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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

...(microphone disengaged)...today will be given by Pastor Michael Dye, Knox Knolls Free Methodist, Springfield, Illinois. Pastor Dye.

PASTOR MICHAEL DYE:

(Prayer by Pastor Michael Dye)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Jacobs)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, May 3rd, 2011.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Madam President, I move to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal just read by the Secretary, pending arrival of the printed transcript.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Hunter moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Hunter -- moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ROCK:

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Senator Frerichs, Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, reports House Bills 6, 1163, 1170, 1657, 1683, 1724, 2804, 2861, 3019 and 3178 Do Pass.

Senator Delgado, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Health, reports House Bills 103, 204, 279, 1096, 1130, 1338, 1531, 1562, 1658, 1684, 3134 and 3155 Do Pass; House Bill 1380 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Resolution 82 Be Adopted.

Senator Raoul, Chairperson of the Committee on Pensions and Investments, reports House Bills 144, 1719, 1956, 3253, 3332, 3334, 3376 and 3591 Do Pass.

Senator Garrett, Chairperson of the Committee on Commerce, reports House Bills 3406, 3414 and 3513 Do Pass.

Senator Forby, Chairperson of the Committee on Labor, reports House Bills 1427, 1709, 3314 and 3360 Do Pass.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Resolution 210, offered by Senator Jacqueline Collins and all Members.

Senate Resolution 212, offered by Senator McCarter and all Members.

Senate Resolution 213, offered by Senator Jacqueline Collins and all Members.

They are death resolutions, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Madam Secretary, Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Resolution 211, offered by Senator Forby.
It is substantive.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Trotter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you, Madam President. For purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your announcement, Senator.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Madam President and Members of the Senate, the Senate Majority Democrats are requesting a caucus in the President's Office immediately upon recess for an hour.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. That's always in order. The Senate Democrats request an hour caucus in the President's Office. Senator Syverson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Madam President. We would likewise caucus for that same time in the Leader's Office. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

That's totally in order. Senator Syverson also requests this. Senate Democrats and Republicans have moved to recess the Senate for purposes of a one-hour caucus. Seeing no objection, the motion to recess is granted. Senator Hunter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HUNTER:

Point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

State your point.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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Thank you, Madam President. Today is a very significant day today in the State of Illinois with all of the Black Greek organizations coming together once again for Legislative Day. And the -- the -- the Greek organizations are called Divine Nine. And you have over four hundred African-American male and female Greek organizations here in Springfield. And I'd like to read their names, if I'm permitted to do so, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

It'd be my honor, Senator.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you. We have here today visiting with us Alpha Phi Alpha Sorority -- Fraternity, excuse me, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Phi Psi {sic} (Psi Phi), Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Iota Phi Theta, Delta Sigma Theta, Phi Beta Sigma, Sigma Gamma Rho and Zeta Phi Beta. And also my Regional -- my -- my Regional Director of the Central Division, Doctor Giselé Casanova, is here with us as well. And I would like to welcome them to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please welcome the Divine Nine to the Illinois General Assembly. We welcome you being here. Senator Raoul, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RAOUL:

Point of personal privilege. I -- I rise because Kappa Alpha Psi was just used in debate. I rise to recognize my fraternity brothers, the gentlemen of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Majority Leader James Clayborne is a member of the Fraternity, as is Representative Jackson and Representative Davis and Secretary of State Jesse White, former Senate

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President Cecil Partee. We -- we -- today is not just a special day; this year is a special year for the men of Kappa Alpha Psi. It is our one-hundred-year anniversary. Senator Hunter mentioned the Divine Nine. There's "the great one" and that is Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. And so I'd like to -- the Members present to -- to recognize the premier African-American Greek letter organization in the country, Kappa Alpha Psi.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please welcome Kappa Alpha Psi to the Illinois General Assembly. And happy one hundredth anniversary for all that you do. Senator Muñoz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

State your point -- state your point, Senator.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, today I have here with me students from Kelly High School and I have the Brighton Park Neighborhood Council. If we can give 'em a round of applause.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please rise and be welcomed to the Illinois General Assembly. We appreciate you're being here. Senator Althoff, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Madam President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your point.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

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Thank you. Probably most people in this Chamber wouldn't believe it, but I was a Girl Scout. And I have one of my Girl Scout troop's from Algonquin, Illinois, in the gallery behind the President. It's Junior Girl Scout Troop 893. We have Lindsay Drake, Katie Frantik, Kelly Hitchen -- Hichen, sorry darling, Rebecca Littlefield, Morgan Materna, Kelly Ross, Lexie Yurchik, and their leaders Dianne Frantik - which I'm going to assume is Kelly's -- no, Katie's mom - and Cindy Drake. And if we can welcome them, they are up there behind the President's Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please welcome the Girl Scouts, Senator Althoff's guests, to the Illinois General Assembly. Senator Trotter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Madam President. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR TROTTER:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to this General Assembly, the Illinois Senate, two groups that have come down today from your community, Madam President, to -- one, to witness in action and see us hopefully pass a very significant piece of legislation that'll be important to them. They are the Interfaith Leadership Project from Cicero. And we have P.A.S.O. - the West Suburban Action Project from Melrose Park. And they're in the President's Gallery on the Democratic side.

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Please rise.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Please...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please rise and be welcomed to the Illinois General Assembly, from the 4th Senate District. Thank you for being here. And, Senator Hunter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HUNTER:

Madam President, my name was used in a debate when Senator Raoul was speaking about the Greek Day and that gives me an opportunity to come back once again, because I neglected to mention that you yourself, Madam President, is -- is one of the members of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. And in terms of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, we have Soror Annazette Collins, staffer Nia Hassan, who coordinated this entire event, India Hammons, who is also a staffer, myself and Toi Hutchinson. So I'd like for -- for that to go on the record, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you. Please welcome all of the Members' organizations to the Illinois General Assembly... The Senate now stands in recess until 1:50. The Senate stands at recess.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senate will come to order. Madam Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ROCK:

A Message from the House by Mr. Mahoney, Clerk.

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Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 90.

Together with the following amendment which is attached, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Amendment 1.

It passed the House, as amended, May 4th, 2011. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Madam Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ROCK:

House Bill 1069, offered by Senator Bivins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2259, offered by Senator Crotty.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2581, offered by Senator Bivins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2820, offered by Senator Althoff.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2896, offered by Senator Harmon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3223, offered by Senator Tom Johnson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3384, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3417, offered by Senator McCarter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House Bill 3428, offered by Senator Kotowski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3474, offered by Senator Garrett.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3503, offered by Senator McCann.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3522, offered by Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of these House bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senate will stand at ease for a few moments to allow us to catch up on some paperwork. (at ease) The Senate will come to order. Would all members on the Committee on Assignments please come to the Anteroom? The Committee on Assignments will meet immediately in the Anteroom. Will all members of the Committee on Assignments please come to the Anteroom? Also, Tony Bateman with IIS Video requests permission to videotape. Leave is granted. The Senate will stand at ease to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. (at ease) The Senate will come to order. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to the Agriculture and Conservation Committee - House Bill 153 and House Bill 3274; refer to the Appropriations II Committee - House Bill 1157; refer to the Commerce Committee - House Bill 1262, House Bill 1730 and House Bill 2083; refer to the Criminal Law Committee - House Bill 102, House Bill 233, House Bill 1073, House Bill 1074, House Bill

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1161, House Bill 1258, House Bill 1263, House Bill 1271, House Bill 1628, House Bill 1689, House Bill 1907, House Bill 1908, House Bill 1927, House Bill 1984, House Bill 2046, House Bill 2054, House Bill 2089, House Bill 2100, House Bill 2193, House Bill 2585, House Bill 2595 and House Bill 3042; refer to the Education Committee - House Bill 1204, House Bill 1240, House Bill 1466, House Bill 1571, House Bill 1831, House Bill 2984, House Bill 3539 and Senate Resolution 176; refer to the Energy Committee - House Bill 1297 and House Bill 1558; refer to the Executive Committee - House Bill 195, House Bill 222, House Bill 1084, House Bill 1530, House Bill 1610, House Bill 1670, House Bill 1717, House Bill 1965, House Bill 2607; refer to the Human Services Committee - House Bill 785, House Bill 1521, House Bill 2917; refer to the Insurance Committee - House Bill 1149 and House Bill 3443; refer to the Judiciary Committee - House Bill 83, House Bill 1153, House Bill 1317 and House Bill 1574; refer to the Licensed Activities Committee - House Bill 1228 and House Bill 1476; refer to the Local Government Committee - House Bill 156, House Bill 248, House Bill 1311, House Bill 1320, House Bill 1526, House Bill 1700 and House Bill 2105; refer to the Pensions and Investments Committee - House Bill 1447; refer to the Public Health Committee - House Bill 105, House Bill 3294, House Bill 3499 and Senate Resolution 170; refer to the Revenue Committee - House Bill 2955; refer to the State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee - House Bill 2858, House Bill 3244, Senate Resolution 159 and Senate Resolution 169; refer to the Transportation Committee - House Bill 2860 and House Bill 3172; re-refer from the Appropriations I Committee to the Assignments Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2405, Floor

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Signed by Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to the Agriculture and Conservation Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 2094; refer to the Appropriations I Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2416; refer to the Education Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 2870 and Committee Amendment 2 to House Bill 3115; refer to the Energy Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 1458; refer to the Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 270 and Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 3131; refer to the Insurance Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 1129; refer to the Labor Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 297; refer to the Local

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Government Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 1359; refer to the Public Health Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 279 {sic}; and Be Approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2390, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2394, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2405 and Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2405, Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2405, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2409, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2412, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2414, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2414, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2424, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2449, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2449, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2456, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2467, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2467, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2472, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2472, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2474, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2474, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2475, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2480 and Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2480.

