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

Assistant Doorkeeper Padget: "My apologies. Let us pray. Father, you know my needs, my concerns. Bless me and those I love, and may today bring me closer to you. These things we pray. Amen."

Speaker Evans: "We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Schmidt."

Schmidt - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Evans: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Gabel is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

Gabel: "Speaker, let the record show that Representatives Ammons, Huynh, and Flowers are excused today."

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

Keicher: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect that all Republicans are here to conduct the people's business today."

Speaker Evans: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the

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record. With 114 Members present, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2024: do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 5495; and recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 478. Representative Walsh, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5243. Representative Harper, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 60... to House Bill 56 and Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 4782. Representative Moylan, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4171 and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5138. Representative Scherer, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensure & Charter Schools reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 305, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 334, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 4622, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 4903, and Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 5057. Representative Jones, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee

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action taken on April 17, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2385, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 4055, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 4180, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5357, and Floor Amendment(s) 4 to House Bill 5559. Representative Slaughter, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 4241. Representative Morgan, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 4276, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4357, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 5047, and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5344. Representative Ann Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy & Environment reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3141, and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4196. Representative Moeller, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 5373. Representative Meyers-Martin, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 4629. Representative Mussman, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2024: recommends be

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adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 4274, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 4586, and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 5250. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following committee action taken April 17, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 280. Representative Walker, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 782. Representative Andrade, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4722, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4848, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 5304, as well as Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 5304. Representative Didech, Chairperson from the Committee on Gaming reports the following committee action taken April 17, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 5367. Representative Stuart, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 5020. Representative Evans, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 4743. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 711, offered by Representative Mayfield. This Resolution is referred to the House Rules Committee."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Kifowit, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Kifowit: "Members of the General Assembly, I want to draw your attention to the individuals in the brightly colored green shirts. They are around the gallery. They are here representing ABATE, and we certainly want to recognize the 37 years of ABATE in Illinois. Motorcycle Awareness Month is coming up next month, and I was proud to be a chief Sponsor of the Resolution acknowledging Motorcycle Awareness Month. If you could even mention that... that they sit and fight every day for motorcycle safety awareness. We see motorcycles all around. Many individuals in this chamber were... are ABATE Representatives of the Year, and they certainly understand and appreciate all the hard work we do here on the chamber floor. They have a reception tonight at Floyd's from 5:30 to 8:30, and I would like everybody to give a warm round of welcome to the members of ABATE."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Jed Davis, what reason do you seek recognition?"

Davis, J.: "Thank you, Chair. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Davis, J.: "Thank you, Speaker. My... my apologies. Wanted to introduce everyone today to my Page, Courtney Funkhouser. She is a sophomore at the United City of Yorkville, their high school. She also is a vivacious wrestler, so I brought her to be my bodyguard for future debates today. And her dad is here as well, who is an alderman for Yorkville and greatly

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appreciate his service. So, please welcome her to Springfield."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Kelly, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Kelly: "I rise today to address the falsehoods made last week against my 4500 brothers and sisters in Chicago Fire Department. An Illinois Member of Congress was recently recorded claiming the men and women of the Chicago Fire Department respond differently to calls for service based on what neighborhood is in need of service. More specifically, if a home is building in a certain neighborhood, the Chicago Fire Department lets that... that building burn to the ground as the... going in and extinguishing the flames like we would in other neighborhoods. These comments absolutely floored me. They are 100 percent false. In my 20 years as a Chicago firefighter, working in all parts of the city, I have never, ever seen any difference in response from our members based on a geographical locations of the call for service. When asked about the Congressman's words, the president of the African American Firefighters and Paramedic League said, 'When the bells ring, we're all on the same page to get there as soon as possible, safely, and to save lives of the citizens of Chicago.' And I appreciate his words because when the bells go off, the men and women of the CFD that swore an oath to protect lives and property and to be there when you need us have always answered that call. We were there during COVID when everyone else was staying home. We were there during the

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polar vortex. We were there during the heatwaves. And we're there for countless other trying times in our city. We are always there when you need us. In a year when we lost four brothers in a line-of-duty death, it is particularly disheartening to hear that someone thinks our brothers and sisters don't answer that call. Unfortunately, those families know that we always answer the call. On someone's worst day, we show up to whatever emergency they are experiencing and do our best to mitigate. I wish Congressman Jackson had... who spoke those words, would have reached out to others on the job to ask if any of what he was told was truth before speaking those words as truth to the people he was addressing. That was not the case. I did have an opportunity to speak with Congressman Jackson last week, and it was a good conversation. And during that conversation, I let him know I disagreed with his perception of what we do. He told me that he had issued an apology and a statement that he appreciated the work that we do. I appreciate his statement, but I'm still waiting on that apology, but I'm sure it will be coming. We both agreed we need to find a better way to increase the recruitment and hiring of African American firefighters for the City of Chicago Fire Department. We agreed we should work together with Members of this General Assembly and the City of Chicago to help make that happen. A department where every neighborhood has people who look like them and represents them makes for a better department. Divisive statements will not fix any problems that we may have. And I'm not one to get up here and talk often, and I had hoped I didn't have to, but I've waited 10 days now. And when the people who are supposed

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to defend the fire department do not speak up, I certainly will. I had hoped the Mayor of Chicago or the Chicago Fire Department itself had issued a statement condemning those words. I've heard nothing. I certainly expect that Local 2 president would have spoken up to defend our members. Again, nothing. I am left here disappointed and angry that I am the one left to do it, but so be it. To my brothers and sisters of Local 2, thank you for answering that call every day. Please know that you are appreciated. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mussman, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Mussman: "I just want to give some acknowledgment. I know that it is a crowded day in our gallery today, and we have a group in the hallway waiting to get safety checked and let in, but I do want to acknowledge that our school counselors and school counseling graduate students from all across the State of Illinois are here in the Capitol today. And we know how vital they are to the mental health of our students and to good advocacy around where students are going to plan their futures, and we want to say thank you and make sure you say hello to people that are here from your hometowns. Thank you, everybody."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stuart, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."



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Stuart: "Thank you. Following up on the mention of the counselors and other things, I think everyone in the Body is aware of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the FAFSA, which is the key to a lot of programs that provide money for college. I think we all know the controversy that is going on with those FAFSAs. The applications are down this year. This has been declared National FAFSA Week of Action to encourage students to apply for financial aid. I wanted to remind everybody in the chamber that if you have students and families in your district who need help completing the FAFSA or finding money for college, you can refer them to our wonderful Illinois Student Assistance Commission to get help for free. ISAC has outreach staff called the Illinois Assistance Corps, who work in our high schools and community settings, and they're available to help our constituents for free. You can get in touch with an ISACorps member directly. You can direct students and families to them for help. And you can even host them for workshops and presentations. If you need to find the Corps members in your region, you can look them up at [ISAC.org/isacorps](https://ISAC.org/isacorps). If you are on any of the major forms of social media, ISAC is posting about the FAFSA Week of Action every day. So, if you have the opportunity to follow those posts, please share them and get the information out that you think would be valuable to the families in your community. It's so vital that we get those FAFSA forms completed for every student so that everyone who wants to take the opportunity to pursue higher education gets every chance they can to make that happen. So, please connect your communities to the resources for FAFSA."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Rita Mayfield is recognized on House Resolution 709. Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Thank you so much. Can I draw everybody's attention to the Speaker's Gallery? I'm going to ask all of our representatives from YouthBuild to please stand, YouthBuild YCC from across the state. And if you... with your indulgence, I'm going to read through this Resolution.

