what we're trying to solve for is reducing the age for paraprofessionals in the kinder -- in the Pre-K through eighth grade classrooms from age nineteen to eighteen. All other requirements will hold in place, but essentially we will be lowering the age to close the gap with the vacancies.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3988 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3988, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3990, Senator Pacione-Zayas. She indicates she would like to continue. Mr. Secretary, read the

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bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3990.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Pacione-Zayas.

SENATOR PACIONE-ZAYAS:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 3990 is looking to amend the school counseling services portion of the School Code to include guidance and support in exploring careers in technical education. So, as high school students are looking at their postsecondary opportunities, we are ensuring that they are fully aware of that pathway as being viable post-graduation and especially as we're thinking about the implementation of the climate in Equitable Jobs Act, in wanting to make sure that we have a diverse pipeline. We want to ensure sure our young people are fully aware of this pathway. I urge an Aye vote and I know of no opponents.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3990 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3990, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3991, Senator Pacione-Zayas. She indicates she would like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

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Senate Bill 3991.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator.

SENATOR PACIONE-ZAYAS:

Oh, thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 3991 is an initiative of Financial Inclusion for All Illinois which is led by the Heartland Alliance. Essentially, it amends the Illinois Treasurers Act with respect to the Illinois Higher Education Savings Account, known as the Child's Saving Account. It makes provisions for, should the Treasurer's Office have additional funds, that bonus deposits go to accounts of households that have limited financial security, and that there is a data reporting requirement that focuses on collecting information on who is taking up these accounts, who is claiming them by geography, race, ethnicity, and financial status. And I just urge an Aye vote. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3991 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 48 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3991, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 4-0-0-0. Senator Hunter, would you like to proceed? She indicates she would. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

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Senate Bill 4000.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Committee Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 4000 provides that the retired teachers of Chicago Teachers Pension Fund may be reemployed as a teacher or administrator for up to one hundred and forty days on a temporary non-annual basis without his or her retirement annually being cancelled. The one-hundred-and-forty-day limit will begin on July 1, 2022, and sunset on July 1st, 2024. After July 1st, 2024, retired teachers may only be reemployed for one hundred and twenty days. I know of no opposition and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 4000 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 4000, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 4001, Senator Belt. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 4001.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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Senator Belt.

SENATOR BELT:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 4-0-0-1 is an initiative of DHS. It looks to require DHS to collect and publicly report substantial data on racial and ethnic demographics of the program. For the record, this bill does not touch any of the work or claw back any of the work that went through the pillars -- the -- the pillars. It really, it's putting DHS in line with other State agencies to collect data and it replaces an old antiquated out -- outdated form with the newest, the latest and the greatest. I know of no opposition and I ask for all -- all Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question... Ope, I'm sorry, Senator Plummer, I did not see your light on. Did you... For what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Senator, just a -- a quick question for clarification. When I was reviewing this, I may have misunderstood you. But I thought you said that this requires the Department to collect this data. And on my summary here, it -- it says it repeals the provision that requires the Department to collect the data. So, I'm just -- I'm just clarifying whether it's mandating they collect the data or it's repealing that they collect the data.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Belt.

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SENATOR BELT:

Senator, great -- great question. What this does, it repeals the current version which requires them to only collect racial and ethnic data in lieu of the latest, that requires them to collect much more, much broad, much more comprehensive than the racial and ethnic demographic. So, it replaces an outdated version with the latest version and puts it in line with the rest of the State agencies in terms of data collection.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Thank you for the clarification.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Belt, would you like to close?

SENATOR BELT:

Madam President, as stated before, I just would like a favorable roll call, thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 4001 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 4001, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 4020, Senator Hunter. She indicates she'd like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 4020.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you very much, Madam President. Senate Bill 4020 requires the Department of Lottery to offer special -- a special instant scratch off lottery game for the United Negro College Fund to support educational scholarships for college students. And that revenue from the scratch off game will be deposited into the United Negro College Fund -- Scholarship Fund and will be overseen by the United Negro College Fund -- Scholarship Fund Advisory Board. This -- this bill passed unanimously in Executive Committee and it also passed this Chamber last year. I -- I know of no opposition and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 4020 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 50 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 4020, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 4024, Senator Villa. Would you like to proceed? She indicates she would. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 4024 -- 4024.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 4024 which is an initiative of the Illinois Department of Aging and the long -- the State Long Term Care Ombudsmen, is to help older adults and adults with disabilities more easily access the long-term care services that they need. The goal of this initiative is to clarify language on the Department's website in order to help residents and their caregivers more easily identify the Consumer Choice search tool. I know of no opposition and I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 4024 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 4024, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Mr. -- Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution 48, offered by President Harmon. It is substantive, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

With leave of the Body, we're going to go to Senate Bill 4025. Senator Crowe. Indicates she'd like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 4025.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Crowe.

SENATOR CROWE:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 4025 is an initiative of the Department of Human Services. It amends the reporting process for the Illinois Department of Human Service's Managed Healthcare Worker Registry by allowing the Inspector General to request a stipulated disposition of the investigative report. This will allow more discretion in reporting individuals who've been found to engaged in misconduct into the Registry. I know of no opposition and I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 4025 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 4025, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Belt, would you like Senate Bill 4056? He indicates he would like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 4056.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Belt.