Signed by Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Sandack, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SANDACK:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman {sic}. On a point of personal privilege, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

SENATOR SANDACK:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman {sic}. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'd like to welcome my friend and former colleague, as

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of last night, Sean Durkin, who's a member of the Village Council in Downers Grove. He's a constituent of Senator Dillard's and a good friend of mine. I'd ask for a warm Senate welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Great to have you here. Senator Maloney, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MALONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

SENATOR MALONEY:

In the gallery behind me, on my left, are three Sisters, Sister Michelle, Sister Rosemary and another Sister Rosemary, who are down here doing good work for Project IRENE. I would also like to mention, Sister Michelle was the elementary school principal and just a tremendous school administrator for my children when they were at St. John Fisher School. Like the Senate to give them a - please - a warm welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Would our guests in the gallery please rise? Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Senator Kotowski, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. It gives me great pleasure today to announce the fact that I'm joined by Kyle Florian, who's my Page for the Day. He's a junior at Wheaton North High School. His parents are -- are with him in the Chamber, Kurt and Linda Florian. And Kyle

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is -- he's very into hockey. Think he projects to play hockey in the future. He's a budget expert, so we brought him in just to help take care of budget issues down in Springfield. He's a wonderful young man and he's -- unfortunately, for a lot of us who support the north side team, he's a Sox fan, which is very disappointing. But that being said, we accept all people here in the General Assembly, even Sox fans. But I would just like if you could please join me in giving my good friend, Kyle Florian, a warm Springfield welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Would our guests please rise? Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Senator Emil Jones, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR E. JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. Personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

SENATOR E. JONES:

I would -- I also have a guest, a Senate Page for the Day. Her name is Hannah Bielicki. She's a tenth grader, homeschooled in Midlothian. Her activities, she enjoys singing, drawing, acting. And she wanted to let everyone know she's very familiar with the tunnels underneath the Capitol. So, if we need to send her over to the Stratton Building, she'll be the one to do it. So, please join me in giving her a -- warm welcome to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Please rise and be recognized, Hannah. Welcome. Senator Don Harmon, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. For purposes of an introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please make your introduction.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'm joined on the Floor today by a special guest, Vincent Taglia, an eighth grader from Julian Middle School in Oak Park and a constituent of mine. He's here today with his father in the gallery, Jim Taglia, who's the Collector for the Township of Oak Park. I'm very honored to have 'em. They're here today in -- having supported the St. Giles School's auction and I'm glad to have them with me here on the Senate Floor today. So, please join me in welcoming both Vincent and his dad to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Will our guests please rise? Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Senator LaHood, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LaHOOD:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

SENATOR LaHOOD:

Mr. President, I have two guests today that I would like to recognize. Rowena Whitson and Hannah Hernandez are from Peoria, Illinois. They are eighth graders at St. Thomas Grade School in Peoria. They're first cousins. And Hannah is the daughter of Mike and Melanie Hernandez. Her hobbies include dance, drawing, acting and directing shows in her neighborhood. And her future plans include being a director or a designer. And Rowena

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Whitson is the daughter of Dan and Maria Whitson. And her hobbies include singing and acting. And she plans to attend university and study acting. Both of their mothers and their grandmother are in the gallery today and I'd like to recognize them and have everybody give a warm Senate welcome to the five of them.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Will our guests please rise? Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Senator Brady, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to introduce a guest of mine and a guest of Senator Cultra. Her name is Lilly Brooks. She's a sophomore at Normal West High School in Normal, Illinois. And she is pleased to be with us here in the Illinois State Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Will our guest please rise? Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Ladies and Gentlemen, if we could have your attention. If we can have some quiet here in the Chamber. Senator Silverstein has an important announcement. Senator Silverstein, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just have attention of the Senate for two minutes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Yes. Ladies and Gentlemen, please. Everybody take your seats, if you would, please. Everybody take your seats. Senator Silverstein has an important announcement. Senator Silverstein.

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SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. This week -- in fact, this -- this week -- today we celebrate -- we don't celebrate, but remember Yom HaShoah, which is the Holocaust commemoration of what happened six -- where six million Jews were killed. Unfortunately, it's something we have to do every year. In Israel..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Excuse me, Senator -- Silverstein. Would the Sergeant-at-Arms please -- out in the -- in the wings out there, could we get the volume level reduced out there, please? We'd like to have the full attention, please.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. In the State of Israel, a horn is blown and the whole country comes to a moment of silence. I've never experienced it; I've seen it on TV. My children have seen it. People get out of their cars and have a moment in silence. Today, thanks to the auspices of the Jewish Federation, a memorial service was held at the Old State Capitol. Unfortunately, we always say never again, but genocide is still -- raises it's head in today's society. I'd just like to read an -- excerpt from the book Night from Elie Wiesel, which really summarizes what happened in 1944 {sic} when he arrived at Auschwitz. So I'm going to read this passage and I'll make it very short: Not far from us, flames were leaping up from a ditch, gigantic flames. They were burning something. A lorry grew {sic} (drew) up at the pit and delivered its little load of {sic} children. Babies! Around us, everyone was weeping. . . . Never shall I ever {sic} forget that night, the

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first night in the {sic} camp. . . . Never shall I forget that smoke. Never shall I forget the little faces of the children, who {sic} (whose) bodies I saw turned into wreaths of smoke beneath a silent sky. Unfortunately, we have these days to remember and we say never -- never forget and never again. So, thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Silverstein. Senator Sandoval, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege before...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please...

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

...proceed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Thank you, Mr. President. And joining us here today are two -- significant groups of our immigrant communities throughout the State of Illinois, joining us in the gallery. I'd like to welcome them to Springfield. The Illinois Coalition of {sic} (for) Immigrant and Refugee Rights, as well as the students from Kelly High School. I'd like to give them a round of applause and welcome 'em to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Would our guests please rise? Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you will turn to page 92

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in your printed Calendar. Page 92 is Senate Bill 2185. Senator -- Senate President Cullerton. Indicates he'd like to proceed. President Cullerton seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2185 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2185. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

President Cullerton, to present the amendment.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I'd like to adopt the amendment on 2nd Reading so that we can debate the bill on 3rd Reading. So I move that we adopt Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, 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 ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2185. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2185.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

President Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This bill is designed to make college education possible for immigrant children. It would allow Illinois residents with a valid taxpayer ID number to invest their money in either one of our two college savings programs, Bright Star {sic} (Start) or -- and Bright Direction {sic} (Directions), which is administered by our State Treasurer, or to purchase a prepaid tuition through the College Illinois! program, which is a pre-paid college tuition program. Secondly, it would also create the Illinois DREAM (Fund) Commission, which will provide scholarships to the children of immigrants; but these scholarships and programs will be funded by private funds and not by State funds. Lastly, it would expand the continuing professional development requirements for school counselors to include activities that address the needs of children of immigrants. Illinois has been a progressive state in assisting our non-resident -- our resident children of immigrants. Back in 2003, we overwhelmingly passed a bill to provide in-state tuition rates for these residents. I believe that it's a bill that -- whose time has come to encourage our citizens to -- and make it easier for them to go to college and get an education. Be happy to answer any questions and ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Senator Martinez, for what

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purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Today could be a very historic day here in the State of Illinois, for we are being able to give young children, young adults, the opportunity to go to the university, which will be funded privately. There will be no taxpayers dollars involved. You know, when you look at the -- at our young peoples up here in the gallery, out there in our -- in our -- in our communities, they want the opportunity to be able to go to a university and become great professionals. Let's give 'em that opportunity today, here, by passing this bill over to the House. I want to just commend Senator Cullerton, President Cullerton, for a great job and being able to bring this to the forefront. This is about our young men and women becoming great people of society, great professionals that are going to be there to serve our communities. And I -- I stand here in strong support. Let's give our young people, yet again, the opportunity to go to the university and help continue to strive in this wonderful world that we live in. I urge an Aye vote. I want to see fifty-nine lights light up this for the sake of our young people.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Lauzen, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LAUZEN:

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Questions for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Senator, I certainly appreciate the -- and understand the appeal of your bill. Is there a legal residency requirement? You mentioned immigrants, but I think that what is -- one of the things that's more controversial about this bill would be that it doesn't make a differentiation between a legal resident and an illegal resident. Is there a -- a legal residency requirement in participating in this program?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

President Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. In order to qualify, Senator, the student would have to obtain a valid taxpayer ID number, which is issued by the Internal Revenue Service. And if they receive one from the Internal Revenue Service, then they would be eligible, and they have to, of course, be residents of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Okay. Second question, when you say that there's no cost - or someone has said in this -- about this bill that there's no cost to the taxpayers - if a -- if a person who's considered a illegal immigrant is given a spot -- admitted to a spot in one of our public universities, isn't there a portion of that funding for every student? You know, no matter how they come to the university, isn't -- isn't there a cost paid by the taxpayer

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for every student that we -- that we educate in the public universities?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

President Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

These are students who are already entitled to go to our universities. They already are in our universities. They're paying in-state tuition rates. Now, all we're saying is, they can avail themselves of the same programs that the citizens can avail themselves of right now. So I would argue, very clearly, this does not take anybody's place in college; they could already be there. They just have an easier way of how -- of being able to afford the college that they're -- that -- with their own money that they're going to college with.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

I guess I'm just asking for clarification. Isn't it true that every student at any of the State universities, a certain portion of the cost of educating that student, wherever they come from, is paid by the taxpayers?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

President Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Well, we -- we appropriate money to higher education, yes. When we start up our discussion on our budget, we can discuss that specifically. But, yes, we do help fund higher education. And, as you know, we have some of the finest schools in the nation in our State of Illinois, which helps promote our

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business climate and our reputation as a business community, so that we have a highly educated workforce. These children of immigrants certainly fall into that category of bright young people who deserve to have this opportunity to go to those universities.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Final -- final -- last question. There is a capacity constraint on our universities. So, you mentioned before that there's no -- that this wouldn't affect, you know, whether someone may be eligible for in-state tuition. I understand that that -- you know, that bill passed several years ago, but isn't it true that there are some folks who are turned away from the State universities or not admitted because there's a limited capacity? Is that generally true?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

President Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Senator, I think you're discussing or debating a different bill. That would be a bill that would -- you might want to advance to say that these children cannot apply to the university. That's not what this bill does. We say that they are now in our universities; they're entitled to go. We've even said that they don't have to pay out-of-state tuition; they pay in-state tuition. So the children of immigrants are in the colleges now. This bill says that they can avail themselves of these three State programs. And it does not cost the taxpayers any money. The fact that they're in college, are you saying

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that costs taxpayers money? Well, then, if you don't think they should, you should put a bill in to say that they shouldn't be entitled. I wouldn't vote for that. I'd think they should be entitled to be there and I think they should be able to avail themselves of these programs, so it'd make it easier for them to afford it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Finally, I -- I -- you know, I -- I do know what bill we're addressing and I do know that you're saying that its immigrant and I know that that -- that ignores the nature of the controversy about this bill. The point that I'm making on the third question is only the capacity. I think that it is -- I think that it's obviously true that there is a capacity constraint and that when some folks are going to be admitted, there are other folks who -- there's not room enough for everyone who wants to attend our university. So, thank you very much for your indulgence.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Tom Johnson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR T. JOHNSON:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR T. JOHNSON:

I rise in strong support of this piece of legislation, being the grandson of immigrants, as I've mentioned previously,

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from Sweden, great country that it was and still is. I, for one -- the children of my grandparents had no choice but to come with their parents to this country. Immigrants have always been who we are. The immigrants that we are talking about here are children of immigrants who came here probably not by their own choice, but because of the aspirations and dreams of their parents. But they are here, they are our future, they are our fellow citizens here in Illinois. And the time has come that we need to come to grips with this issue at a federal level. And I would urge the sponsor, all the Members of that side of the aisle, as well as my side of the aisle -- but, you know, somewhere the federal government has to come to grips with this immigration policy of ours, because we're addressing the results of the immigration policy; we're addressing the children of those who have chosen to come here and remain illegally. But I would hope that as we progress in Illinois, dealing with the children and our neighbors and our future providers, that we in turn will put the pressure on each of our Reps, Congressmen, Senators, President, to finally get down to the -- the big issue, the big eight-hundred-pound gorilla in the room. And that is, what are we going to do going forward with this immigration issue? This should not be a donkey-elephant thing. It is not. This is an American value issue and all of us share those values and we need to do what we can. So, again, I rise in support of this issue. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator. Further discussion? Senator Delgado, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DELGADO:

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Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield for a couple questions?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Delgado.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you. And thank you, Mr. President, for bringing this legislation forward. I just want to touch on a couple issues that were brought up from the other side, for clarification purposes for all those in attendance. The ITIN number, which is the individual tax ID -- individual -- I'm sorry, the individual tax ID number, that is -- is had by an individual by the Department of Revenue because they're working and they're paying taxes. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

President Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

That's my understanding. They would apply for a valid taxpayer ID number so that they can report their income and pay taxes to the government.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Delgado.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you. And at this point, to the bill, Mr. -- Mr. President. I, too, rise in strong support of this legislation. We have pared this legislation so that we can make sure that it's palatable for all those here. The individual tax ID number means that they are taxpayers. The family is paying taxes. They're employed, regardless of their current status. They may be on their way to citizenship, they may be in the first stage,

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but they're paying taxes. If there -- if there's classroom constraints that folks would have a legitimate concern about, and I understand that, many constraints are based on the academia and the ACT score or LSAT {sic} (SAT) scores on why they -- a student shouldn't be admitted. And that history is very clear. At the same time, since they're paying taxes, Mr. President, they're not going around the bend and consuming lessons and curriculum and labs that -- that otherwise are paid by the taxpayers while they're -- if they have an ITIN number, they're participating in having taxes taken out, although they don't enjoy the -- the -- the status of citizenship. And so it's very important that we don't throw the baby out with the bath water. This is a very clear human rights and public health attempt to create a transparent process towards citizenship for these populations. Many of them in the audience come from many, many countries and that is what's so beautiful about that. So when the time comes, I, too, say let's have fifty-nine green lights up there. And I commend the sponsor for this legislation and this is a nice soft touch moving forward and I would ask for the Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator. Further discussion? Senator Muñoz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'm glad there was some

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clarification with the valid taxpayer's identification number. But while they do that, it will just enable them to invest their money into either Illinois' two college saving program {sic}, the Bright Start, Bright Direction {sic} (Directions), or to purchase prepaid tuition through the colleges program. These children came to the United States at a early age and now they are an -- adults. And I believe they have the right to earn their citizenship. Currently, there are ninety-five thousand, ninety-five thousand, once this bill passes, that will be able to be a part of this program. So I ask you to please vote Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator. Further discussion? Seeing none, President Cullerton, to close.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. In the debate it came out and I want to emphasize the fact that these are children of immigrants. Now we all remember back when we were children, we did not have very many choices. We didn't choose where to live. We didn't choose what clothes to wear. We didn't choose what food to eat. Those choices were made for us. Now, we are now talking about children, who perhaps didn't even choose to come to this country, but who are here and who are contributing to our society by paying taxes and by becoming educated. We simply are saying they should be treated the way other children are, who want to go to college, avail themselves of some college programs, a DREAM Commission that will help them with private money for their scholarships, and as a result, we will make a better society for all of us. For that reason, I would urge an Aye vote. Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2185 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? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 45 voting Aye, 11 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2185, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you will turn to page 11 of the printed Calendar, at the bottom of page 11 is Senate Bill 270. President Cullerton seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 270 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 270. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

President Cullerton, to present your amendment.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Senate Amendment No. 1, as discussed in committee yesterday, it's the substance of the bill. I would move for its adoption and debate it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, 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 ROCK:

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No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 270. Madam Secretary, please read the... We'll stand at ease for just a second to get a clarification on a -- an additional amendment. (at ease) Madam Secretary, take Senate Bill 270 out of the record, please. Ladies and Gentlemen, will you please recognize former Senator, currently Executive of Will County, Larry Walsh, to the Senate Floor? Welcome, Larry. Good to see you. Senator Dillard, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Mr. President. On a point of personal privilege, if I may.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Yes, please say -- state your point.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you. Just to make sure we're all in condition for the final weeks of the legislative Session, I've been asked to announce that out on Monroe Street, the AARP and Walgreens are continuing their nationwide Wellness Tour. And they have a van out there which will screen you for cholesterol, blood pressure, bone density, glucose levels, and guys like me ought to take note, waist circumference. And it's out there. It's -- it's free and it is a nationwide Wellness Tour and it's -- it's out there for the next two hours, until 6 o'clock, on Monroe Street, if you want to get your blood pressure checked and some other things. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you will turn

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to page 16 of the printed Calendar, at the bottom of page 16 is Senate Bill 335. President Cullerton. No? Excuse me, Senator Steans. Senator Steans. Senator Steans seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 335 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 335. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, to present your amendment.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, Senate Bill -- the amendment makes various transfers and suspends various transfers from the General Revenue Fund for Fiscal Year '12.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, 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 ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 335. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 335.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 335 makes a number of changes to -- to suspend various transfers out of the General Revenue Fund. These are so-called statutory transfers out. So we are suspending, for Fiscal Year '12, the statutory transfers out for the Agricultural Premium, Youth Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Prevention, heart -- the U of I Hospital Services, we're reducing it to twenty million dollars. For the Healthcare Provider Relief Fund, we're sustaining that. Excuse me. The total amount of the transfers in this are four hundred and twenty-four thousand {sic} one hundred and five thousand dollars from the General Revenue Fund that will be going to various funds. I can answer any questions, if folks would like to discuss.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Senator, the -- the total amount of statutory transfers, four hundred and twenty-four million one hundred and five thousand, is a -- about a twenty-two-and-a-half-million-dollar increase over statutory -- the same statutory transfers from FY'11. Is that correct?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yeah. Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

To -- to the bill, Mr. President. I appreciate the effort on this. Some of us voted for this bill in committee last night. It is a reduction off the Governor's introduced, and a significant one, but it's also a spending increase off of last year's budget for these very same line items. If we're going to get to a point where we have a balanced budget, and if this tax increase is truly going to be permanent -- or -- or, temporary, excuse me, if we're going to pay our bills without more borrowing, we need to actually cut spending off of where it's been, not have it continue to increase. Unfortunately, I -- again, I appreciate the effort in this regard, but I've got to urge a No vote on this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any further discussion? Is there any further discussion? Senator Steans, do you wish to close?
Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes. The amount that these transfers are getting reduced from what the Governor's introduced budget was is a hundred and sixty-three million dollars. So there is a reduction from the Governor's proposed budget of a hundred and sixty-three million dollars. This is something that the fiscal reality plan the

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Republicans have presented did present and suggest we try to reach at least a hundred-fifty-million-dollar target. So we are hitting above that amount with these proposed reductions to our transfers out. I would encourage an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 335 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? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 31 voting Aye, 26 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 335, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen -- Ladies and Gentlemen, if you will turn to page 94 of the printed Calendar and Senate Bill 2390, in the middle of the page. 2390. Senator Kotowski. Do you wish to proceed? Senator Kotowski seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2390 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2390. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Kotowski.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski, to present your amendment.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank -- thank you very much, Mr. -- Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 2390 makes an appropriation of 73.7 million of all funds to the General Assembly and legislative commissions. Senate -- Amendment No. 1 keeps the... Oh, I'm sorry. I think we have to return it to --

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to adopt the amendment? Okay.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is -- is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, 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 ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2390. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2390.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. It's my first day here. Thank you. I appreciate your understanding and your patience. This is a very important piece of legislation, one of several which is going to focus on reductions in spending that we have to the -- the State budget. It makes an appropriation of 73.7 million of all funds to the -- General Assembly and the legislative commission {sic}. It keeps the legislative commissions level with Fiscal Year '11 and reduces the Senate Democratic Caucus portion of the General Assembly budget by five percent, which is a total reduction of 374.6 thousand. Appropriation includes 71.6 million for General Revenue Fund,