WHEREAS, The Illinois YouthBuild Coalition was founded by former President Kerry Knodle in 1996; the following year, the coalition advocated for the passing of the Illinois YouthBuild Act by the General Assembly, creating a mechanism for launching and funding programs; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois YouthBuild Coalition (IYC) is supported by YouthBuild USA; the coalition is comprised of 16 YouthBuild programs in Illinois, which include other youth-serving organizations with similar purposes; the 16 individual affiliates currently involved with IYC are in Aurora, Bloomington, Champaign, Chicago Heights, Decatur, East St. Louis, Godfrey, North Chicago, Rockford, Rock Island, Waukegan, and Chicago; all member organizations of the coalition operate their YouthBuild program according to the YouthBuild Model; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois YouthBuild Coalition is dedicated to expanding employment and career opportunities for socially and economically disadvantaged young adults by advocating for an increase in quality resources and community investment; is partners with organizations, opportunity youth to build a safe, secure, and supportive force for change in the larger community; and

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WHEREAS, YouthBuild programs for low-income young people ages 16 to 24 who have barriers to success, which may include foster care, homelessness, and juvenile justice; these young people are traditionally known as disenfranchised, marginalized, at risk, and disconnected; they are too often defined by the struggles they face both socially and economically; and

WHEREAS, YouthBuild believes that the goals, dreams, and aspirations of every young person are real; these young people should be seen for who they really are, and they should receive support; every young person deserves the opportunity to develop their untapped potential; and

WHEREAS, YouthBuild is a... is a youth and community development program that simultaneously addresses core issues facing low-income communities, including housing, education, employment, crime prevention, and youth leadership development; and

WHEREAS, Because of the YouthBuild program in Illinois, young people ages 16 to 24 can work toward their GED and high school diploma while learning the skills of construction industry through hands-on construction; and let's see... therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the work of Illinois YouthBuild Coalition President Tameka Wilson, and the various staff, and the 16 State-wide YouthBuild directors and salute them on Illinois YouthBuild Coalition Day at the Illinois State Capitol; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to IYC as a symbol of our respect and esteem. Ladies and Gentlemen, please welcome all of our youth from around the State of Illinois to the State Capitol today. Thank you so much for all you do."

Speaker Evans: "Attention, Members. Attention, Members. We're moving to page 26 of the Calendar, House Bills-Third Reading. At the top of page 26, under House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5104, Leader Hoffman. Out of the record. Continuing down page 26 of the Calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5151, Representative Stava-Murray. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5151, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stava-Murray is recognized."

Stava-Murray: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5151 is an initiative of the IDPH, and it simply repeals some redundant and unnecessary language within the Pertussis Vaccine Act."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no... the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5151 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 24 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 4757, Representative Kifowit. Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4757, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Kifowit is recognized."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. First, I want to recognize that we are joined here by members of the United Steelworkers District 7. They are here with their director, Mike Millsap, along with Jerome Davison, and they were instrumental in this Bill. They're working with the AFL-CIO and what we doing in this Bill is amends the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act and it also works with the Department of Labor to make available, at no cost, a veteran and service members' benefit, service, and protections posters. The requirements of the posters include information regarding free veteran benefits and services provided by the IBBA and other veteran service organizations, veterans driver's license and non-driver veteran identification cards, Illinois protections for survivors of sexual violence and military sexual assault in the military, and contact information for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, the Veterans Crisis Line, and information regarding any tax benefits available to veterans and where they can submit their claims to avoid veterans falling prey to scammers and claim sharks. The Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs is tasked to create this poster in a digital form and provide it to the Department of Labor, which is then uploaded to its website and made available for other state agencies and employers to post. Now, this is, again, an idea that came from the steelworkers. And some of our best legislation comes from individuals in the field, and

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I am eternally grateful for them bringing this idea to me. And I am very excited at the impact it will be on informing veterans of their rights, of their benefits, and helping to protect them from fraud and abuse that we see in the veteran community. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "There any discussion? Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Where are these posters to be hung?"

Kifowit: "When... when working with the Department of Labor, the posters will be hung by, ideally, next to the other posters that they are mandated to hang out, high-visibility areas, break rooms, and the like, so that they're easily visible and veterans understand their rights and benefits."

Windhorst: "Is there any opposition to your Bill?"

Kifowit: "No opposition to the Bill."

Windhorst: "Well, I appreciate another Bill coming forward about the hanging of posters. I know a couple of days ago we had some pretty robust debate on the hanging of a poster, and I look forward to that debate continuing today. Thank you."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Kifowit to close."

Kifowit: "Again, Members, this is a great idea. It came, again, from the United Steelworkers District 7 members. And I am just honored to present this Bill to the committee... to the Members today, and I ask for your support and an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4757 pass?' All those in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; all those opposed

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say (sic-vote) 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Rules Report. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2024: recommends be adopted and referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 3 for House Bill 4346, Floor Amendment(s) 3 for House Bill 4715, Floor Amendment(s) 3 for House Bill 5480, Floor Amendment(s) 2 for House Bill 5561; and approved for consideration, and referred to Second Reading is House Bill 588 and House Bill 612."

Speaker Evans: "Moving back to page 26 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5104, Leader Hoffman. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5104, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hoffman is recognized."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This simply, for the Chicago firefighters and Chicago police, extends the rebuttable presumption that if you get COVID on the job... if you get COVID, that it was presumed to be on the job. I know of no... no opposition."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House'... Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

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Windhorst: "Leader, just a couple questions on this. The... the date for presumption changes from January 31, 2021 to March 9, 2020. Do I have that correct?"

Hoffman: "No. I believe, under the Amendment, it would extend the rebuttable presumption to have contracted COVID in the line of duty between March of 2020 and January 30... January 31, 2022, rather than June 30, 2021. So..."

Windhorst: "I went the wrong way with the change."

Hoffman: "Yeah."

Windhorst: "The change extended it more recent to us in time."

Hoffman: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5104 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down the Calendar of page 26, House Bills- Third Reading, we have House Bill 5184, Representative Davidsmeyer. Representative Davidsmeyer. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5184, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davidsmeyer is recognized."

Davidsmeyer: "So, this... this Bill is... is made to ensure that the anti-bullying policies of a... of a school district remain age appropriate. So, I... to be transparent, I want to make... make



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sure you understand that the Illinois Association of School Boards just reached out to me with a concern on... on whether the way it's written, if it applies to their... their school policy or if it applies to how it's taught. So, I'm going to continue to work with them in the Senate, but they... they are all for this Bill. And... and I think we can go ahead and move forward. I... I'll... I'm good to answer any questions, and I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5184 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 26 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5190, Representative Hammond. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5190, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hammond is recognized."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5190 was done in collaboration with the Illinois Association of County Engineers and my colleague, Leader Hoffman. And basically, the Bill provides that the funds that are allocated in a county and not obligated within 48 months, they will be considered lapsed funds and reappropriated to the same fund. I know of no opposition and be happy to answer any questions."

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Speake Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5190 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on the Calendar, page 26, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5218, Leader Barbara Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5218, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hernandez is recognized."

Hernandez, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HB5218, their background story, there is... Department of Public Health is able to have a certification for exams in... offered in English and Spanish, but there was a few issues with the department. So, this would allow... will not allow the department to place any restrictions on which candidates may take the exam instead... in Spanish instead of English. Before, it was a issue of employment. They would only allow them if they were employed before. So, this would just remove that."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Windhorst is recognized. Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, the... whether to take the test in Spanish or English would be optional to the student? Is that how that would operate?"

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Hernandez, B.: "That is correct, and depends on their preference."

Windhorst: "As far as after the test is taken and... and passed, for employment purposes, is there any obligation on an employer to hire based on language?"

Hernandez, B.: "That will not change. If it... they require English, they would have to be hired in English. This is just an extra to allow them to take the test, if they prefer, in their own language. But, once again, if they want to... if they get employed in an English facility, then they will have to learn English as well."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hernandez to close."

Hernandez, B.: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5218 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 106 voting in 'favor', 8 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 26 of the Calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5224, Representative Ann Williams. Representative Ann Williams. Out of the record. Continuing down page 26 of the Calendar, we have House Bill 5232, Representative Meyers-Martin. Representative Meyers-Martin. Out of the record. Continuing down the Calendar, page 26, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5238, Representative Cassidy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5238, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cassidy is recognized."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 5238 is modeled after a law recently passed in Indiana that would require all newly-constructed manufactured homes to come equipped with a weather radio for tornado alerts. This has no opposition, and I ask for a 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. You said Indiana recently enacted a similar piece of legislation. Do we know if there are other states besides Indiana that are doing this?"