SENATOR BELT:

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Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 4056 is an initiative of ISBE, it's technical cleanup language. As amended, makes multiple changes to the School Code, other provisions concerning school and school district operations by making technical changes and deleting outdated and obsolete language. Madam President, I know of no opposition and I would ask for all favorable votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Rezin, for what reason do you seek recognition?

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Madam President. Question for the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Madam President. Senator, could you tell us - it is a cleanup bill, we just want to make sure that in your cleanup bill, is there any change to the Evidence-Based Funding formula?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Belt.

SENATOR BELT:

No -- no, not at all.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Rezin did you have...

SENATOR REZIN:

For an Aye vote on this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Belt.

SENATOR BELT:

Ask for all Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

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Okay. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 4056 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 4056, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. The Senate will stand at ease for a few minutes to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. The Members of the Committee on Assignments will come to the President's Anteroom immediately. The Senate will stand at ease. (at ease) Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Agriculture Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3184; refer to Licensed Activities Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3166; refer to Revenue Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3097, and Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3832; and Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Joint Resolution 48, and Senate Resolution 833.

Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

On Supplemental Calendar No. 1 is the Order of Resolutions. This is final action. Senate Joint Resolution 48. President Harmon, do you wish to proceed? He indicates he does. Mr. Secretary, read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution 48, offered by President Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

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President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Joint Resolution 48 represents the conclusion of a process that began more than seven months ago with the resignation of the Legislative Inspector General, Carol Pope. Her -- through her graciousness she extended the retirement date several times, but the Office has now been vacant for two weeks and we've learned from past experience that the -- a vacancy in that office should be filled very quickly. The Legislative Ethics Commission has been deadlocked for four months now. So, today I filed this resolution appointing former federal Judge McCuskey to serve as the Legislative Inspector General. He has a stellar resume - an incredibly well qualified candidate - having served on both the federal and State court benches, having served - appointed by a Democratic President, confirmed by a Republican Senate. I know that the Members of our caucus who know the Judge think incredibly highly of him, and I stand behind his credentials. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have to the best of my ability.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Senator -- ope! Senator Tracy, for what reason do you seek recognition?

SENATOR TRACY:

Questions of the sponsor, please, Madam Chairman -- President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR TRACY:

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President Harmon, can you point me to the statutory authority for this resolution?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Would you bear with me for one moment while I consult counsel? Thank you -- thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senator, for your indulgence. If you refer to 5 ILCS (430) Section 25-10 paragraph b, "The Legislative Inspector General shall be appointed by a joint resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives". Continues from there.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you, and going above that, does it have a process for how we get to a recommendation or a resolution being made?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. I -- I believe you're referring to the process in the first full paragraph of Section B. I -- I recognize that, but I do not think it places a limitation on the operative sentence that I read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

And what does that Section say that you're referring to?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

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SENATOR HARMON:

"The Legislative Inspector General shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of integrity and demonstrated ability." I'd argue that our appointment clearly satisfies that. "The Legislative Ethics Commission shall diligently search out qualified candidates for the Legislative Inspector General and shall make recommendations to the General Assembly." The Legislative Ethics Commission, despite the fine work of some of its members, has failed for four months to advance candidates to the General Assembly for consideration. And so, we are moving forward today with our resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Has the candidate that you're proposing in your resolution gone before a search committee as pro -- as -- as provided for in this statute under 25-10 (b-5)?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

-- Thank you, Senator. The -- I believe you are referring to the -- the search committee provisions where four members appointed by the four legislative leaders who then advance recommendations to the Legislative Ethics Commission. I do not believe Judge McCuskey has, but again, I don't think that impedes our ability, by resolution, to name him the next Inspector General.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Tracy.

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SENATOR TRACY:

But taken as a whole, this legislation that we put into law, I believe it was in 2017 in Veto Session, I -- the legislative intent, do you believe, was that we follow the process outlined by having a search committee seek applications, the search of committee be convened, take applications, interview and then recommend up to two -- three candidates for the Legislative Ethics Commission to interview and proceed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senator, for that. I -- I would point out that -- that process, however well-intentioned, has failed with four members of the Legislative Ethics Commission consistently refusing to advance candidates to the Floor. And in a note of irony, that law was adopted to prevent a long-standing vacancy in the Office of Inspector General. The defect we are seeking to cure here today, before the two-week vacancy becomes a two-month vacancy.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

But do you agree that we're ignoring the legislative intent of what this legislation was done? In fact, I would ask further, have you ever known that we have not observed the legislative intent of this law since it was put in place?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

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Senator, there's only been one appointment since it's been put in place, and I would say that the deadlock at the Ethics Commission flies in the face of the intent of this. The Ethics Commission could have advanced multiple candidates. The search committee could have advanced three candidates at the front end. There have been many deviations in this process, well before this resolution was filed in the Senate. We're seeking to remedy those and move forward with a very well qualified Legislative Inspector General.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Are you aware that the candidate that -- that there was only one candidate recommended by the search committee that was put forth as highly recommended to be placed in this candidate position?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