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2.1 million other State funds, and zero in federal funds.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MURPHY:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Senator Kotowski, why did the -- the General Assembly cut in Amendment 1 only apply to the Senate Democrat's line item?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you for your question, Senator Murphy. That's an excellent question. We proposed that yesterday and look forward to getting amendment from your side. I talked to my colleague, Senator Althoff. One of the bills we proposed before, earlier this year, was a reduction in our spending in Fiscal Year '11 and it was joined by an amendment that was filed by your caucus on that bill. We expect to see the same, or if another bill would be introduced, we'd be more than happy to see that happen as well. I know we'd be open to that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

So we have a history, just this spring, of having joined in on that. Why didn't you just ask us before and we'd have put it in the bill with you?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Because I -- I -- I sat down and we -- I -- first of all, I would never, never imagine to think about what's going on in your head, Senator Murphy. It's very difficult to wrap my arms around that. But I sat -- I talked to Senator Althoff and I said -- I pointed that out to her today and I said, "We have a reduction coming in. Just so you know, we don't have an amendment to address the five percent reduction in spending." So I'm open to having you have -- introduce a separate bill. I talked to the Senate President about that. This is -- I wouldn't take this as any kind of a -- a slight against you. We just present it as a five-percent reduction of our own. If your -- we will more than happily take up a vote on a bill that reduces your budget by five percent as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

To the -- to the bill, Mr. President. I appreciate that. I'm -- I don't take any offense at it. It just seems a little odd that you'd do one caucus rather than all four, because I think we all seem to understand that we've got to do this together. More broadly, the -- the General Assembly budget actually is an increase over what the Governor proposed and a substantial increase over FY'11. There is a cut in the legislative commissions off of what the Governor proposed, but again, we're still in a situation here where we're not seeing the sort of real cuts in spending that are going to be necessary

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to allow the tax increase to only be temporary, to be able to pay our bills without more borrowing and get ourselves in a position to actually balance our budget for the long term and have a sustainable fiscal situation here in Springfield. So I must again urge a No vote on Senate Bill 2390.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there further discussion? Senator Lauzen, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. A question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Senator, if you compare what you're proposing in this piece of legislation versus how much was spent last year, is it more or less?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you for your question, Senator Lauzen. It is 3.8 percent less from the previous year -- that was appropriated last year. We had 76.16. What we appropriate is 73.683. So it's a 3.8 percent decrease.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Senator, thank you. And -- and it's on the basis that it is a decrease. Unfortunately, the analysis that I have in my hand says that the General Assembly GRF appropriation for Fiscal

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Year 2011 was 51.58 million dollars and this is 51.646 million. So, can you clear up the discrepancy between what I have in our analysis and what you just quoted?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Well, I think we want to look at -- if you're looking at the total -- want to address the total from -- from Fiscal Year '11. In Fiscal Year '11, final budget is 76.616.3 {sic} and what we are proposing here is 73,683, which is a reduction of about 2.9 million.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you very much. And again, Senator, I think that the -- see, the standard that's being established, that somehow a Governor's current year proposal, that that's the standard of fiscal responsibility, I -- that is not the proper standard of spending cuts. It would be last year's GRF appropriation versus what we're planning on spending next year. But I hope that your numbers are right. Now, the question I would have is what's the source of your numbers? Because the source of the numbers in my hand here is the Governor's budget book itself from -- from last year. It's the Governor's budget book. So what's the source of your information?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much for your question, Senator Lauzen. The

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source of the information on -- on the aggregate side -- okay, for the General Assembly -- I'll just specifically give you the General Assembly appropriation. Just the General Assembly, not everything else, is 51,579.60. And this year, we're appropriating three hundred thousand less for the General Assembly.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Lauzen, do you have -- Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Yes, and I'm -- I don't mean to belabor it. I actually do want to support a reduction from year over year, especially when it has to do with us. I certainly agree with Senator Murphy when he said, my goodness, why would we not be included in the sacrifice? I hope that it's -- it's not one of these things where, oh, look at what the -- you know, one side of the aisle is doing and the other side isn't. I would support that both of us should go, plus it would mean more savings in this bill. I'm -- I have that number in front -- that 51,579 and change, that rounded off is 51,580, but from that same budget source, the budget book, I have that it's just slightly more, at 51,647. So, again, what's the source of the -- the numbers for this allocation?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you so much, Senator Lauzen. I appreciate your questions and your diligence. It's just -- I think, we just have a -- a differential. We've been working with staff. This is the number that we have right now. I'd be more than happy to

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talk about that afterwards, but we've assessed that with our -- our budget staff and our budget team here and that's the number that we have. The fact is -- if you can also look -- I'm going to draw you to the number under COGFA that we have in the budget. There's a reduction of about three million there, that's already appropriated to other areas, that we've backed out under that budget. So, it is a reduction. And -- and just to get back to this issue, I think, this is very, very important to know that we are working together. I reached out to my colleague, the spokesperson in -- in -- who we've worked with on an earlier bill, Senator Althoff, to make sure that we have a reduction coming from your end. Historically, so you know, different caucuses are basically in control of the money of their own caucuses. So we wouldn't -- we wouldn't, you know, pretend to know how much you were going to reduce from your own caucus. We give you the right to do that. So, we -- we obviously want to work together on this. It's a spending reduction. I think it's very important we maybe follow the lead on what happened with the -- the Speaker of the House. Federally, they cut their budget by five percent. We need to show the public that we're cutting our budget by five percent. Look forward to working together with you to make sure that we achieve that same goal, either through a, you know, future amendment or a separate bill. That's what we're focusing on and I appreciate your points.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Lauzen, your light's on, but are you done? Okay. Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McCARTER:

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Question to the -- the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Senator Kotowski, I'm not -- I -- I don't see how hard it would've been to ask if we wanted to be part of these cost-cutting measures, but would you be willing to take this out of the record today so we can add amendments so that we, too, can share in a reduction, as well as the House?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Senator, I -- I have a great deal of respect for you and your concerns, but the -- the fact is, these -- these are cuts that are presented. And I -- I talked to the Senate President. Senate President's a person of his word. I'm a man of my word. We've reached out to caucus Members throughout this process. Think you'd know that if you were a part of the appropriations process, what we've been endeavoring to do this whole time. You know, we're making cuts. This is a spending cut. And the fact is, there shouldn't necessarily be hesitation here. You'll have an opportunity to introduce your own separate bill. You can have your own news conference, or anything. I'll come and join and say "We did this together." I mean, this is -- this is a piece of legislation that's reducing spending in the State budget. It's important. So, that's why we're advocating for this. This is -- I encourage you to vote for it. And -- and the other thing is this, we've been doing this for months. We've known we want to talk about reducing the size of our

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budget. We've known that we've done that. There's great opportunities to introduce amendments. But as I said, I brought this up to Senator Althoff's concern today and she -- we talked about addressing this. And we're going to address this. You can introduce it with a separate bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McCarter, do you have a... Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

To the bill: You know, I think this -- I think everyone sees this for what it is. It's -- it's not an effort to work together; it's -- it's an effort to -- to make others look like there not making a sacrifice. And I'll take your -- your answer as a No that you're not willing to do that and I encourage a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Althoff, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the sponsor -- or will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Senator Kotowski, I think that every word that you have stated with regard to the conversation that you and I had just before the presentation of this bill is accurate, that we did talk about it. I had an amendment that was placed on a previous piece of legislation that was for the spending in 2011. This is for 2012. We really would like to -- the Republican Caucus

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would really like to ensure that we have the opportunity to mirror those spending reductions. I'm listening to my colleagues on this side of the aisle, my name's used in debate; I'm going to ask, very courteously, if you would truly consider taking this out, bringing it back and letting the Republican's put an amendment on this bill so that we, too, are reducing our expenditures as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski, President Cullerton would like to make a -- a comment. So, President Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, and to the previous speakers. This particular bill has been on the Floor for a number of weeks. Our amendment that we filed yesterday, about noon, reduces our budget, just our budget, by five percent. We -- we really didn't know what number you would like to pick. You might want to pick a lower one or a higher one. And so, you chose not to file an amendment yet and now you're asking if we can take it out of the record to file an amendment. As an alternative, 'cause I'd like to start voting on our budget, why don't you just introduce a bill? There's -- Senator Radogno has a number of vehicles. We will facilitate that bill by having it go directly to the Floor, since we know what the topic is, and we can vote on it tomorrow. I would suggest that we do that. We're not trying to play a game here; we're trying to lower the appropriation for our caucus. If you want to do the same - we didn't want to be presumptuous and tell you what your amount should be - and we can vote on your bill tomorrow.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

With -- with all due respect, I certainly leave it up to the sponsor of the bill. It's his bill and what he can do. However, we really didn't get any of the information with regard to this specific bill until late yesterday afternoon. We received a significant amount of information. It was very difficult for our staff - that I think is the best staff in the entire world - to really go through and evaluate. If it got lost in -- in the shuffle, we apologize, but we've been talking for a long time, too, about these things. We probably should have had better communication. I'll, again, make my request to remove it so that we can have an amendment to this bill. But, again, it certainly is the sponsor's legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Jacobs, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR JACOBS:

Question of the -- of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Sir, could you tell me where the Legislative Reference Bureau is? I'm somewhat new...(microphone cutoff)...and it just seems to me that sometimes Senators pretend they're really not Senators. And if you're a Senator, don't you have the right to go to the Legislative Reference Bureau and enter a bill and have your bill heard, as any other Member of the General Assembly?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Yes. I recall when Senator Sandoval took me there, when I was first elected, as we were drafting some legislation in the overtime Session. Yes, I know where it's at and we do have that opportunity.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

For anyone that doesn't know, it's in 112 and the telephone number there is 217-782-6625. The point I want to make to young Members is, you are a Member of this Body, you have the right to pass legislation and move legislation. Don't act like you don't know what's going on here. You are responsible. This side is responsible. They're taking steps.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Kotowski, do you wish to close? Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2390 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? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 33 voting Aye, 22 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2390, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Muñoz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Purpose of announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Please state your announcement.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, today is the first Disabled Police {sic} (Peace) Officers Recognition Day in the State of Illinois. Police officers, deputies and correctional officers are at risk of injury and assault every day on the job. And every year approximately fifty officers are disabled in the line of duty. Today we honor those who have been injured and disabled while serving the citizens of Illinois. Senate Resolution 52, which we adopted here on March 31st, declares the first Wednesday in May as Disabled Peace Officers Recognition Day in the State of Illinois. Please help me honor those who have been injured serving the people of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Muñoz. Ladies and Gentlemen, we will continue on the Calendar, is Senate Bill 2390. Excuse me, 2394. 2394, in the middle of page 94. Senator Kotowski. Senator Kotowski seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2394 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2394. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Kotowski.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski, to present your amendment.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