Cassidy: "I believe there are several others. I just think Indiana was the most recent. Frankly, this came about because my chief of staff, Torrence Gardner, saw a story about it, reminded us of the number of people in Rogers Park who didn't hear the sirens because they malfunctioned, and thought about how much worse that would be if one was living in a mobile home. So, he was inspired by that article, and here we are."

Windhorst: "Has there been any opposition expressed to the Bill?"

Cassidy: "None at all."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cassidy to close."

Cassidy: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5238 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all

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voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 81 voting in 'favor', 31 voting 'against', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Hammond is recognized."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very honored today to have a special guest, but, more importantly, a special friend, not only my friend, Tom Carper, but his wife, Gayle Carper, and recognizing Tom, together with my colleague, Leader Buckner, for the many accomplishments in his life, but, in particular, with this House Resolution:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize Tom Carper for his remarkable contributions to the City of Macomb, the State of Illinois, and the nation's rail infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Tom Carper, a former Mayor of Macomb and a recently retired member of the Amtrak Board of Directors, has exhibited an unwavering commitment to public service and transportation excellence; and

WHEREAS, Tom Carper is the longest-tenured board member in the history of Amtrak, a testament to his dedication and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Tom Carper's tenure on the Amtrak Board of Directors began in 2008 following his nomination by President Bush and continued through subsequent reappointments, including one by President Obama; he has served with distinction under four different presidents, showcasing his bipartisan and dedicated approach to governance; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Carper, in his role as chairman of the board until the... in 2009 until the expiration of his term in 2013, beyond his reappointment, has championed critical issues, such as ensuring service to underserved... underserved communities, bolstering local economies, and enhancing safety and cybersecurity measures, thereby embodying the spirit of public service; and

WHEREAS, Tom Carper has consistently been a champion of the Illinois passenger rail network, helping deliver historic capital investments from the American Rescue and Recovery Act and serving as a leader of the successful coalition that pushed for increased rail passenger service throughout the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Tom Carper's leadership has extended beyond his national service to include significant local contributions as the mayor of Macomb for over a decade, director of the regional economic development plan, positions through which he gained invaluable insights into economic development and community service in the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, Tom Carper's military service in the U.S. Army in Thailand and Vietnam and his service in both local and national capacities reflect his profound commitment to his country and community; and

WHEREAS, Tom Carper's deep understanding of the importance of passenger rail service and his efforts to modernize America's transportation infrastructure have left an indelible mark on the nation and particularly on the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize Tom Carper for his remarkable contributions to the City of Macomb, the State of Illinois, and the nation's rail infrastructure and extend our heartfelt gratitude for his years of service and dedication; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution is presented to Tom Carper as a symbol of our deep appreciation for your exemplary service and a token of our best wishes to your future endeavors. Thank you so much, Tom and Gayle."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Buckner is recognized."

Buckner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to join my friend, Leader Hammond, in honoring a true pillar of the State of Illinois, Tom Carper, as he retires from the board of Amtrak. His contributions extend far beyond the rails that cross our nation. They reach into the hearts of our communities, especially through his passionate advocacy for the arts and for economic development. I know way more about Tom than he thinks I does... not does... than I do because, when I was a young staffer for Senator Durbin about 15 years ago, it was during his early days and the days of his U.S. Senate confirmation process. And in that space, I got to know a lot about him, not just as a fierce protector of passenger rail, but as a renaissance man. Tom is a figure who perhaps has not always been in the spotlight as much as he has deserved, yet his impact is profoundly felt. Those of you who are fans of blues music, like myself, would be heartened to know that as a dedicated and devoted patron of the arts, Tom transformed his establishments in Macomb,

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Illinois into vibrant hubs of cultural exchange. His venues were not just places to unwind, they were where the soul of the city was expressed and celebrated. Under Tom's guidance, these places hosted legendary Chicago blues artists like Eddy Clearwater and Mighty Joe Young. Tom demonstrated his deep understanding of how art and music are not merely accessories to life but are essential to fostering a high quality of life and... and thriving economic vitality. Tom's commitment to the people of Illinois and his dedication to public service deserves celebration. His tenure as a mayor, his leadership at the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and his chairmanship of Amtrak have been marked by an unwavering commitment to improving lives. Tom has always believed in the power of connectivity, whether it was connecting towns and cities with Amtrak services or connecting people through public policy. Moreover, Tom's service to our country in Vietnam is a testament to his character and his dedication. His life has been one of continuous service, always putting the greater good above himself. Tom, as you step into this new chapter in your life, know that your legacy is enduring. You have sown the seeds of community, culture, and prosperity, and they will yield returns for generations to come. We are immensely grateful for your service, your vision, and your profound commitment to making Illinois a better place. Thank you, Mr. Mayor."

Speaker Evans: "Representative... Representative Hammond moves for the adoption of House Resolution 605. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair,



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the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted.  
Representative Mason is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Mason: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, I have some very special  
guests here today. We have Mayor Billy McKinney from Zion;  
Mayor Michael Bruno from Winthrop Harbor; Winthrop Harbor  
Trustee Dana McCarthy; administrator from Winthrop Harbor,  
David Alarcón; Mayor Scott Gartner of Antioch; with friends,  
Dan Shomon and Jimmy Vasselli. They are here for some IML  
activities, but, more importantly, to honor Mayor Billy  
McKinney of Zion. In almost my six years in office, I have  
had the honor of getting to know the mayor of Zion, Billy  
McKinney, and to work side by side with him. He is a fierce  
advocate for the City of Zion, and he works incredibly hard  
to help the community, which, in fact, is his hometown. In  
fact, he is currently living in his childhood home. I'm so  
grateful to have him as a partner in our work together and to  
also call him my friend. But there's more. I recently passed  
House Resolution 570, which honors him for some of his other  
achievements that you may not be aware of. As a young boy in  
Zion to a single mom, he knew that he wanted to go to college  
and it would be very difficult. And he decided that sports  
would be a way to do that. The odds were certainly stacked  
against him, but he practiced day after day and worked so  
hard. And he is a true example of the American dream and of  
what you can do when you put your mind to something. So, if  
you'll indulge me, I'd love to read this Resolution

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congratulating him for being the very first athlete to have his jersey retired at Northwestern University. So,  
WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Zion Mayor Billy McKinney on becoming the first Northwestern men's basketball player to have his jersey number retired; and  
WHEREAS, Mayor Billy McKinney is considered by many to be the best player in Northwestern's history; and  
WHEREAS, Mayor McKinney scored 1900 career points, a school record that stood for 35 years, and led the Wildcats in scoring each season of his collegiate career; his 768 made field goals still stand as the program's all-time record; he earned All-Big Ten recognition in all of his four seasons and garnered First Team All-Conference and All-America honors as a senior when he averaged 21.3 points per game; a Wildcat has not made 17 or more field goal attempts in a game since he posted 37 points against Notre Dame in 1974; he was named the first three-time team MVP in program history from 1975-77, under head coach Tex Winter, who would later be the long-time assistant coach of the Chicago Bulls and the LA Lakers; and  
WHEREAS, Billy McKinney played eight years in the NBA (1978-85) with the Kansas City Kings, Utah Jazz, Denver Nuggets, San Diego Clippers, and the Chicago Bulls; he was nicknamed The Crazy Hummingbird and still holds the NBA rookie record for most field goals without a miss; and  
WHEREAS, Mayor McKinney served as an executive and scout in NBA front offices for over 30 years; while working as a Bulls scout, he was the only scout to watch Scottie Pippen play in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, guiding the team to trade for Pippen

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in 1987 and form one of the NBA's greatest dynasties with Michael Jordan; he was the first African-American front office executive in franchise history; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Billy McKinney became the first general manager of the expansion Minnesota Timberwolves in 1992 and later worked as GM for the Detroit Pistons and the WNBA's Seattle Storm; as the director of scouting for the Milwaukee Bucks, he was instrumental in drafting Giannis... I practiced this before... Antetokounmpo in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McKinney has served as the mayor of his hometown, Zion, since 2019; and his family planted roots in Zion in the summer of 1962; he attended Elmwood Elementary School, Central Middle School, and Zion-Benton Township High School, go ZBs, where he was a 1973 Honor Roll student and graduate; Mayor McKinney is still heavily involved with the Northwestern men's program and is the team's radio color analyst; the Northwestern University Department of Athletics and Recreation annually presents The Billy McKinney Award to the male student-athlete who has exhibited exemplary leadership qualities; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, welcome me... or join me in congratulating the first Northwestern men's basketball player to have his jersey number retired. And, Ladies and Gentlemen, before we give him a round of applause, Mayor McKinney, who is in two places at once today, he has very graciously agreed to spend some time in the conference room behind the chamber with his retired jersey. And I hope that all of you will take a moment to stop by, meet him,

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congratulate him. He has broken barriers, as well as broken records, and he is one of the nicest people you'll ever meet. So, congratulations, Mayor McKinney, and please stop by and see him. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Nichols is recognized."