I'm aware that the search committee is authorized to advance three candidates for the consideration of the Ethics Commission and perhaps put its thumb on the scale in tilting the -- the recommendation in one direction and not giving the Ethics Commission the full authority that it has to consider multiple candidates from the search committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Are you aware that the scenario you just gave me isn't

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following this procedure that set out as what the search committee shall do?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

I'm sorry, Senator, I didn't understand the question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

I'll repeat it. I believe as I heard from you, that the search committee can recommend up to three names, in this instance, they recommended up to two, and are you aware that -- now you've made me forget -- sorry, President. If we were in court, I could have the reporter read it back. What I'm asking is, is are you aware that the candidates that were vetted, one of them was not recommended by the search committee. When I say vetted, I mean, vetted within the Legislative Ethics Commission because, there again, we did interview one candidate, highly qualified, but not recommended by the search committee. Were you aware that one was recommended, and one was not, and that's what's led to this impasse?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Senator, I'm not aware of all of the ins and outs and hiccups that occurred in the Legislative Ethics Commission, and I want to refrain from doing much of a postmortem for the sake of the reputation of the members who were considered. I think that they had a -- alarmingly bad experience

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going through that process, and some of the things they were subjected to. I know that the search committee could have, under the statute, advanced three candidates, but chose not to for whatever reason. I understand that there were -- I'm going to refrain from -- suggesting any motives on behalf of the committee. I'm aware that the Legislative Ethics Commission had to ask for the third candidate because they weren't satisfied with the -- the two candidates presented. But there have been far too many hiccups. Again, the irony is this process is intended to avoid the very situation we have. A protracted vacancy in the Office, the important Office, of the Legislative Inspector General. We seek to remedy that with an incredibly well qualified candidate and one I hope will get unanimous support from the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you, Madam President, may I speak to the bill please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

To the bill.

SENATOR TRACY:

The Legislative Ethics Commission was established back in 2003, and since then, we've had Legislative Inspector General Tom Homer, who I worked with. We've had an interim acting one that was - came about after it was discovered that we had a -- a gap and that we had no Legislative Inspector General, and that all efforts to replace that person were thwarted and we learned that we had complaints, sexual harassment complaints, and the like, that were sitting without redress. And it was a horrible blight on the reputation of the General Assembly, as it should be. So we

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did this reform legislation. We tried to make things more apparent -- transparent to the public because the Legislative Ethics Commission meets in confidentiality. The confidentiality is what we -- we meet about as far as reports and complaints, because we recognize it's a very sensitive nature that -- complaints can be made and very often they're unfounded and it could tarnish a person's reputation. And we, as legislators, of course, are sensitive to that, and that is confidential. However, we report how many reports are -- are reported, how many the Attorney General took under consideration. If you go the website, which we created after all of this in 2017, we tried to be transparent to the public. We enacted the statute. We had an acting Legislative Inspector General, that was Julie Porter. I worked with her too. Then we went through the search application process and Legislative Inspector General Carol Pope joined us by unanimous consent of the General Assembly. And that process worked, and we were more transparent. However, it became all too apparent that ethics wasn't -- reform wasn't finished. All of these Inspector Generals, three of them, pointed out severe flaws in our process. We enacted another legislative ethics reform, last session. Again, when it didn't go far enough, Legislator Inspector Pope resigned with a letter, July 15th, that was going to be effective December 15th. Now, I have given it a lot of reflection, and no one likes to air dirty laundry in public, especially the General Assembly, we have enough dirty laundry that's private and then made public. But in full transparency, we are not required under statute to be confidential about the process of how we select the Legislative Inspector General. And we have a search committee and we take applications, and let me run through how this application process

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worked. July 15th, we found out that Legislative Inspector Pope was done with us. She said ethics aren't -- you all aren't -- what did she call us - a paper tiger, we aren't really sincere about our efforts to address ethics reform under this Dome. So she gave us till December 15th, and knowing that the next time we would be in Session would be Veto Session, I and the Commission set forth to -- to ask the leaders to get a search committee in place. I felt it was utmost importance because to me this is one of the highest priorities is making sure that the public is reassured that we are trying to be better at ethics and we don't want to police ourselves. We want to have an independent Legislative Inspector General. So, I asked the leaders to make the appointments for the search committee, and I really had to remind and remind certain leaders under this Dome to get me names for a search committee, so that we could proceed in Veto Session. And we were past the thirty-day deadline and I still was reminding certain leaders, and finally, I got the names of the search committee, and I got to tell you, I -- I highly recommend -- commend them for their efforts. They're busy, busy, very busy individuals who set about diligently and promptly interviewing candidates and then they made two recommendations of highly qualified individuals. And then the LEC met during Veto Session. However, we could not come to a consensus. We interviewed a candidate that was not recommended by the search committee. They interviewed that person, but did not think this person could be elevated to the extent that they would be recommended. And again, all highly qualified, and the search committee is in place because, to me, I call them a citizen advisory group. They're the eyes of the public on this process. We're not hiring and vetting our own