The amendment appropriates funding for the agencies that rely on other State and federal funds for their operational

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expenses.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Aye -- the Ayes have it and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2394. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2394.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

I believe you have another amendment. The other amendment -- we're down to... Okay. We did the second amendment?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

I'm sorry, hold on just one second. Senator Kotowski, just -- we're going to stand at -- take it out of the -- we're going to stand at ease just for a second to check on some paperwork. Senator Kotowski, Senate Bill 2394.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This amendment appropriates funding for Fiscal Year

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'12 for the following agencies, which primarily rely on other State and federal funds for their operational expenses: Department of Employment Security, Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, the State Gaming Board, Department of Insurance, Law Enforcement Training Standards Board, Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Board {sic} (Authority), the Illinois Racing Board, the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority, Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission, the Illinois Workforce {sic} (Workers') Compensation Commission, Capital Development Board, the Illinois Commerce Commission, the Drycleaner's {sic} (Drycleaner) Environmental Response Trust Fund Council, the Illinois Power Authority {sic} (Agency), the Property Tax Appeal Board, and the Office of the State Fire Marshal. This budget is level with the introduced budget of the Governor, except for a line item that focuses on -- on unemployment liability for the State of twenty-four million dollars.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MURPHY:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Senator, in our budget proposal earlier in the year, we recommended eliminating the Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission. It is a commission, frankly after about four or so years of appropriations hearings...

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Excuse me, Senator Murphy. Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

We're -- apparently we're going to pull this out of the record because we have an additional amendment. Apologize.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Madam Secretary, please pull it out of the record. Continuing down a little further on the Calendar, and again we're on page 94, is Senate Bill 2405. Senator Steans. Senator Steans seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2405 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2405. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Madam Secretary, pull it out of the record, please. Jak Tichenor with WTTW Chicago requests permission to videotape. Leave is granted. Ladies and Gentlemen, on the next page, page 95 of your printed Calendar, Senate Bills 3rd Reading, is Senate Bill 2412. 2412. Senator Steans. Senator Steans seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2412 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2412. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, to present your amendment.

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SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, 2412, the amendment makes changes in appropriation. I'll discuss it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, 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 ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2412. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2412.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2412 appropriates the budget for the Department of Children and Family Services. In this budget, from the -- the first amendment, you know, we establish what the Governor's budget recommendation had been for Fiscal Year '12, then we reduce the -- like we're doing for many of the agencies, we're reducing the personal services lines and the operation lines by five percent and the contractual lines by seven percent. Also want to point out that there was a -- a change in the OSF-funded

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program, the grants to establish health care systems for DCFS wards. This line had originally been -- has, to date, been in the Department of Human Services. As the Governor's budget had, in a number of cases, moved programs out of the Department of -- Human Services to a number of different agencies, we are moving those back and just keeping them at the Department of Human Services. So this budget also transfers an item from the Department of Children and Family Services back to DHS where it currently resides.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MURPHY:

A question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Senator, will this -- this GRF personnel {sic} (personal) lines five percent reduction require an opening of labor contracts?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

The General Assembly appropriates dollars. We are just appropriating the dollars there. It's up to the Governor and the Executive team to spend the dollars. So this is not doing that. That will be -- this will be managed by the Governor's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

To the -- to the bill, Mr. President. This is also an increase. DCFS -- or, strike that. This is an eight-million-dollar, about a one-tenth of a percent reduction over FY'11 for DCFS. A 1.8 percent cut-off of what the Governor did. Again, if we're going to get to a point where the tax increase is truly temporary, if we're going to be at a point where we can pay our bills without more borrowing, if we're going get on the path of fiscal sanity, we need to do more budget cutting than this. This overall package, the total package that we've gone through and will go through, constitutes an eight-hundred-million-dollar spending increase over last year. It's three hundred and sixty four million less than the Governor proposed. It is a three-hundred-million-dollar deficit spending plan above the thirty-three -- four -- 34.3-billion-dollar target revenue level. This is more deficit spending. This is another piece of it. I have to urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Steans, the information that I have indicates that the appropriations in your amendment would help fund a one-hundred-and-eighty-person increase in the head count at DCFS.

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Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

The -- Senator Righter, the -- in the Governor's increase -
- in the Governor's proposed budget, they had an increase head
count of one-sixty. It would be up to them to manage this, but
we're decreasing their suggested appropriations from the
Governor by five percent. So I would not believe that's
probably going to be where the head count ends up. But, again,
that will be managed by the Governor's Office and the
Department.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator, do you have -- have you had any kind of
conversations with the Governor's Office about that, and any
kind of estimate about what this amendment -- the appropriations
in this amendment would fund insofar as an increase in the head
count?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

No, I've not talked to the Governor's Office about that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Steans, do you
wish to close? Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

I would like to just note that this does, in fact,

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represent a decrease to General Revenue Fund spending of .5 percent from Fiscal Year '11 spending, a much larger decrease from what the Governor's budget -- Fiscal Year '12 budget recommendation had been. I would urge an Aye vote. I -- I also just want to note that this is a department that's under -- been under -- consent decrees. So, it's one of those areas that while we're looking and doing real cuts, there's a real need to keep protections and the services we're providing due to consent decrees and other constraints. I would urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2412 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? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 33 voting Aye, 24 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 2412, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, we will return -- we will return to Senate Bill 2409, on the bottom of page 94. Senate Bill 2409. Senator Kotowski. Senator Kotowski seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2409 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2409. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Kotowski.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski, to present your amendment.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

This is an amendment that addresses the Department of

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Natural Resources budget. Like to explain the amendment on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, 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 ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2409. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2409.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This amendment appropriates 52.3 million from the General Revenue Fund, 167.2 million from other State funds and 32.4 million -- 32.4 million from federal funds, for a total of 251.9 million to the agency. This includes a five percent cut from the Governor's Fiscal Year '12 introduced amount for GRF personal services, five percent cut to operations, and a seven percent cut to contractual services. This amendment eliminates all appropriations to the Partners for Conservation Fund. I'm more than happy to answer the questions. Just to focus on this

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-- give you some real numbers, when you're talking about the -- the decrease -- the decrease of 8.1 million from the Governor's introduced budget, but also a decrease of -- from 2011, actual appropriations of 9.7 percent, which is about two hundred and seventy-nine -- sorry, about 2.7 million.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

To the bill, Mr. President. This is another one of the bills that increases spending over FY'11 and contributes to the overall Senate Democrat plan of an eight-hundred-million-dollar increase in spending over FY'11. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? President Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Would the sponsor yield? Senator Kotowski...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

I'm getting confused by the debate. Are we increasing spending over last year's level in this bill, or are we decreasing spending in this bill? This is a bill for a specific State agency. Are we spending more money or less money? Because I know the -- we just adopted an amendment that reduced the Governor's proposal. So, is it more money or less money? Could you give me the exact numbers?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

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Yes, Mr. President. If you look at the -- the bill, the total amount that's appropriated as Fiscal Year 2011, was two hundred and seventy-eight million nine-hundred and ninety-one, this presents a reduction of two hundred -- down to two hundred and fifty-one million eight ninety-two. So there's a significant reduction. I mean, the Governor's intro was two fifty-nine, which is a reduction significantly from the previous year. We reduced it even further by eight million dollars, which is an additional reduction of 3.1 percent.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Lauzen, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. A question for the sponsor? Actually, a couple..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Okay, number one: Senator, why would you be using, as your standard for fiscal responsibility, a comparison of what you're proposing versus what, you know, Pat Quinn has proposed? If we were going to do that, you know, through the course of years, if a Governor just proposes a lot more spending, then all of us in the General Assembly would look like heroes in the comparison against the Governor's proposed budget. Isn't the better standard year over year spending, like Senator Cullerton just mentioned?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

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SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you, Senator. Let's just take you through this thing for the appropriations and we'll go through this over the -- the last few years, even starting to Fiscal Year '10. We'll use that as context, 26.3 down to 25.7. The Governor introduced at 25.5 and then we corrected it, we corrected it down to 24.9. So, we're making corrections and modifications and spending reductions so that we can have a balanced budget. The fact is, we're making significant reductions, we're cutting the cost of government, and we're going to save taxpayers money.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

I understand that you were speaking while I was asking the question; I know that you had your attention drawn away. I didn't ask that question. I asked the question, why would you use a standard for fiscal responsibility the Governor's proposed budget. Wouldn't a much better standard be the one that Senator Cullerton was using earlier in -- in what he talked about of fiscal year -- last year's fiscal year appropriation versus what's being proposed in this year's budget?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

I -- I'm glad you brought that out. Glad you brought that out. The fact is, we're -- we're using that number because we're determining that that's an overspend, that's too much money. And we're looking at making reductions, as we have throughout the past, in ways in which we can save money. So

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it's not necessarily a -- to use your word, it's -- it's a way in which we can -- as a guide to tell us how we can fix it and how we can reduce spending. So, if we look historically -- the reason why I gave you the historical number is to show you how spending has decreased in that area. And we're continuing to decrease it, right? Even if it's something that hasn't been the best performance possible, we continue decrease spending in that area. And that's why we're -- we're using that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Okay. So I think -- I think that what you're saying is that we would agree that the better -- that -- that what the Governor's proposing, that's overspending. But real spending restraint is comparing last year versus this year's proposal. Now the numbers that I have in the analysis of GRF, not all funds, which is what I think that you were quoting over to a previous question, just GRF, is increasing year over year from fifty-one four ninety-five to fifty-two two eighty-three. So GRF is increasing year to year in the proposal that you're making. Isn't that right?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Sure, I -- I -- I just, again I, you may not have heard me say this before and -- 'cause a lot -- lot's going on here. Just to be clear, this represents a 27.1 million, that's 9.7 percent, decrease below the Fiscal Year '11 actual appropriations of two hundred and seventy-nine million for that

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budget.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Senator, I -- maybe we are like ships passing in the night on this one, but you're quoting figures of all funds, which are very easy to kind of get way off base on. What we're talking about -- I -- I think what you're talking about in the budget that we control, as -- as Senators, is the General Revenue Fund, the GRF portion. And the GRF portion in your proposal here is an increase year over year. So, you're quoting all funds, but that's -- that's kind of a crazy -- it's easy to misunderstand that versus what we control in this process, which is General Revenue Fund. It's an increase year over year of GRF, isn't that true?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you, Senator Lauzen. This represent {sic} over the -- the -- the budget that we're talking about, that we're using as -- that was introduced, a decrease of 2.7 million dollars, 2.7 million dollars over what was introduced. So that's a -- a decrease of 5.1 percent and it's a decrease for this year.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Righter.