Nichols: "All right. It's been a while since I've been on the mic. Listen, today is a great day, as every day is in the General Assembly, but in particular it's a great day for... for an organization that Leader Ford and myself... they stand up... we're members of. Many of y'all may or may not be familiar with Black fraternities and/or sororities, but Leader Ford and I are members of Phi Beta Sigma. So, we have an Agreed Resolution, HR712, that we would like to read to inform and educate people of our great organization.

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated was founded at Howard University in Washington D.C. on January 9, 1914 by three African American students, A. Langston Taylor, Leonard F. Morse, and Charles I. Brown, who united to form a fraternity that would exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service; and

WHEREAS, The founders of Phi Beta Sigma offered support and encouragement to Arizona Cleaver Stemons, Pearl Anna Neal, Myrtle Tyler Faithful, Viola Tyler Goings, and Fannie Pettie Watts as they founded Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated at Howard University on January 16, 1920 to raise the people's consciousness, and encourage scholastic achievement, and foster unity among members, making Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta the first fraternity and sorority to be constitutionally bound to each other;

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THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that I want to commend the efforts of the members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated for their commitment to the community service and recognize their collective contributions to making their communities a better place to live, play, and work; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated. Today, I would like to also acknowledge the state director, Karyn Quick, of Zeta Phi Beta and our first international vice president is in the House, David Turner. So, Ladies and Gentlemen, again, if you want to do research on our organization, we have a lot of notable people that are a part of our organization, as well as the other organizations in the Divine Nine. So, I'd like everybody to put their hands together, today is Zeta Phi Beta Sigma Day at the Capitol. Thank you. But you got a little bit better than that, come on. And my dean is in the House, Mays-Jackson."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stuart is recognized."

Stuart: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just very quickly, I want to recognize, up in the gallery, there are some students from McKendree University down in the Metro East area. If we could say hello and welcome them to Springfield. Thank you for joining us."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Buckner is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

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Buckner: "Mr. Speaker, earlier this year, this Body passed House Resolution, I think, 609, to honor Arnold Randall for his service as the superintendent of the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Mr. Randall is with us here today. And so, I ask that he stands while I speak a little bit about his legacy. Under his leadership, under the last 13 years at... as the general superintendent at the Forest Preserves District of Cook County, the... the district has really made significant strides as an organization. It became more transparent, more accountable. It became strategic and focused on the restoration and protection of Cook County's most precious natural areas, as well as making these lands more welcoming to all people. Mr. Randall championed the development and implementation of the Next Century Conservation Plan, an ambitious roadmap that outlines robust initiatives to position Cook County as a national leader in urban conservation. Other key... key accomplishments include developing a natural resource masterplan, launching plans for camping, recreations, trails, and habitat restoration, and supporting the rollback of a moratorium on prescribed burns and restoration work, just to name a few. Mr. Randall also ensured that equity efforts were at the forefront of his work with the forest preserves. He promoted racial equity, inclusion, and diversity efforts within the organization while engaging heavily with underserved communities across Cook County via increased access to amenities, outreach, and engagement. He oversaw the expansion of the Conservation Corps program and changes to many of the forest preserves internal processes to include diversity and equity in the

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workplace. In addition to his work with the Forest Preserves of Cook County, Mr. Randall is a... is a recognized national leader in the conservation space. He serves on the Board of Directors at the National Recreation and Park Association and has served as the chair of the Chicago Community Development Commission. While he has left the Forest Preserves of Cook County, Mr. Randall is still working in the conservation space at the... as the executive director of the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelly Foundation, which supports conservation and arts organizations in Chicago and South Carolina. Just want to thank Mr. Randall for all of his hard work for the residents of Cook County. We look forward to seeing what he does next. Thank you, Mr. Randall."

Speaker Evans: "Representative DeLuca is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

DeLuca: "Ladies and Gentlemen, as you may know, it's the Illinois Municipal League Lobby Day today, and you will probably be seeing municipal officials from all over the state here in the Capitol. And we do have a hearing in the Cities & Villages Committee at 4:00 today. Just as a reminder, everyone is invited to attend that. And I'd also like to recognize a few local officials from my district. We have the mayor of Frankfort, Mayor Ogle. Please stand up. They left. See, I waited so long, they left. All right. Well, I'll tell them later that I was recognizing them. Thank you very much."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

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Gabel: "Thank you. So, on behalf of myself and Speaker Welch, I would like to recognize the Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy. They are here in the room with us today. Could you please stand? Thank you. Their mission is to fight to end Duchenne muscular dystrophy through research, policy, and advocacy for access to approved therapies. You know, there are... Duchenne muscular dystrophy affects approximately 1 out of every 5 thousand live male births and globally 20 thousand children are diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy each year. This... this disease has been a progressively debilitating disease until the most recent period, where, with increased funding for research and rapidly-improving treatments, people with Duchenne muscular dystrophy have much more hope than before. Their... this group has chosen Illinois as their first trial group state to do advocacy in. So, I hope we can prove them successful. They have a Bill coming up on newborn screening. They would like to include testing for this disease in newborn screening. So, I encourage you, when we get the Bill from the Senate, that we... that we will do our best to pass it. So, thank you so much for all the work you do and all the encouragement that you give to the families and the parents and the children. We really appreciate it. Please join me in giving Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Evans: "Attention, Members, we will be returning to the Calendar, House Bills-Third Reading. At the bottom of page 26, we have House Bill 5261, Representative Moylan. Representative Moylan. Out of the record. Continuing on page 26 on the Calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House



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Bill 5264, Representative Kifowit. Representative Kifowit. Out of the record. Moving forward to page 27 on the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5276, Representative Ness. Representative Ness. Out of the record. Continuing down page 27 on the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5277, Representative Slaughter. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5277, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Slaughter is recognized."

Slaughter: "Thank you. Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 5277 creates the Transit to Trails grant program. This initiative will allow the Secretary of Transportation to award grants to eligible entities for projects that facilitate travel by public transportation to public outdoor recreation sites for outdoor activities, including hiking, biking, boating, picnicking, hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, or other nature-based activities. The objective of this Bill is to provide equitable access to our great parks, greenspaces, and public land. Many of you are used.. especially those residing in underserved communities are not encouraged to visit or even know about our state's great environmental and recreational opportunities. We are hoping that this grant program will not only inspire more youth to get out to these great sites, but also address the often-cited barriers associated with transportation and cost to provide such an outing. This Bill is subject to appropriation, and it's important to note that this program is for the entire State of Illinois. All of our

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youth in all corners of our state deserve to be able to take advantage of this program. House Bill 5277 is an initiative of the Sierra Club that came out of committee on bipartisan leave and has no opposition. I urge a 'yes' vote on House Bill 5277."

Speaker Evans: "Is there any discussion? We have Leader Keicher for questions."

Keicher: "Leader Keicher is here to share, please excuse Representative Weber for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Representative, the entire state is eligible to apply for these grants? Is that accurate?"

Slaughter: "That's accurate."

Windhorst: "Is there preference given to certain communities in the program?"

Slaughter: "There will be preference given to communities that can demonstrate that there is a challenge getting out to these... to these sites. Yes."

Windhorst: "And those include... to make sure I have it right, R3 areas, environmental justice communities, and also communities that can demonstrate to the Secretary of IDOT that the community has inadequate, insufficient, or no park space. Does that sound accurate?"

Slaughter: "That's accurate."

Windhorst: "Do we know a cost, a potential..."

Slaughter: "We don't..."