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Legislative Inspector General. We're putting four citizens out there to vet and look at certain qualifications. And -- and so yes, we were at an impasse because the republicans of the Commission, and this is one of the few bipartisan commissions under this Dome, it's equal, 4-4 members. The republicans wanted to value and observe the process, the legal technical statute, the way it's always proceeded, and we wanted to go with the -- the search committee. Because why have a search committee? What purpose is it that we put the search committee in this statute if it's not to be the one that make the recommendation? Not us, the legislative Body. So, this didn't happen in Veto. We were still at an impasse in December. Yes, it's very unfortunate that all this has been aired but -- the truth has to be told. If we value ethics, we've got to follow statutes and procedures. We interviewed today, a highly qualified individual that I believe is -- Judge Michael McCluskey {sic} (McCuskey) and it was very interesting in interviewing Judge -- McCuskey, a -- a wonderful engaging individual with a very esteemed career. He said, "You should name me as Acting Inspector General because I haven't been vetted by the search committee." And I said, "Well would you be" -- I mean he was open to being vetted by the search committee. And he said, "No, no you'd have to do the application process for everybody. That's what's in the statute." This Judge, that you're wanting to recommend, knows the statute. I think he's highly qualified but he knows you've got to follow the process! The law! To the nth degree, because he said, the -- the -- "You have to go back and open the application process to be proper under consideration of this statute." He'd read the statutes. He had them in front of him, as I do now. And so, if we want to keep

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making attempts at being ethical, this gentleman should be Acting Inspector General until, as he said, "I'm vetted." Has an FBI check, he's gone through those before obviously, but they are current but that's what we usually do. This gentleman has them but name him Acting Inspector General and then you've got to open the search or the application process. I have to be vetted by the search committee, maybe they'll choose me, maybe they won't and that's how the process is supposed to be in law. So, I don't know why the majority party continually wants to review process and procedure, but apparently, they do. So I'm asking that you be -- we be a No vote. You be a No vote if you value ethics under this Dome and that we get transparent about being ethical, about letting the public have a say and not the legislative -- Body choosing their own Inspector General to police them. Then vote Yes. But I believe we should vote No and go about the process as this gentleman knows, as we know, it should be. And with that, I will conclude my remarks, thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Mark Maxwell with WCIA requests permission to record the proceedings. Seeing no objection, leave is granted, and also Andrew Adams with SJR requests permission to photograph the proceedings. President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank -- thank you, Madam President. I know that speech was not in the form of a question, but for the record I want to correct two things. First of all, the search committee advanced three qualified candidates, recommended by the search committee. Two initially, the third under the statute in response to the request of the Legislative Ethics Commission. Since Senator Tracy was so

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candid about sharing the back and forth within the Ethics Commission, it is my belief that democrats offered to vote and did vote in favor of sending two candidates to the General Assembly for our consideration. Nothing that we are doing today, nothing that the Commission has done so far, contravenes the statute. A deadlock at the Ethics Commission leads to a protracted vacancy in an important office. We're seeking to remedy that today. I hope you will vote Aye. That is not my closing, Madam President, but I wanted to make sure the record corrected those misstatements.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there further discussion? Senator Barickman, for what reason do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you, Madam President. Mr. President, I -- I listened to the exchange that you had with Senator Tracy, and a lot of the exchange was about the process. And I -- I guess just to start off our exchange, I want to lay a framework for why we think the process is important. This Chamber, like the Chamber across the hall in the House, has seen numerous instances where our Members, and former Members, have been subjected to public scrutiny, embarrassed, brought in for criminal activity and otherwise, that has led to a cloud of suspicion in the public about whether or not we, the Members of this Body, can in fact, police ourselves adequately. And the public has concluded, with no uncertain terms, that we are ineligible to police ourselves and therefore should

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have an independent authority who helps guard the hen house. This Body put this -- the statute together that sets forth a process, not for our benefit, but for the public's benefit. I think the irony of the candidate that's before us, Mr. -- McCuskey, is that I know him. I know Judge McCuskey. But this isn't about Jason Barickman, it's about my constituents and their need to know that we're selecting an individual who adheres to the utmost in ethical considerations and can be that independent Inspector General that the public needs him to be. And so, this Body put forth a law that said the manner in which we're going to scrutinize these candidates includes a number of steps. And my colleague, Senator Tracy, I think, has very appropriately raised questions about why that process is being circumvented here. And what it tells to the public when the process is avoided. And so, I want to -- I want to ask I -- I suspect, Mr. President, I hope that you share with this side of the aisle the desire to prove to the people of this State that we truly want an independent Inspector General. And if you share with us that view, I would question why we don't put Mr. McCuskey through the process designed to show the public that he is, in fact, independent and worthy of this position. So, let me ask of you Mr. President, did Mr. McCuskey go through the search committee process and was he interviewed in person?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you -- thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senator. I -- I would go so far as to say the entirety of this conversation today is about process, because there is no substance for you to debate. There is no doubt that the candidate is extraordinarily