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SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Senator, with all due respect, I really didn't think I was going to have to leave my speak light on, because Senator Lauzen asked a question three times and you stepped around it every single time. He's asking you, and I'm asking you, how much did -- how much General Revenue Fund money only, are we going to spend in the Department of Natural Resources in Fiscal Year 2011? Don't give me the all funds number, the General Revenue Fund expenditures only. What is that number?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Yeah, the -- the number that we have, and I've been giving you the number that we're using to guide for Fiscal Year '12. I gave you the overall number. And you're -- you're right; I gave you the overall number, which represent {sic} a significant decrease of 9.7 percent. In looking at the change that we have, it's a -- what was appropriated in GRF was about fifty-one -- fifty-one million. So we've revised it to basically -- for the most part, for it to be static. So, but the reality is the overall decrease in the State budget, the overall decrease, is - - in that budget, in DNR is about 9.7 percent. What we looked at, what we looked at, and I think this is important to know, where we could make significant cuts is five percent cut from the personnel {sic} (personal) services, five percent to operations, seven percent cut to contractual, and we even eliminated the Partners for Conservation Fund.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

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SENATOR RIGHTER:

You know, Senator Kotowski, I hope everyone's got plenty of food and beverage at their table and comfortable chairs, 'cause we are going to be here all day and all night if this is the way questions are going to be answered on this Floor. I'll ask Senator Kotowski again, Senator -- well, when I have his attention. Senator Kotowski, what will be spent out of the General Revenue Fund on the Department of Natural Resources in Fiscal Year 2011? Give me a number.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you for your question. I just gave you the number. I gave it to you. I gave it to you. I...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Give it to -- then repeat it, Senator Kotowski, because it was lost in everything else that was being said. What's the General Revenue Fund expenditure for FY'11 for the Department of Natural Resources?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

The number that I presented to you was 51.4 million.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Close, it's fifty-one four ninety-five. What is the

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General Revenue Fund expenditure under the amendment to Senate Bill 2409? What's the General Revenue Fund expenditure for DNR under your proposal?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

If you might give me this indulgence, Senator Righter, 'cause I want -- I think it will help provide context. If you look on the -- the -- the other State funds, we're reducing this -- we're reducing this contribution into DNR from the Partners for Conservation of 1.8 million dollars into the fund. We're also reducing expenses of another 1.5 million and we're also reducing it by another 1.9 million into the fund.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Kotowski, what is the Senate Democrat -- this -- under this bill, how much will you propose to spend from the General Revenue Fund in Fiscal Year 2012 on the Department of Natural Resources? What is that number?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Yes. That number is 52.3 million.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill, if I might?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Boy, Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to have a long night if this is what we're going to do. Okay? The two numbers that the sponsor just gave me indicate one thing, that the General Revenue Fund, where we have the problem, will spend more on the Department of Natural Resources under this proposal than last year. We don't have a deficit, we don't have a crisis, we're not drowning in red ink in other funds, which is what you're cutting. Our problem is in the General Revenue Fund, which you're increasing spending out of. And, Senator, with all due respect, we've got more bills to go and I really hope, Mr. President, that the sponsors will give direct answers to direct questions. We wasted I don't know how much time here, going through this ridiculous exercise that makes the debate on the Senate Floor jump off the Senate Floor and into the comic strips. It would be fair to say, Mr. President, after listening to that debate, if we played that tape back home, the people who pay for this building and pay for you and me and Senator Kotowski and everyone else would say "Hell, there's no reason {sic} we've got a problem, because they don't understand the difference between the General Revenue Fund and other funds." Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? President Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Members of the Senate, last year we did a lump-sum

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appropriation. We had a problem finding out, because of that, how much money was spent on individual agencies, because it was up to the Governor to do so. We asked the Governor in his budget to ask -- give us a budget that told us how much money he spent last year. And he did so and it's out of whack. So, we are in the process of reducing it. So it's very likely that we are spending less money than we did last year for the Department of DNR. Now, I would say, though, if you need to have us hold this bill to have the Republican approach to the budget for the Department of DNR, I'd be happy to wait for it. What do you want us to do for the Department of DNR? We're cutting the Governor's proposal and you're criticizing it. So, it shouldn't be a long night; it should be a real short night. Just give us your amendment, your alternative, to the Department of Natural Resources and we can vote on it. We'll facilitate the vote. But, if you don't want to do that, if you don't want to go to the Reference Bureau, then let's just vote on these bills, start passing a budget over to the House, and start to continue to cut, so that we can have a balanced budget.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Further discussion? Senator Kotowski, to close.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

I -- I just want to be clear with what we're talking about here. We have started from the beginning of this process with an identified revenue number, identified revenue, and identifying the revenue, then we backed out this fixed cost, and what's remaining will require us to make significant cuts, which we are, from the introduced budget. Significant cuts are being

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made across the board in excess of a billion, billion and a half. They're going to be significant cuts that we're making - and we are making. We're moving forward in that direction. The fact is, if you look at the budget, you view this budget, there are reductions, cost savings, going after contracts, personnel items, admin line items, and we've been working on this for several months and we've met with these departments. We focused on them in areas of performance. We focused on areas where we can make the reductions. I think it's very important to know that and we're building on this. The train's leaving the station when it comes to voting on cuts. Either get on the train or get off the train, but we're making these cuts. And you follow with us, great. And we're going to keep on doing it and we're going to do that till we have a balanced budget and it's going to balance with the revenue. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2409 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? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 32 voting Aye, 25 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 2409, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Harmon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

SENATOR HARMON:

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I was away, across the Floor, when we had the roll call vote on Senate Bill 2390 and wasn't able to get back to my desk in time to press my switch. I'd like the record to reflect my intention to have voted Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The record will so indicate your intention. Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to back up a couple bills to Senate Bill 2405. 2405. Senator Steans. Senator Steans seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2405 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2405. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, to present your amendment.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yeah, I'll explain it when we get to 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, 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 ROCK:

Floor Amendment 2, offered by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, to present the second amendment.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, I will explain all these amendments when we get to 3rd

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Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? On the amendment, Senator Murphy? Seeing none, 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 ROCK:

Floor Amendment 3, offered by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, on Amendment 3.

SENATOR STEANS:

I will explain it when we get to 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on Amendment 3? Seeing none, 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 ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2405. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2405.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, to present your amendment. Or, excuse me,

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to present the bill.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, Senate Bill 2405, as amended, appropriates 958.2 million dollars, all funds, to the Central Management Services budget. In total, we are appropriating 36.3 million dollars to the Department of CMS. It -- which is a reduction of 9.1 million, or twenty percent, to the Fiscal Year '11 appropriations of 45.4 million dollars. I would urge an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

To the bill, Mr. President. Senator Steans, I want to commend you on this. This is an example of an actual reduction in GRF from Fiscal Year '11 to Fiscal Year '12. So I want to commend you on that. To the question of what do we want? We want a lot more of this, is what we want. We don't want a budget that increases spending by eight hundred million dollars. We don't want a budget that currently, in the twenty-five bills that have been put forth, actually is at least three hundred million above the Senate Democrat revenue estimate. Those are a couple of things, maybe, at the top of our wish list. This bill goes in the right direction. Don't think it goes quite far enough, but I do recognize the fact that this is a reduction in spending over FY'11, not just compared to the Governor's mythical number. And I still encourage a No vote, but this is an example of one of the better bills, one of the better products. Hopefully there's more to come.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Is there any further discussion? Is there any further discussion? Senator Steans, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill -- Senate Bill 2405 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 39 voting Aye, 19 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2405, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, turning to page 95, up towards the top of the page is -- Senate Bill 2414. Senate Bill 2414. Senator Steans. Senator Steans seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2414 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2414. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, to present your amendment.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you, yes. I will explain the amendment when we get to 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, 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 ROCK:

Floor Amendment 2, offered by Senator Steans.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, on Amendment 2.