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Windhorst: "If... if there is funded in the budget, what the request would be?"

Slaughter: "There hasn't been a figure there, but, again, it's subject to appropriation. Be willing to put one together..."

Windhorst: "Yeah."

Slaughter: "...in a bipartisan fashion, if we need to."

Windhorst: "I think our side would be willing to work on the budget, given the opportunity. Thank you."

Slaughter: "Most definitely."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader McCombie is recognized."

McCombie: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "Indicates he will."

McCombie: "Representative, is there anything in this language that would exclude trails for UTVs?"

Slaughter: "Leader McCombie, what's a UTV, A, but, B, I don't believe so."

McCombie: "It's... it's a... like an all-terrain vehicle, a side-by-side."

Slaughter: "I don't believe so, Leader."

McCombie: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Crespo is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Crespo: "Representative, I just want to follow up on the subject to appropriations. And you were asked, can you estimate how much this is going to cost?"

Slaughter: "No. That question was just asked, Leader Crespo. No, but it's subject to appropriation."

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Crespo: "Well, it's subject to appropriations. Is it subject to GRF, other state funds, or federal dollars?"

Slaughter: "Yes, GRF, if I understood your question correctly. Little loud."

Crespo: "Okay. To the Bill. I'm not... it sounds like a great idea, but just for the record, every time we pass a Bill subject to appropriation, make sure you understand what you're doing here. You're creating a line item that's going to go on the budget with zero dollars. Once it's... once you've created that line item, we don't have a say-so whether it gets funded or not or to what level it gets funded. Someone out there will do that. And on top of that, that line item will be competing with other things that we care about. We should, at a minimum, be able to identify how much we think it's going to cost. And secondly, also find out how did we arrive at that dollar amount. We have passed legislation here where... where we have underestimated how many... how much these things are going to cost, and then it's not served us very well. So, I would ask my colleagues, on both sides, at a minimum, try to identify how much you think a project is going to cost and whether it's going to be paid through other state funds, GRF, or federal dollars as we move forward. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Reick is recognized."

Reick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Reick: "Before I do so, I must commend the previous speaker for such clarity on the issue of fiscal responsibility in this House. It's so rare that we hear such a thing. I sat here aghast and agog at the fact that someone actually said, hey,

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how much is this going to cost? I'm... I'm flabbergasted. I'm thrilled. Thanks. A question to the Sponsor. Is this... are we dealing here with trails, transit trails, that have already been abandoned or deeded over to municipalities or other government agencies for this type of use? Or are we going to have to be dealing with purchasing rights of way and things like that?"

Slaughter: "No. We're not... these are already trails that are established. There's nothing in regards to having to create purchase agreements or contractual agreements to allow for these trails to be a part of the program or anything of that nature."

Reick: "So, we don't have to deal with..."

Slaughter: "No."

Reick: "...the actual purchase of the property. And I would invite everybody to come out to beautiful McHenry County and enjoy our multitude of trails that were built with such things in mind. It's a great time for... in McHenry County. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Slaughter to close."

Slaughter: "Thank you. I urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5277 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 95 voting 'yes', 70... 17 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Davidsmeyer, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Davidsmeyer: "I told you a couple weeks ago that we'd be continuing bringing more champions from the 100th District to the Illinois State Capitol. And I want to welcome... if you guys will all stand up. I want to welcome the West Central Cougars, the 2023-2024 Class 1A boys basketball state champions. These guys had an amazing season this year with 36 wins, 3 losses. And they had a very tough battle to the state championship. The... I... the most exciting game to watch, if you were there, or to listen to on the radio was the Aurora Christian game that went into double overtime. They... they were down, I believe, most of the game, went into double overtime, ended up winning, let's see, I believe 70 to 65. Super exciting game. These guys fought it out, battled it out, ended up winning the... the final championship game against Mounds Meridian 62 to 43. So, they claimed a... a great victory there. I want to introduce all of the coaches and the members of the team. We'll start with the Varsity Coach Ryan Sichting. If you want to... if you want to give a wave so everybody knows who you are. Assistant Coach Bill Jacquot, Assistant Coach Brady Slagle. We got Mason Berry, Carson Clevenger, Cameron Sievers, Nick Hamilton, Ryker Ford, Zac Howard, Zack Evans, Chance Little, Carson Brown, Blayne Sidwell, Gabe Howard, and Caden Meyer. I want to... I want to give these guys a huge congratulations. I believe this is the first time in history that you've won state... a state championship. So, I'm looking forward... they're going to lose three seniors this year, but

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I'm looking forward to having you guys back next year. You guys better battle it out. So, let... let's give them a warm Springfield congratulations on this state championship."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Meyers-Martin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Meyers-Martin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would wish a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Meyers-Martin: "Thank you. I would like to welcome the Democratic Women of the South Suburbs here to the chamber. President Timijanel Boyd Odom, Mentor-Chairperson Shannon Smith, and the entire Democratic Women of the South Suburbs who are excited to be returning to Springfield with students from the South Suburbs for their annual Youth Democracy Lobby Day. Youth Democracy Lobby Day is one... a one-day event for the outstanding high school girls and boys, where Springfield will serve as their living classroom. Today, we have students from 11 schools, including Bloom Trail, Bloom High School, Chicago Bulls College Prep, Colin Powell, Marian Catholic, Mother McAuley, Rich Township, Southland College Prep, Thornridge, Thornwood, and Tinley Park High School. The mission of the Democratic Women of the South Suburbs is to unite, promote, encourage, and recruit Illinois women and men of the Democratic Party, specifically in the South Suburbs of Cook and Will County. The Democratic Women was founded in 2010 and has helped many candidates get elected. They are assisted in campaigns from school boards all the way to the President of the United States. I'm very happy to present the Democratic Women of the South Suburbs and the students."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Elik, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Elik: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Elik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As one of the House chairs of the Illinois Manufacturing Caucus, along with Representative Slaughter, we'd like to share that Komatsu's large mining truck was just named the 2024 Coolest Thing Made in Illinois by the Illinois Manufacturers' Association after 315 thousand votes were cast in their 5th annual Makers Madness Contest. Makers Madness is a NCAA tournament-style bracketed contest designed to highlight the incredible things made right here in Illinois and the extraordinary people who make them. The large mining truck is made in Peoria by approximately 900 employees and has a capacity of 30 to 400 tons. It is engineered for reliability, operator efficiency, high performance, fuel efficiency, and has a reduced carbon footprint meeting U.S. EPA Tier 4 emission standards. Congratulations to the team at Komatsu and to all the manufacturers who make Illinois great."

Speaker Evans: "Leader McCombie, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

McCombie: "Today, I would like to introduce my beautiful Page for the day, my best friend from home, Jennifer Sullivan. Please give her a warm Springfield welcome."



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Speaker Evans: "Returning to the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5282, Representative Stava-Murray. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5282, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stava-Murray is recognized."

Stava-Murray: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5282 would require insurance providers to provide coverage to anyone who has suffered and experienced perinatal depression. Unfortunately, today perinatal depression is only covered if you've had a live birth. It does not extend it if you have a miscarriage or a stillbirth, which can absolutely still result in postpartum depression. As Illinois continues to lead the nation on the issue of women's rights, this Bill will further support and empower those in need who have been through a tremendous ordeal. And I'd like to add that I had someone personally reach out to me about this Bill and speak about how this is just an unspeakable tragedy when you have something like a miscarriage or a stillbirth of a wanted baby. And it's a tragedy that continues to have people asking you questions afterwards of 'Where's your baby?' and 'Oh, do you still want kids?' Things like that that really cause the pain to be so deep and really put people at risk for things like postpartum depression. So, I would hope that everyone here would have compassion in their hearts and vote 'aye'."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. Thank you, Representative. Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

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Windhorst: "Thank you. I notice the Amendment changed the effective date. Is that correct?"

Stava-Murray: "Correct. That was a request of the department and industry, so we pushed it back a year."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5282 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 27 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5287, Representative Tarver. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5287, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Tarver is recognized."