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well qualified and will do an excellent job as an independent Legislative Inspector General. Your question, I think, is whether or not he appeared before the four-member search committee with one member appointed by each of the four Legislative Leaders, that independent process. He did not. He was interviewed by the Legislative Ethics Commission, I think, under the same circumstances as the other candidates were interviewed. I don't -- I think they all were interviewed via a remote process. I'm looking at what the Member of the Commission on our caucus -- so, he was interview by the Ethics Commission in the same way. But I would also point out there is nothing in the statute that says the Legislative Ethics Commission is limited to advancing a name that was advanced by the search committee. Similarly, there's nothing in the statute that says the General Assembly is limited to appointments referred by the Legislative Ethics Commission. We are dealing with a fundamental breakdown in that process. You want to focus on process. The process has resulted in deadlock vote after deadlock vote, and no Inspector General. So, if you were serious about ethics, you would vote with us to confirm Judge McCuskey.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Okay, so as I understand it, Mr. President, there was a search committee process for which Mr. McCuskey did not go through, but your response is that Mr. McCuskey did in -- appear before the Legislative Ethics Commission. Would you please share for this Body the questions that were asked of that Commission of Mr. McCuskey, regarding his background and qualifications or questions

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maybe that the Commissioners had?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank -- thank you, Madam President. Senator, as you may know, I'm not a member of the Legislative Ethics Commission. I do not know what questions were asked. I didn't ask what questions were asked. Because I really have no business asking those questions if we're to maintain the independence of this process to the best of our ability.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

I'm told that members of the Commission did not ask Mr. McCuskey any questions. Is that true?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Senator, as I mentioned, I'm not a member of the Ethics Commission. I was not there. I didn't ask if any questions were asked or answered. Again, I'm maintaining a -- a -- an appropriate distance from that process.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

The irony of -- of this, of course, Mr. President, is that while you testified to the -- while you -- while you explained to this Body your belief that Mr. McCuskey is all the things that you said about him, when he actually appeared before the Commission

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that may have an opportunity to scrutinize those credentials, it appears that there were actually no questions asked of him. Which again, to the public, will likely appear as though it were a fait accompli. That there was no scrutiny of this individual and may lead the public to ask why not. Why not scrutinize the candidate? I mean, what's your answer to that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Senator, I'm not sure I understand your hypothetical question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Barickman, did you have a question?

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Many of the candidates who went through this search process completed federal background checks. Did Mr. McCuskey complete a federal background check, FBI criminal check, or otherwise?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon, do you have a response?

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you. I -- I -- I presume Judge McCuskey incurred, not just an FBI background check, but a much more thorough vetting when he appeared before the United States Senate to be confirmed as a federal judge. I don't know if any of the candidates had an FBI background check. I don't know what criteria the search committee or the Legislative Ethics Commission used.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

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The numerous candidates who went through this process, in fact, Mr. President, were subjected to federal background checks. Again, the question here would be, why is Mr. McCuskey not treated in such a manner?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Senator, I -- I have to ask how you know so much about what happened at the Legislative Ethics Commission and in the search committee. I don't know. I don't think any of our Members know. I don't think we've received any FBI background checks. So, maybe you can help me answer your question by telling me how it is you know so much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Sure, I'd be glad to, by the way, I believe I'm asking the questions here, but to your question, Mr. President, given that this is an appointment of the -- what should be an independent Legislative Inspector General, I questioned my colleague, Senator Tracy, as to what diligence was done by the Ethics Commission in the candidates that appeared before them. I have learned that many of those candidates, in fact, had a criminal background check done in order for the Commission to determine whether or not there was something in their background that might be telling to the Commission in making the recommendation to us. I then learned that Mr. McCuskey did not have such a background check and I'm asking you, Mr. President, because it's your resolution, why in fact that breach of practice occurred. So, my question again would

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be, why are you treating this candidate different from the other candidates who applied for this position?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Senator, I've consulted through counsel with a Member of our Caucus appointed to the Legislative Ethics Commission, who tells me that she is not aware of any FBI background checks having been performed. I -- I don't know if the Republican caucus authorized these background checks, or someone else. I really don't know how to answer your question. You -- you seem to have insight and information to which I have not been made privy.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

You, Mr. President, are the one who have presented that you believe this candidate has the utmost credentials. The Legislative Ethics Commission performed the background checks on the other candidates. Yet, did not do so in this instance. And so, my question again is, which you've not yet answered, why are you treating this candidate different from those other ones.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank -- thank you, Madam President. Thank you for your patience. Senator, I -- I'm not entirely sure what background checks you're talking about. I don't think our Members are privy to that. The qualifications for a Legislative Inspector General