SENATOR STEANS:

I'll explain it when we get to 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on Amendment 2? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2414. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2414.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, on Senate Bill 2414.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2414, as amended, makes appropriations totaling thirty-one million forty -- forty-six thousand dollars, all funds, for Fiscal Year '12 to several of our smaller human services agencies - for the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities, the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission, the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission and the Department -- the Human Rights Commission and the Department of Human Rights. The

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-- the Council on Developmental Disabilities, we have not made any changes to it. The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission, we did make a reduction to the general funds lines, as well for the Guardian {sic} and Advocacy Commission. The Human Rights Commission, as well, we made a reduction. They had asked for an increase in staffing. In the Department of Human Rights, they'd also asked for an increase in staffing. We're holding them to their current year's staffing levels and doing a reduction of five percent, like we've been doing for other agencies. In total, there's a reduction of 1.9 million dollars, or 5.7 percent, from the Governor's introduced budget.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

To the bill, Mr. President. Here we go again. This is another one of the bills that increases spending over FY'11, contributes to the eight-hundred-million-dollar budget increase that is in the -- that -- that is the total Senate Democrat package. Again, if the tax increase is going to be temporary, if we're not going to have to borrow to pay our bills, if we're going to get back on track fiscally in this State, we need to have the courage to say No and actually cut spending, not just cut the growth. This is another example of the latter. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. A question for the sponsor. Two questions for the sponsor.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield. Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

If I total up the pieces for just General Revenue Fund last year's spending in the -- at least the four areas that our analysis breaks it down, it was 20.2 million dollars spending and 2012 is 21.4 million. So, would you agree that the General Revenue Fund spending 2011-2012, that it's an increase in General Revenue Fund?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, it's a two hundred -- about a two-hundred-thousand-dollar increase. Or, excuse me, it's more like a 1. -- excuse me, 1.2-million-dollar increase.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Okay. Yes, that's right, it's about 1.2 million. In previous debate, you've pointed to COGFA as an organization which you and I have a great amount of confidence in. Are you familiar with the report that they've done recently, released April 2011, their three-year budget forecast, where they've run out eight scenarios and in only two of those scenarios do we not end up with a larger deficit, and that those two scenarios are where spending remains flat year over year? It's scenario one and scenario five of that study. Are you familiar with their conclusion, as far as our spending habit, projecting forward from -- over the next four -- three, four years, from 2011 to

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2014? Are you familiar with those scenarios, would be the first question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Are you speaking of the scenarios they presented with their revenue estimates that they did for this fiscal year? Are you talking about -- if it's a more recent report, I am not familiar with it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Yes. The answer -- the -- it is a part of their revenue estimate. And then on page 10, table 5, it's eight three-year budget scenarios, and in every case, in every case, not in most of 'em, but in every case where there's a spending increase, where there's not a flat -- held flat in spending year over year, we end up with a larger deficit. Are you familiar with that chart in the -- the report that you're -- that you mentioned from COGFA?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

I will be happy to take another look at that report when I get back to my office, Senator Lauzen.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

To the bill: I think many of us share the respect that the

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sponsor has for COGFA analysis, and if COGFA is saying that if you project out spending scenarios, considering what the revenue estimates are, that in all the cases that we spend more year over year, we end up with greater deficits, and I -- I assume that that's not where the majority caucus in the Senate wants to take us. So I would recommend a No vote, in another area where it's an -- an increase year over year.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Steans, do you wish to close? Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, I just want to point out that, you know, we are -- these budgets are, in fact, doing a reduction from the Governor's introduced level. I understand that it is a slight increase from Fiscal Year '11 spending. Just want to note that in the Republican plan, the fiscal reality plan, the way they were also introducing and suggesting going about it was reducing from the Governor's introduced budget. In every case and every department, how they went about suggesting cuts was based on the - Governor Quinn's Fiscal Year '12 budget proposal. We're doing the same thing and coming up with our overall budget reductions based on the Governor's introduced proposal. I would urge an Aye vote for this. This is another one of our steps in accomplishing and bringing back down that spending to live within our revenues that are available.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2414 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

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who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 30 voting Aye, 27 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2414, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Continuing on down the Calendar is Senate Bill 2424. Senator Kotowski. Senator Kotowski seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2424 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2424. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Kotowski.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Address the -- the amendment on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, 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 ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2424. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2424.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill -- Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2424 is a page and line amendment zeroing out the Agency's appropriation for the Partners for Conservation Fund and replacing the personal services component of that appropriation with the General Revenue Funds, while eliminating the Illinois Clean Lakes Program grants. Reduces the Agency total appropriations to 287.6 million, all funds, including an increase of 622.6 thousand GRF for personal services and expenses, which represents ninety-five percent of the Illinois Clean -- Clean Lakes Program's Fiscal Year '11 enacted appropriation for personal services. And let me be clear on this, the reason why there is an increase in the GRF is we pulled it out of other State funds. We pulled it out of the transfers out and then we reduced it by five percent. So we pulled it out so it gives us an opportunity to better review it in the appropriations process instead of having automatic transfer. So it's better reviewed in the appropriations process, better evaluation, plus the fact we're reducing that -- that appropriation by five percent. More than happy to answer -
- answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Indicates he will yield. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Senator, why did you choose to switch Partners for Conservation funding to GRF? EPA hadn't had that since '09. I'm just wondering why the six hundred and twenty-two thousand six hundred went back into GRF.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

I thought -- I don't know if you heard me, Senator Murphy. I -- I just explained that. I mean -- sure. The -- essentially, with the transfers out, as -- as you know, because we went over a lot of these numbers together, looking at these numbers, this was a number that was an automatic -- disbursement of funds. What we did was we took it out of there and put it under GRF and then reduced it by five percent. There wasn't an evaluation of those funds, the way we'd like to see happen. This allows for better evaluations in the appropriations process.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Kotowski, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 2424 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? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 36 voting Aye, 21 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2424, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you will turn to page 97 in the printed

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Calendar, is Senate Bill 2456. 2456. Senator Steans. Senator Steans seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2456 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2456. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR STEANS:

I'll speak to the amendment on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, 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 ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2456. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2456.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate

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Bill 2456, as amended, appropriates 11.5 million dollars to the Department of Labor. 5.7 million is from General Revenue Fund, 1.2 million from other State funds, and 4.6 million from federal funds. This is a five percent cut from the Governor's fiscal year introduced budget in the -- in GRF personal services lines and operations and a seven percent cut in contractual services. We're adjusting an increase in GRF here because of a transfer, five hundred and one thousand, to the public safety division here for the inspections of amusement attractions. This had originally -- this was before a part of the Department of Agriculture's budget and that's just getting moved, which is why you see a -- a slight increase in the General Revenue Fund budget. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill: This is -- what is the percentage increase, Senator, over 2011 for this? I -- I've got...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates that she will yield. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Sorry, Mr. President. Is this about a four percent increase over GRF for FY'11 in Labor?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

That is about accurate. Again, it's because there was a transfer of GRF from Ag -- Ag Department to Department of Labor.

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Otherwise, that would not be the case.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

I noted our proposal called for a seven-hundred-thousand-dollar cut from the Governor's introduced. Yours is a six-hundred-thousand-dollar cut. Appreciate the effort in that direction and encourage an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Steans, do you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 2456 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? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Aye, 6 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2456, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. A little bit further down on the page 97 is Senate Bill 2472. Senator Steans. Senator Steans seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2472 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2472. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR STEANS:

I'll discuss the amendment on 3rd Reading.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, the -- 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 ROCK:

Floor Amendment 2, offered by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, on Amendment 2.

SENATOR STEANS:

I'll explain the amendment on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on Amendment 2? Seeing none, 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 ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order -- Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2472. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2472.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, thank you very much, Mr. President, Members of the

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Senate. Senate Bill 2472, as amended, appropriates a total of seven hundred and fifty-four million a hundred ninety-five thousand dollars in all funds to a number of agencies: the Arts Council, Criminal Justice Information Authority, Education Labor Relations Board, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Labor Relations Board, Department of Military Affairs, the Prisoner Review Board, the State Police Merit Board, State University {sic} (Universities) Retirement System, State Employee {sic} (Employees') Retirement System, Board of Elections, the Southwest {sic} (Southwestern) Illinois Development Authority, Upper Illinois River (Valley) Development Authority, Violence Preventional Authority, the Civil Service -- prevent -- excuse me, the Violence Prevention Authority and the East St. Louis Financial (Advisory) Authority. I should note the appropriation also includes a -- a hundred and four million forty-three thousand dollars from GRF, 78.2 thousand from other State funds, and 571.9 thousand from federal funds. We've done a number of reductions in here, including a number of things that had been suggested as well, by -- with our Republican colleagues, such as getting rid of, a hundred percent, all of the funding for the East St. Louis Financial Advisory Authority. In total, we're reducing all funds in these agencies by 19.5 percent over Fiscal Year '11 spending. Happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

A question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield. Senator Murphy.

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SENATOR MURPHY:

Senator, I -- I certainly appreciate the effort with regard to the East St. Louis Financial Advisory Authority. That was an absolute borderline theft of taxpayer money and appreciate your recognition of that. Why, though, did we retain the Neighborhood Recovery Initiative? I recall, in the appropriations hearings, it was one of the more indiscernible and incoherent presentations by an agency I've heard. This was the agency that was funded with about thirty-three and a half million dollars in August of 2010 -- created in August of 2010, and in -- in an unusual State government model of efficiency, was able to get thirty-three and half million into randomly selected - in a way that nobody can explain - neighborhoods in the City of Chicago and they were able to get it out in October of 2010, after the -- after the funding in the program came in just two months earlier. I guess we had a deadline coming up in November. But the money was distributed in what, frankly, looked like a political ploy right before an election. There was no reasonable explanation given for where the money went. And I'm wondering why, now that the election's over, we still have thirty million dollars going to NRI?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you for your question. We have reduced that appropriation by 3.35 million dollars, or ten percent. If you would like to suggest a further reduction, I think we would -- you know, you are welcome to submit another amendment to this, if you would like to at some point. We did feel it should get

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reduced as we are making hard decisions here and we've done so by -- by ten percent.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Well, you know, before we go through the exercise of an amendment, I guess I'd be interested if you would support the elimination or the further reduction of the program.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

I -- I myself would want to see it before I determine final decision, but likely I would not support total elimination of the program.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

To the bill, Mr. President. This, while it -- while it does include the East St. Louis Financial Authority -- Advisory Authority defunding, which is a wonderful development, the continued funding of the Neighborhood Recovery Initiative, especially in times like this where difficult decisions need to be made, is utterly incomprehensible to me. We're going to be making tough cuts in other areas that I think most people in this State would consider a priority and yet we're going to fund the -- the political "walking-around money" department from last year. I strongly urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Jacqueline Collins, for what

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purpose do you rise?

SENATOR J. COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill -- or, to the sponsor. I have a question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield. Senator Collins.