Tarver: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5287 allows stipends to be paid on a commercial voucher rather than to individual county officers. I know of no opposition, happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5287 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby

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declared passed. Representative du Buclet, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

du Buclet: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal preference."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

du Buclet: "I am here to speak on behalf of The Links, Incorporated. They're here today for Lobby Day. If they could stand. They're in the Speaker's Gallery. So, Links, Incorporated is an international, nonprofit corporation established in 1946. It's one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer organizations committed to enriching, sustaining, and ensuring a cultural and economic survival of African American and others of African ancestry. We... we aim to enrich communities and improve the quality of life and others through friendship and through service. And I'm so excited to have them here. I have two... I have Link Rita Mayfield... Representative Link Rita Mayfield, who is also a Link. And also, Justin Slaughter, whose mom is a Link. So, I'd like to recognize them. And I also have a Resolution I'd like to read.

WHEREAS, A delegation of members from the Central Area Illinois Chapters of The Links, Incorporated will attend the organization's Illinois Links Legislative Day at the State Capitol on April 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated is an international, nonprofit corporation that was established in 1946 for the purposes of education, civic, and cultural enhancement; and

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated has a membership of more than 17,000 professional women in 299 chapters located in 41 states, and in the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of

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Bahamas, and the United Kingdom, who are influential decision makers and opinion leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Members of The Links, Incorporated provide over one million service hours annually in five primary programmatic areas, known as Services to Youth, The Arts, National Trends and Services, International Trends and Services, and Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the statement of Links, Incorporated is "Friends Transforming Communities Through Service"; and

WHEREAS, The mission of The Links, Incorporated is realized daily in programs and service; and

WHEREAS, The legislative day at the Capitol is a component of transformational programming on legislative issues and public... public affairs for The Links, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, The Central Area of The Links, Incorporated is comprised of 72 chapters in 17 states; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Chapters represented include Central Area (IL) Chapter, Chicago (IL), Gateway (IL), Harbor Lites (IL), Hoffman Estates (IL), Lake Shore (IL), North Shore (IL), Quad Cities (IL), South Suburban (IL), Tri-County (IL), Windy City (IL), which is my chapter, and West Towns (IL) Chapter; and

WHEREAS, The Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton, Representative Rita Mayfield, and myself are active members; and

WHEREAS, The theme of Illinois Links Day at the Capitol is "Illuminate Illinois: Linking Up The Vote to Issues Impacting Our Communities"; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

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declare April 17, 2024 as Links Day in Illinois and congratulations Central Area Director Sheila Brown and the members on their unwavering commitment to service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Central Area Director Sheila Brown as a symbol of our respect and esteem. Thank you so much, Link sisters."

Speaker Evans: "Continuing down page 27 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5288, Representative Kelly. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5288, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Kelly is recognized."

Kelly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5288 allows the Secretary of State to issue special license plates designated as the 100 Club of Illinois plates, and this Bill also creates the 100 Club of Illinois Fund. The 100 Club of Illinois was funded.. founded 60 years ago and supports family of the first responders tragically killed in the line of duty, and they also provide mental health service resources to active duty first responders across 1.. all 102 counties in Illinois. They truly are a great program, and I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5288 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill,

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having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 27 in the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5290, Representative Ladisch Douglass. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5290, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ladisch Douglass is recognized."

Ladisch Douglass: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5290 repeals provisions in the Health and Hazardous Substances Registry Act that established the Health and Hazardous Substances Coordinating Council and sets the council's duties. This Bill removes the oversight council. It is a duplicative section of the Bill, and it is an initiative of IDPH with agreement of the council members to repeal. It passed committee unanimously. There is no opposition, and I encourage an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5290 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 27 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5295, Representative Faver Dias. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5295, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Faver Dias is recognized."

Faver Dias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to present House Bill 5295, which requires insurance to cover hormone and non-hormonal replacement therapy for people going through menopause. This Bill is an initiative of a constituent of mine who came to me sharing her frustration that her insurance would cover estrogen but not progesterone, and she needed both therapies to treat her menopausal symptoms. Currently in Illinois, we require insurance to cover hormonal therapy for people who have had a hysterectomy. HB5295 removes that condition, as well as ensures that FDA-approved modalities or... for hormone and non-hormone therapy are covered, including, but not limited to, oral, transdermal, topical, and vaginal rings. While a constituent brought my attention to this issue, I worked with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists to draft this Bill. I know of no opposition to it. It passed out of committee unanimously, and I would encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5295 pass?' All in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; all the opposed say (sic-vote) 'nay'. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 27 in the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5307, Representative Didech. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Out of the record. Out of the record. Moving down page

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27 in the Calendar, we have House Bills 5317, Rep... Leader Rita. Is Leader Rita available? Out of the record. Moving down page 27 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5325, Representative Guerrero-Cuellar. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5325, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar is recognized."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 5325 is an initiative of the Illinois State Police Command Officer's Association. It makes a number of updates to the Vehicle Code to clarify existing law related to stickers, plates, stop sign procedure, and tail lamps, head lamps, antique vehicle plates, and street sideshows. It also ensures we are aligned with the federal statutory requirements related to headlights and updates the code to reflect current practices related to how ISP collects escort fees."

Speaker Evans: "Any questions? Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. I... I note in our analysis that ABATE is a proponent. Is that correct?"

Guerrero-Cuellar: "The Bill is supported by Active Transportation Alliance and ABATE of Illinois."

Windhorst: "Are there any opponents to the Bill?"

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Not that I'm aware of."

Windhorst: "And these changes, did they come forward from the Illinois State Police Command Officer's Association?"



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Guerrero-Cuellar: "Yes. We collaborated with everybody to make sure everybody was comfortable with the Bill."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cuellar... Representative Guerrero-Cuellar to close."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "I... I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5325 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'present', 0 voting 'against'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Staying on page 27 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5313, Representative Croke. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5313, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Croke is recognized."

Croke: "Thank you, Chair. So, HB5313 eliminates insurance ghost networks and would ensure accurate provider directories for those seeking care. Many of you are aware of ghost networks. It's been a hot topic recently and also since the budget... the Governor's budget address. But ghost networks occur when health plan directories contain inaccurate or outdated provider listings and the providers... like, for example, the providers are actually listed are not in-network. So, to provide an example, this is what could occur. A consumer looks at a plan's providers directory and chooses a doctor listed

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as in-network. They visit the doctor and the doctor bills the insurance company for those services. The consumer receives a notice from the doctor insurance company that their insurance will not cover the cost because the doctor is out of network, and the consumer is now responsible for paying that bill. So, specifically, House Bill 5313 does the following: it expands what a plan must disclose in its provider directories to include a description of... and how to dispute charges for out-of-network providers or facilities that were incorrectly listed as in-network prior to the provisions of care, including a phone number and e-mail to address and dispute the charges; allows consumers to recoup their out-of-pocket expenses if they were charged out-of-network cost for a provider that was listed in-network; and requires a plan to audit directories every 90 days and make necessary corrections. It also requires the Department of Insurance to randomly audit at least 10 percent of the plans each year. I ask for an 'aye' vote, and I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, this is dealing with ghost networks. Is that correct, as you said?"

Croke: "Yes, Sir. Yeah."

Windhorst: "And how does the Bill address punishing those who may violate the requirements in the Bill?"

Croke: "So, there is an enforcement mechanism as it pertains to DOI. Let me pull that for you. Just one moment. So, DOI is

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the enforcement mechanism, and then the consumer files the complaint. I believe the enforcement would be the same for any type of action as it pertains to a complaint that DOI currently has."

Windhorst: "Inquiry of the Chair. Status of Amendment 2?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2 has been referred to the Mental Health & Addiction Committee."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Do you want me to... can I continue with my questioning?"

Speaker Evans: "Oh, please continue, yep."

Windhorst: "Yes. Do you intend to move Floor Amendment #2?"

Croke: "No. I filed to table that Amendment. Department of Insurance and the Health Care Council of Illinois preferred the underlying Bill and decided that they were more... they were more comfortable with the underlying Bill, would be neutral on the underlying Bill, but did not want either of the Amendments that were... did not like the language in either of the Amendments that were filed. So, that's why we're going forward with the underlying Bill, to remove opposition."