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are -- could probably be greater than they are. They shall not have been convicted of any felonies, they shall have a BA Degree, and have five or more years of experience in certain agencies, including as a State or federal judge. I think Judge McCuskey clears those by leaps and bounds, and his repetition and his work on behalf of the Supreme Court, and the other commitments he has made, including having been before the Senate before for confirmation as the Chair of the Illinois State University Board. I don't know what more you're looking for.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Does the candidate have to be a lawyer?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Again, the five or more years of experience with federal, State, or local law enforcement agency, as a federal, State or local prosecutor, as a senior manager or executive of federal, State or local agency, as a member, an officer, or State or federal judge or representing any combination of the above. My counsel does not report an absolute requirement that one would be a lawyer. Although many of those previous roles would require one to be a lawyer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Is -- Mr. McCuskey a lawyer? Is he licensed? Is he...?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

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Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Senator Barickman, he's a former federal judge and State judge. He is a lawyer. Whether he's licensed or in retirement is unrelated to his ability to serve as Legislative Inspector General.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Is he licensed or not though?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

We'll confirm that and get back to you, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

It appears that Mr. McCuskey's law license is in fact, inactive, that he's no longer licensed. I find it interesting that that revelation is being made on the Floor of the Senate in the time before the vote. I think this is an example, Mr. President, contrary to your repeated remarks that, you know, the due diligence has been done. But this is an easy one that you could not answer on the Floor, that one could find out simply by looking on the internet. It's troubling because it begs the question that the public will have of what else did this Body not know before they took a vote and why did this Body not follow the process that it used with other candidates to find out information about those candidates before they took a vote. Mr. President, what have you or your staff done to inquire into the professional

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or personal background of Mr. McCuskey?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Senator, I don't know what color Judge McCuskey's eyes are either. But it's not germane to his qualifications for appointment, as is his status as a current or retired lawyer. He's a retired federal judge. He is the ideal candidate and he meets all of the qualifications. We're not going to be looking into things that are unrelated to his qualifications for this office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Has there been any inquiry as to whether Mr. McCuskey has -- if there's evidence in the public records about things the public may care about? Right? Citations, bankruptcies, traffic violations, has -- have you or your staff, Mr. President, looked into the public records of Mr. McCuskey, to in fact, see what's there?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senator. We have looked into his judicial record. If you have something that you wish to share with us, I'd be happy to hear it, but I believe his judicial record is exemplary and one that merits his consideration as the Legislative Inspector General.

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Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

There is a State board which handles complaints made against members of -- of the judicial branch -- the Judicial Inquiry Board. Did you inquire to the Judicial Inquiry Board as to what records they have regarding Mr. McCuskey?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you -- thank you, Senator. He was appointed by Judge -- Justice Thomas to the Professional Standards Board. I'm -- I'm going to consult with counsel to make sure I have the title correctly and served in that role for many years until just recently. I don't think there's any concern there.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

The Judicial Inquiry Board, again, is a judicial disciplinary system, Mr. President. My question was whether you inquired there as to whether they have any records concerning Mr. McCuskey.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank -- thank you, Madam President. Senator, do you have something you're eager to share?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

I do, Mr. President. I think this Body would be well served

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to do its due diligence on any candidate who it aspires to serve in a role that should be independent of this Body. And I do not understand, Mr. President, why you were unwilling to make those inquiries. As I opened here, I know Mr. McCuskey. This isn't about me, it's about the people of this State who deserve, from this office, confidence that the individual appointed by this Body can do its job to hold us accountable to upholding the utmost ethical standards for the people of this State who elect us to represent them. Why, Mr. President, do you want to avoid that process? I understand the gamesmanship that occurs on this Floor, and the unwillingness to answer questions from time to time. But, you, yourself, put into this Body, this is a retired judge, one appointed to the federal bench, one who served at the State level. So, it makes sense to me that an inquiry should be made to the Judicial Inquiry Board. So that we can find out what, if any records exists regarding his service. Why, Mr. President, don't you want that inquiry to be made before we cast a vote?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Senator, I believe his qualifications speak for themselves. Again, if there's something you think we should know, happy to hear it, but I stand by this resolution and again, the process, the much-wanted process that you are referring to, has failed. It has broken down. It has resulted in a -- a -- a vacancy in the Office of Legislative Inspector General and potentially a protracted one. So, I think everyone, maybe, should look at each other and see where the -- the cause of that breakdown is. We're trying to remedy that.

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We're trying to fill this vacancy with a well-qualified candidate and I hope that you'll join us in voting Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

I just want to take you up on your offer, Mr. President, regarding -- is there anything I would like to share with this Body. Yes. Mr. President, I think this Body would be well served to inquire into the background of this candidate. That's what I have to offer, Mr. President. You seem to be on a path for which you're unwilling to find out the answers to the questions that we're asking. The questions that the process would help to answer. I don't know why you don't want to get those answers, but I think it's telling that you're unwilling to inquire there and find out those answers we have -- before we have a vote. I think, and to the bill, Madam President, or to the resolution, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

To the resolution.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

I think it is highly unfortunate that this Body, on this issue, is taking such a callus approach to demonstrating to the public our desire to put forward an independent Inspector General who can hold -- the -- who can hold us accountable to the people we represent. That's all we ask for, Mr. President. We ask to put the candidate through a process that proves to the public that the individual is of the utmost integrity. That it -- that the person has an -- a -- a tremendous ethical record, and that the public can be confident in the job that they're going to do. Possibly, Mr. McCuskey, is the answer to the problem before us,