SENATOR J. COLLINS:

First of all, I want to commend you, Senator Steans, for the work that you've done in trying to reduce our deficit and close the gap, but I have a question in reference. I'm just looking at the Violence Prevention Authority. I see there's a reduction of at least thirty-seven percent. Can you tell me the programs in which those programs {sic} have been cut from?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

It is primarily from the program Senator Murphy was just referencing, the Neighborhood Recovery. It's also from the Safety -- Safety Net Work {sic} (Works) program. And again, ten percent reductions there. We also -- there were some programs that had been moved to the Violence Prevention Authority that we're moving back to DHS and moving some of the funding that we cut from there into them, like Teen REACH and the Rape Crisis Centers.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR J. COLLINS:

So, let me just understand, the Teen REACH program and some of the programs that I would be concerned about because of the

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summer approaching and the safeguards that we have to keep in place in these communities where violence is very high, those have been somewhat -- ten percent reduction or they've been placed in another category under DHS?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

We -- we are keeping Teen REACH at DHS. The Governor's proposed budget had them in the Violence Prevention Authority. Based on recommendations from the Human Services Commission, we are keeping them at the Department of Human Services. So these reductions are not impacting Teen REACH. In fact, the Governor's Office very much reduced it. We are putting money back in. But that's not in this budget; that's in the Department of Human Services budget. So these reductions are really from the Neighborhood Recovery program and -- and -- and the -- the -- the new program that was just started last year by the Governor - we're reducing that ten percent.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Collins, do you have anything further? Further discussion? Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Just to follow up to a previous point that was raised. One of the reasons why, I think, some of the funds was able to be dispensed quickly and effectively is because of the fact that they had organizations that are well established, had solid infrastructure in place, like Children's Home and Aid Society of Illinois, who served as the administrative service organization for the disbursement of funds in the communities, where they

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evaluated the performance of these grants. So they're able to do a better job of monitoring and getting directly to the -- to the communities that are most impacted by violence and crime in the suburbs -- I'm sorry, in -- in the summer. So that's -- think it's very important to know that, that some of the due diligence was put in place and -- through the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority. Barbara Shaw had set an infrastructure in place and been trying to do something like that for a couple years, so when the funds were available, is -- able to be dispensed quite quickly and effectively. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Steans, do you wish to close? Oh, wait! Excuse me. Senator Trotter. I'm sorry. Senator Trotter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Questions to the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield. Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Senator Steans, you're talking about a ten percent cut to the Neighborhood program -- Recovery program. Can you sort of explain what that program is and what it did? And why did you look in cutting that, 'cause, again, we're talking about, as mentioned by one of the previous speakers, that summer time is coming and those -- what I know of the program, it actually created jobs for youth during the summer, so this would seemingly be the worst time to cut a program like that. Can you

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sort of explain to -- to me what that was?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, I agree. I think it's an -- a very important program that creates jobs, which is why we're preserving thirty -- over thirty million dollars of funding for the program. Absolutely agree, Senator Trotter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Yes, but you are cutting ten percent out of that. This is one of those programs, I just believe, that to cut a program of this nature in this environment -- this economic environment, I think would -- would put more impact, a negative impact, on society as a whole, and I -- and I just believe that's -- this is one of the wrong ways to do it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Was there... Thank you. Any further discussion? Is there any further discussion? Senator Steans, do you wish to close? Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. You know, it is very difficult in having to reduce overall -- making reductions to the overall budget. The Neighborhood Recovery program is one I very much support and fought to make sure we're preserving over thirty million for it. It's a new program. My understanding from the House is that they are cutting all new programs to zero. I'm very concerned, if we're not able to pass

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our budgets here, what our alternative's going to be. I would very much urge an Aye vote. Thanks.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. The question is, shall Senate Bill 2472 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? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 22 voting Aye, 25 voting Nay, 8 voting Present. Senate Bill 2472, having not received the required constitutional majority, is declared failed. Ladies and Gentlemen, continuing on the Calendar is Senate Bill 2474. Senator Kotowski. Senator Kotowski seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2474 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2474. Madam Secretary, are there any committee -- Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Kotowski.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

I'll address it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the Ayes have it and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 2, offered by Senator Kotowski.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski, on Amendment 2.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

I'll address that on 3rd Reading as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the -- Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2474. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2474.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I just want to -- this is a -- the budget for the Department of State Police. And just so we're clear in the beginning of our discussion here, GRF appropriation for the State Police in Fiscal Year 2011, two -- two hundred and seventy-six million five hundred and fourteen. What's being proposed here is two hundred and sixty-two million, which is a reduction of twelve million dollars. So this is a spending

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reduction of twelve million dollars from Fiscal Year 2011. The -- the amendment also includes, again, personal services reduced by five percent from 236.7 million to 224.9 million, contractual services request was reduced by seven percent, from 9.9 million to 9.2 million. And also, after these reductions, the group of line items will total 234.3 million, which is down from the 246.6 million in the Fiscal Year '12 introduced budget and down from the Fiscal Year 2011 enacted levels of two hundred forty-four. So, I wanted to address the second amendment on this, which essentially focuses on the Shared Services Initiative, and that reduced the Fiscal Year 2011 funded level, 1.6 million from 1.7 million for 2012, and the Nursing Home Identified Offender Program funding is reduced by {sic} seventy percent of the increase requested by the department from -- to five hundred and ninety-five thousand from eight -- eight hundred and forty thousand from the -- the -- what was requested in the introduced budget by the Governor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

To the bill, Mr. President. Again this is a department that, you know, reminds us that cutting is difficult, but, again, we need to keep in mind as we're spending tax dollars down here that we have a tax increase that is expected to be temporary. We're expected to pay bills without more borrowing. We have been sent here to get the fiscal house in order. This is a small step in the right direction. We need to take a big step in the right direction. We are not going to get there by increasing GRF by eight hundred million dollars. Again, this

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cuts it. Appreciate that - not good enough. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any further discussion? Any further discussion?
Senator Kotowski, to close.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

This is -- as -- just echoing the previous comments that were made, these are very difficult decisions that we're making here. We're not going to cut trooper levels even more. But I think it's very important to know - I know we hear this every time we're making reductions that we need to do more, but every time we make reductions, we're adding up to more spending reductions. We're cutting costs and that's adding up. So, I know we're hearing feedback back there that's saying it's not enough, but there's a lot of bills we're going through and each bill that we're focusing on that -- making reductions, it's happening. It's happening and we're voting on it. So let's be very clear about this. We've looked at this, we've analyzed these budgets, and we've presented significant budget cuts. This is twelve million dollars. A twelve-million-dollar cut. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2474 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? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 33 voting Aye, 23 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 2474, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, the next bill is 2475. Senate -- Senate Bill 2475. Senator Steans.

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Senator Steans seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2475 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2475. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR STEANS:

I'll explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it and the amendment is approved. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order -- Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2475. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2475.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

I'll explain -- oh, okay. The -- the Senate Bill 2475 appropriates 13.8 million dollars -- a increase of the GRF

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appropriation -- excuse me, 13.8 million dollars, from 132.3 to 146.0 million GRF dollars. Personal services and operations are decreased by five percent; contractual services are decreased by seven percent. The appropriations for stipends for the State's attorneys and public defenders have been added back in as well. The Governor, in his introduced budget, had proposed to move those stipends to the Supreme Court appropriation. So we're just moving those stipends back from the Supreme Court to these budgets.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

To the bill, Mr. President. I guess this is one of those - - not one of those examples that the previous sponsor meant when he talked about real cuts, because this is a thirty-million-dollar increase over -- spending for the Department of Revenue over FY'11. Again, thirty million, this is one more piece towards the eight-hundred-million-dollar increase, Senate Democrat increased spending budget. I don't think that's the right course. I think -- those of us on this side of the aisle don't think it's the right course. It's certainly not the -- the right course if you're interested in keeping the promise of making that tax increase temporary. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any further discussion? Any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Steans, you wish to close? Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, just want to note that the increase here in the General Revenue personal services -- due to two primary items:

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one, the Department's Tax Hiring Enforcement Initiative, so we can bring in additional revenue funds to the -- to the State; and also for Gaming, to help -- to implement privatization of the Lottery that we passed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 2475 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? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 30 voting Aye, 25 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 2475, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2480. Senator Steans. Senate Bill 2480. Madam Secretary -- Senator Steans seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2480 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2480. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, on Amendment 1.

SENATOR STEANS:

I'll explain the amendment on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, 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 ROCK:

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Floor Amendment 2, offered by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, on Amendment 2.

SENATOR STEANS:

Right. I'll explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the -- Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2480. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ROCK:

Senate Bill 2480.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2480, as amended, appropriates four hundred and eighteen million to different judiciary-related agencies: the State Appellate Defender, State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor, Judicial Inquiry Board, Supreme Court, Court of Claims. In total, these agency's budgets are being reduced from the Governor's introduced budget, as well as from Fiscal Year '11

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spending. In total, there's a reduction of ninety-four million -- excuse me, 94,971.7 thousand {sic} dollars, a reduction of eighteen percent.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill.

SENATOR MURPHY:

I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Steans, you wish to close? The question is, shall Senate Bill 2480 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? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 34 voting Aye, 24 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2480, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Madam Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ROCK:

A Message from the House by Mr. Mahoney, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 25.

Offered by Senator Silverstein and adopted by the House, April

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14th, 2011. Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, immediately upon adjournment three committees will be meeting: Higher Education in 409, Human Services in 212, Judiciary in 400. Immediately upon adjournment, those three committees - Higher Education, Human Services and Judiciary - will be meeting. Senator Muñoz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. Purpose of announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your -- announcement.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I know everyone should have received a flier for tonight at the Mansion, the Latino Caucus celebrating Cinco de Mayo. We're doing it tonight. There's food for over five hundred and drinks and everything. So, please, if you get a chance, stop by and it's also open for staff and friends. So, please, if you get a chance, we'd love to see you. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator. We will now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all those resolutions read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Madam Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any resolution on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY ROCK:

No objections have been filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries. And the resolutions are adopted. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on May 5th, 2011. The Senate stands adjourned.