Windhorst: "The opponents on the underlying Bill, we show are Illinois Life and Health Insurance Council, Blue Cross Blue Shield, American's Health Insurance Plans, and Illinois Retail Merchants Association. I believe some of that opposition would have been removed with the Amendment. Does that opposition remain on the underlying Bill?"

Croke: "So, again, my conversations with the opposition were that they did not want me to move the Amendments, that they were more concerned with the Amendments, felt like the Amendments

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were... they did not want me to move forward with the Amendments, that they preferred that we move the underlying Bill. I understand that they filed previously on the underlying Bill, but these are... I give you my word that these are the conversations that I've had.

Windhorst: "Understood. They have not gone to neutral on the underlying Bill to your knowledge? They just prefer that to the... the Amendment. Is that your understanding?"

Croke: "I don't want to misspeak. My understanding was that they were going neutral because the changes that they feel like they can make can be done in the Senate. However, I would... just in case, I would say that since they slipped in opposition, we can... for the record, I don't want to say that they've gone neutral, that they... they could still be opposed."

Windhorst: "The underlying Bill passed committee 21 to 0. Is that correct?"

Croke: "Yes."

Windhorst: "All right. There was, I believe, in committee, though, a promise to hold on Second. Has anyone from the committee reached out to you now that we're... now that the Amendment is not moving forward?"

Croke: "I spoke with the chair, obviously, but, again, it goes back to opposition informing me that they did not want me to move the Amendments and that they believe that the underlying Bill is in a much better place than any of the Amendments."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? We have Representative Scherer."

Scherer: "To the Bill, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Evans: "Please continue."

Scherer: "I just wanted to make a note that this is very similar to the Bill that's been in this chamber before. I wanted to thank Representative Croke for bringing it back. And I just need to make the Body aware that ghost networks are extremely hurtful, extremely hurtful to my constituents and to your constituents. People try to go to a doctor that doesn't even exist. It says online that they're there, and then they're not. So, they sign up for insurance, they pay their premium, but then they never get the benefit of the insurance because the doctor doesn't even exist. So, I lend my full support to this. And it is a totally wrong practice. It is very unfair to the people who are paying their premiums in good faith, thinking that they have an... a provider, a doctor, and then the doctor isn't even there. So, this has been a work in progress for many years. I commend Representative Croke, and I strongly urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Keicher is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Keicher: "Excellent. Representative, I want to thank you for bringing this. I think this is really important things that... that need to be updated and changed. There is an oversight that I see in this, and I also see it in the Governor's plan, that apparently is going through Health Care Committee, not Insurance Committee. And this one went through a different committee or... or I would share it. We are frequently running into folks that are frustrated by this, right? They... to the earlier speaker, they show up, and it's out-of-network, and

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they have some concerns. They go to a practice and... and the doctor is no longer there. We've also got to hold, in some way, accountable to the medical practices that change employees or change negotiations with subcontracted medical providers that come in because we are also frequently seeing that some practices will dismiss or go to somebody new. That leaves an unfortunate burden on the insurance companies, as I read your Bill, that should be shared by the medical practitioner. So, just some... some critique for you to think about next time, next year. I... I don't think there's anything standing in the way. And I do want to add for the Body that the Life and Health Association did not file in opposition on the underlying Bill. They are okay on that underlying Bill."

Croke: "Thank you, Leader."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Haas, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please continue."

Haas: "I just want to make sure that we're clear that there was a promise made to bring this back to committee... to hold it on Second, bring it back to committee with some of the... the revisions that we've talked about, correct?"

Croke: "Yes. And I apologize, Leader Haas. I had thought that some additional individuals had reached out to your side of the aisle to clarify that the underlying Bill was more preferred to move, but I take responsibility for that and... and I apologize."

Haas: "Thank you for that. Yeah. Wasn't aware that... that we were going to bring it straight to the floor. Certainly, would

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have liked to have seen some of the opposition come off of this before bringing it to the floor today. Agree with my colleague to my right here that we do need to work on some of these things for the... the patients in these plans. I'm hope... I hope that we can resolve these issues in the Senate. Certainly, would have liked to have seen that happen here before we move it over there. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Croke to close."

Croke: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5313 pass?' All those in favor vote say (sic-vote) 'aye'; all those opposed say (sic-vote) 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting in 'favor', 5 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. At the bottom of page 27, under House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5349, Representative Chung. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5349, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Chung is recognized."

Chung: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm presenting today HB5349. It would allow IDOT to collect funds from other neighboring states after procuring railcars and locomotives. Illinois is a member of the Midwest Fleet Pool where IDOT procures rolling stock that will have joint ownership with other Midwest states and then be leased to Amtrak. Currently, in statute, when other states pay for those railcars, the money must go into

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escrow that cannot be touched for 20 years. This Bill changes that and allows payments for railcars to go into the High-Speed Rail Rolling Stock Fund, which can be used to procure more railcars. I ask for your 'aye' vote today. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5349 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. At the bottom of page 27, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5351, Representative LaPointe. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5351, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative LaPointe is recognized."

LaPointe: "Thank you, Speaker. HB5351 gives more clarity to and makes it easier to use involuntary outpatient commitment in Illinois, which is for people with very, very severe mental health symptoms. The goal is to decrease the use of involuntary inpatient commitment so people who have those very severe mental health issues can get treatment in the community. So, very specifically, the... the Bill changes four items on the books. It reduces the number of certificates needed for involuntary outpatient commitment from two to one. It spells out exactly what services can be included in an outpatient commitment order, things like therapy, case management, or day programs. It allows people awaiting trial



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on felony charges to be subject to involuntary outpatient commitment. And it also allows outpatient commitment hearings to be combined with involuntary medication hearings so the proceedings can happen at the same hearing, even though those two things have different thresholds. Happy to answer any questions, Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hauter is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Hauter: "So, just to be clear, this will make outpatient involuntary treatment easier, but will it make involuntary inpatient treatment harder?"

LaPointe: "Great question. No. It will not... nothing about this Bill makes involuntary inpatient harder. But the idea is, because as you might know, involuntary outpatient is vastly underutilized in Illinois, to provide more clarity to what exactly it is and to remove some of the barriers to outpatient... to involuntary outpatient. But... but nothing inherently makes it harder to do involuntary inpatient."

Hauter: "Okay. So, I'm... I'm just coming at the angle. In the emergency department, we have to do involuntary inpatient admissions quite often. That's... it's somewhat difficult to do, well, mostly because there's very little space or inpatient beds available. But will we be directed to first consider outpatient and then jump through hoops, additional hoops, or that does not play a part in this Bill at all?"

LaPointe: "Everything you just said is not contemplated in this Bill, but I think this Bill gets at the spirit, I think, of what you are asking about by really making it easier and

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making it more explicit how people can use involuntary outpatient around Illinois."

Hauter: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "If an individual is ordered to involuntary outpatient treatment and they abscond from treatment, what are the remedies available under our law?"

LaPointe: "There's actually no remedies embedded into law, and this was a question that came up as we were working on this Bill. There's really no teeth to involuntary outpatient commitment. But there's something that you might have heard of know as the quote, unquote, black robe effect that we talk about a lot in our problem-solving courts. And when people are in front of a judge and hearing orders from a judge, it has really... it... it's compelling for them to hear that and actually makes them act in a certain way, oftentimes. But to answer your question, there's... there's no mechanism to force somebody into this treatment."

Windhorst: "We have, in our analysis, that proponents of the Bill are Health and Hospital Association, Mental Health America, NAMI Chicago, Psychiatric Society, States... the Illinois States Attorneys, and Thresholds. Are you aware of any other proponents on the Bill?"

LaPointe: "No. That's a pretty comprehensive list, and Mental Health America is the lead proponent."

Windhorst: "Are there any opponents who've entered... expressed their opposition to you?"

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LaPointe: "No opponents. And for the record, Access Living is a key stakeholder in all of these discussions. And we had a few conversations with them, and I don't know if they officially stripped... I don't know if they officially slipped, but they are neutral on this Bill."

Windhorst: "The one concern I've heard expressed, and may have been the 'no' votes in committee, is reducing the threshold, the number of certificates, as you've mentioned, that... that will create, it's not technically due process, but that's, I think, a good a term as any. It will reduce some element of protection that people have in societies... or society. If you could just address that concern that's been expressed."