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but the public won't know because you won't allow them to find out. And while that's highly disappointing to this side of the aisle, I think it's just another one of a long list of examples that the public will point to and say that they are doggone fed up with the corruption that exists in this State and the unwillingness of the Illinois General Assembly to do anything about it. I'd urge a No vote, thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator McConchie, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

To the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

To the resolution.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, President Harmon for bringing this. We have a public trust problem in this State as it is, and here we're about to have the legislature pick its own watchdog without any citizen oversight. The person responsible for investigating lawmaker misconduct and corruption is about to be hand chosen by the very people that he's supposed to be watching over. It's no wonder that the people of Illinois have lost faith in government, because of the lack of accountability that exists, even in this process, is just solidifies their belief. We have a process in place, in statute, that calls for an independent citizen search committee to review, vet, investigate, and interview candidates and given their informed recommendation to the Legislative Ethics Commission. That statutory process is being completely skirted. A process, I should note, that the candidate himself says is required by law. That a candidate who has been a

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federal and State judge says his reading of the law would require of us. It is dumbfounding to me that this Chamber would fast forward through that process, putting their very candidate in a circumstance that he insists he shouldn't be involved in. Republicans have continuously advocated on following the recommendations of the citizen search committee, throughout this process. We have even offered to bring the search committee back, so that they could do their due diligence on Mr. McCuskey, vote to ensure independent oversight and citizen oversight of this process and of him. Do you have that public trust that's necessary? Our simple and reasonable request has been denied. Doing it this way was clearly not in the legislative intent behind the law originally. Clearly, the law was designed so we don't have politicians choosing their own Inspector General. With all these scandal, corruption charges, indictments that we have witnessed in recent years, we have a responsibility to the people of Illinois to restore trust in their government. And that begins with accepting a qualified Legislative Inspector General candidate that's gone through the appropriate citizen oversight process. To completely ignore that process set forth in statute, is not simply a disappointment, it's just plain wrong. We can do better than this. Let's do what the candidate, himself, says we must do. We made an offer to make him an Acting Inspector General, and while he goes through that process. That's what he said, he would prefer to do. Until Mr. McCuskey's request is honored, I encourage us all to vote No. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Cunningham, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

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Thank you, Madam President, I move the previous question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

The previous question has been moved. We have two additional speakers, Senator McClure and Senator Koehler. Go to you Senator McClure, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR McCLURE:

Questions -- questions, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Thank you, Madam President. President Harmon, do we know what political contributions that this potential Legislative Inspector General has made in the last ten years?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senator. Yes, we do.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Has Judge McCuskey donated to any current Members of the General Assembly?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank -- thank you, Madam President. He has contributed to a few democrats and republicans. One, two, three -- three, I believe.

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Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Mr. President, can you please name the people he has donated to?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Senator, this is all public record, so I'm happy to share, at least according to our research. In 2019, he contributed to "Friends of Jehan Gordon" and "Friends of Ryan Spain", and in 2020 to "Friends of LaPointe". I do not recognize any others as Members of the General Assembly.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Thank you, President Harmon. So, in a situation where any of those Members would have an allegation against them that the Legislative Inspector General is to look into, I wouldn't think any of those would ever come up with those people that you just named, what would the Legislative Inspector do? How would they - - how would -- how would Judge McCuskey handle the case?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank -- thank you, Madam President. Senator, maybe you can clarify your question. I think your conflict-of-interest point is in reverse. He did not receive any funds from any of these people.

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Senator McClure.

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SENATOR McCLURE:

Mr. President, number one, sometimes people make political contributions and they get benefits from those contributions. My question to you is, do we know what benefits that Judge McCuskey may have received and, if so, what is he going to do if anyone of those names appears before him with allegations of misconduct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Madam President, I would call the prior speaker to Order.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Our rules do suggest we refrain from personalities on the Floor. And Senator, I reject your -- your allegation that anyone receives a benefit for a campaign contribution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Thank you, Madam President. I didn't make any allegation, but I can tell you this, President Harmon, we have just seen Members of the General Assembly be convicted of bribery. I'm not making any allegation. I'm simply trying to make sure that we have done everything that we can, so that the people of this State can rest assured that we have an independent Inspector General. And your responses are making it seem as though I'm making allegations. I am not. I'm simply trying to inform the public, and I think these are -- these are valid questions that anybody would have, given what has happened in this Capitol over the last

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couple of years.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Senator, what benefits do contributors to your campaign contribution -- your campaign receive?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

You know, President Harmon, I do what I think is right in this building. I represent my constituents. And sometimes people support me afterwards and sometimes they don't. So, you know, and I think that's true for almost all of us, but we have -- a couple Members that have had issues with bribery. I'm -- I'm not making any -- any allegations against anyone. I'm simply pointing out questions that I think the public asks and wants to know.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Perhaps we can get Judge McCuskey the same benefit of the doubt and not characterize campaign contributions as bribes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Well -- let me get to another point, another subject here. You -- you stated that Judge McCuskey has not had a background check, but you also said that he has no felonies on his record. I guess the question, obvious question is, if there's been no

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background check, how do you know that he has no felonies on his record?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank -- thank you, Madam President. Are you aware of any felonies on Judge McCuskey's record, Senator?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

No, and that's why a background check would be in order here. Particularly, since individuals - I'm not - I and I want to be clear when I respond, Mr. -- President Harmon. I'm not making any allegations at all. I'm just trying to make sure we're doing the process that we're supposed to be doing. But anybody who does - has worked in law enforcement or as a prosecutor, knows that the only way to actually know is by doing a deep dive with the help of FBI or with leads. And people have aliases sometimes, people type in things in different states. So, that's just, I mean, that's just common practice. So I -- so the...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator McClure, was that a question?

SENATOR McCLURE:

Now I have a question, so the question again is how do you know he has no felonies on his record.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Senator, apparently the

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Republican caucus is aware of background checks that the Democratic caucus is not aware of for any of the candidates. We have searched all of the requisite public databases and have found no indication that Judge McCuskey has any felonies on his record. I don't know that it requires an FBI background check to reach that conclusion. But again, your caucus seems to have much more information than ours does about the process and what was applied to other candidates. I don't know why you have that information, I don't know how you have that information, but you seem to have more than we do.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

To -- to the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

To the resolution.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Thank -- thank you, to the resolution. And thank you, President Harmon, for answering my questions. You know, this is just troubling. I mean this is really troubling. And, I've got to say that to not follow the process that was laid out by this very Body, is troubling. I -- I don't know how anyone could say anything other than that. I mean, we have people in this Chamber that have been found guilty of federal crimes. Just since I've been here, that has happened. And the fact that this Body does not have a case before it with the due diligence that was necessary to properly vet the candidate. And the fact..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator McClure, to the resolution, please.

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SENATOR McCLURE:

To the resolution, Madam President, thank you. I think anybody that's listening to this debate can see why any reasonable person in this State would have doubts about the process and about the resolution, itself. And for that, Madam President, I do urge a No vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

The final speaker. Leader Koehler. For what reason do you seek recognition?

SENATOR KOEHLER:

To the resolution, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

To the resolution.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

I'm not going to speak about process. I'm going to speak about Judge McCuskey. I think I'm correct in stating that I probably know him better than anyone in this room. He's from Central Illinois. I've known him for many, many years. And I trust he's probably listening, and after this kind of a discussion you wonder why good, qualified, honest, decent people like this would even want to subject themselves to this kind of a thing. There is no more ethical or more moral person that I can think of that -- for this job than Judge McCuskey. He was ratified by the United States Senate under Republican control back in the 90's when Bill Clinton was President. He received unanimous support out of committee, a unanimous vote on the Senate Floor. He was vetted by more than one FBI agent during that process. He has served well on the federal bench, on the State bench. He is well respected by people of all kinds of political persuasions. You

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know, this is a good, decent, honest man, you know. And I will say this as a friend, if I, and I don't intend to do this, but if I were to ever go astray and have - do things that are ethically not consistent with this Body, Judge McCuskey would not hesitate but to hold me accountable for that. I say that as a friend. And so, all the discussions we've heard about what if and what if and that, we are so darn lucky in this Chamber and in -- in this State to have people like him that are willing to step forward. And again, all of us be warned, this is not somebody that's going to look the other way. He is going to look and tell you exactly what he sees. Just like he told the committee, you know, this is a good, and decent, and honest man and I think we should vote Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senate -- Senate President Harmon, would you like to close?

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank -- thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. First, one of the prior speakers raised this sinister possibility that Judge McCuskey had something on his record at the Judicial Inquiry Board. We've updated our review of those materials and there is no founded complaint against him. I would point out also, anything shy of that is constitutionally sealed. So, Senator, you can rest assured that we have checked him with the JIB and there is nothing to be concerned about. So, we'll take that stain off his record. This -- this -- this debate took an unfortunate turn. So, I'm not going to bite my tongue. You know what I find offensive? The Republican Members of the Legislative Ethics Commission saying, if we don't get to pick our handpicked Inspector General, then nobody gets to pick an Inspector General. If we don't get to advance on the veteran of the Rauner

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Administration with a deep partisan streak, then you can't have an Inspector General. The reason we passed these laws, is to make sure there is no gap in the Office of the Inspector General. I have lived through that. We don't want to do that we want a well-qualified Legislative Inspector General. Judge McCuskey fills the bill. I dare you to vote No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Order. Order. Pursuant to the provisions of the Senate Officials and Employees Ethics Act, a resolution appointing a Legislative Inspector General requires a three-fifths vote of each Chamber. The question is, shall Senate Joint Resolution 48 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 37 Ayes, 17 Nays, and 1 voting Present. Senate Joint Resolution 48, having received the required statutory majority, is declared adopted. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution 49, -- offered by Senator Villanueva. It is substantive, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on February 17th, 2022. The Senate stands adjourned.