LaPointe: "Yeah. And... and as you know, you know, on the books today, you need a petition and two certificates. And... and the idea with changing the threshold for this kind of commitment from two to one is that we're not talking about taking away somebody's liberty. The stakes are a whole lot lower. And the idea is we want to prevent inpatient commitment. We want people to use this mechanism on the books. And so, in all the conversations, we decided that reducing from two to one, the certificates needed, is a good way to uplift this mechanism. And the other part of it is we know there's a really intense, my favorite topic, behavioral health care and health care workforce shortage. And when somebody is out in the community, they're not in one place, and it can be very challenging to get those two certificates."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative LaPointe to close."

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LaPointe: "Deeply appreciate the questions. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5351 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 99 voting in 'favor', 13 voting 'against', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 28 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5353, Representative Morgan. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5353, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Morgan is recognized."

Morgan: "Mr... thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5353 is an initiative that went through the Health Care Licensing Committee addressing another aspect of our health care licensure process that has been delayed and difficult for many to traverse. This is an initiative initially by the... by Tyler Smith and the Community Behavioral Healthcare Association of Illinois looking for additional ways to make it easier for our behavioral health workers to get licensed and to stay licensed in the State of Illinois. They worked very closely with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, and they both were terrific in getting us to this final product. This amends the professional Acts for social workers, professional counselors, marriage

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and family therapists to make sure that it's a little bit more efficient and smooth for those that are looking for licensure in Illinois for these practices. Furthermore, this also helps our military families. We include language that really is based on some federal guidance to make it easier for portability for military families who are licensed under these professional Acts. So, know of no opposition, but this, again, just continues the work the House of Representatives has done over the last year to really streamline and remove some of the burdens for our, not just military families, but also health care professionals."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5353 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Avelar, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Avelar: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Avelar: "Thank you. I think some of us have some of our colleagues from the Township Officials of Illinois here today, and it is my pleasure to recognize some of the township officials that I represent, including those who are in DuPage Township, but then also Lockport Township. So, I know that in the gallery we have Alex Zapien, who's our Lockport Township Supervisor; James Louch, the Lockport Township Highway Commissioner; as

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well as Denise Salvino, Lockport Township Trustee. I just want to say, on behalf of myself and my colleagues, welcome to Springfield. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Moving forward to page 28 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5354, Representative Ness. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5354, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ness is recognized."

Ness: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5354 amends the Customized Employment for Individuals with Disabilities Act and extends a pilot program with the goal of creating more jobs for individuals with disabilities. I know of no opposition to this Bill. It is sponsored by the Division of Rehabilitative Services, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Our analysis shows that the Illinois Assistive Technology Program is working with the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities on language for a future Amendment. Are you aware of those discussions or if there is something that will be brought forward maybe in the Senate?"

Ness: "Not specifically. There's a lot of detail in this particular Amendment. A lot of the discussion was around collecting data and what data they will collect. They also reduced the number of people that would participate in the

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program. So, I'm not familiar with those specific details, but if... it's probably mostly related to that."

Windhorst: "And are there any opponents to your Bill?"

Ness: "No."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "All right. Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5354 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5360... House Bill 5369, Representative Gill. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5369, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Gill is recognized."

Gill: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HB5369 is an initiative of the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Union. The Bill amends the Career and Workforce Transition Act. The Act allows for students at approved institutions to receive up to 30 credit hours from a public community college. Should a private institution apply for approval under this Act, the programming at the institution would need to be approved by the Illinois Community College Board. This legislation would add masonry to a long list of applicable trade and technical professions listed in the existing statute. The Illinois Community College Board has not taken a position on this

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legislation, and it has no known opposition. I'm available for questions."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5369 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Wilhour, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Wilhour: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Wilhour: "Thank you. I just want to take a second and recognize all the folks that came up to Springfield today for the... for the pro-life rally. We appreciate you all coming up here. I want to specifically thank all the young people from the schools around the state that came here. And specifically, we've got folks here from Effingham, St. Anthony, which is near and dear to me because I've got two nieces here today, Paylin and Mallory. So, thank you guys for being here. Thank you to the St. Anthony crowd, and God bless you."

Speaker Evans: "Continuing along page 28 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5370, Leader Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5370, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hoffman is recognized."



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Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill has to deal with Scott's Law and makes some needed additions to Scott's Law. As you know, Scott's Law is the legislation that indicates that you need to move over on a stopped emergency vehicle on a four-lane highway, if practicable. And what it does is it simply adds, and you should reduce the speed of the vehicle to a speed that is reasonable and proper with regard to the traffic conditions and the use of the highway to avoid a collision and leaving a safe distance until safely past the stationary emergency vehicle. I think it's a positive. It's an initiative of the Secretary of State. It's supported by the State Police as well as other emergency responders. And I ask for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5370 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 28 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5396. Out of the record. Continuing down page 28, we have House Bill 5407, Representative Mussman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5407, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mussman is recognized."

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Mussman: "Thank you Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 5407, with the Amendment, provides additional flexibility for districts supporting students who experience homelessness. It aligns the language in the already existing Education of Homeless Children in Youth State Grant Program with more permissive language offered in the federal COVID relief funding grants to allow more flexibility and creativity in how we can serve the student population. To be clear, it does not create a new grant. This state grant line has already been in existence for 25 years. It was designed to supplement funding for our federal McKinney-Vento Program. The program was zeroed out during the recession of 2009 and has not been funded since. We do continue to receive federal Department of Education funds for homeless students, but this base number has not increased since it was created. And our extra recession-related funding from ARP and ESSER, et cetera, are going to be expiring and must be used up by September. Advocates want to be sure our state program is properly aligned, should the GA choose to fund it again, as these federal programs end. The Bill has no appropriation request. We currently have 58 thousand students in Illinois experiencing homelessness, but ISBE only has one staff person responsible for supporting all the districts' schools and students across the entire state. Under the federal funding, states are permitted to use up to 25 percent of their grant allotment on administrative costs. So, we update our language to create parity with our federal grant programs to ensure ISBE has the flexibility needed to address this growing body of students. Also, ISBE was already in the process of creating

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a portal to better track the number of students experiencing homelessness. So, the Amendment removes this original portion of our Bill to avoid unnecessarily duplicating their efforts. I am aware of no opposition and would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, I... the only concern that I've heard expressed is the change in the percentage of funds that would be used for administrative costs, and you've touched on that in your remarks. If you could, just briefly go over why you feel that's appropriate."

Mussman: "So, again, right now, it is set at 5 percent, even the federal government allows the use of 25 percent. And, again, we have one staff person for the entire state, and we have a growing body of homeless students. So, we just want to make sure that should... should ISBE need extra flexibility, they have the resources they need to... to better accommodate helping our schools with this issue."

Windhorst: "Our analysis shows the Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education is opposed to the Bill. Do you know if they are still in opposition and what the nature of the opposition is?"

Mussman: "We have... we have not been able to discern the nature of their opposition."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5407 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye';

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all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 104 voting in 'favor', 9 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 28 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5412, Representative Sosnowski. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5412, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Sosnowski is recognized."

Sosnowski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a request from the Department of Revenue in regards to reporting. When we passed the REV Illinois Act and the MICRO Act, there was just a inadvertent removal of a reporting requirement. And so, this will just make this consistent with other types of reports that are provided to the department. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5412 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 28 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House

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Bill 5421, Representative du Buclet. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5421, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative du Buclet is recognized."

du Buclet: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House... House Bill 5241 is a cleanup Bill that amends the Illinois EPA statutory Lake Michigan water sampling and reporting requirements to better align with the agency's current federally required water quality monitoring practice... quality of monitoring practices under the Federal Clean Water Act and resolve an audit finding. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5421 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 28 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5444, Representative Ness. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5444, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ness is recognized."

Ness: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5444 would add the McHenry County Police social worker program to the Co-Responder Pilot Program that was created last General

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Session. I know of no opposition. And just to give a few points of facts here, the current program that they're operating, 19 units of government participate in it. It's a shared program across municipalities, and they've seen some great results, including a reduction in recidivism calls, return calls of about 73 percent. They've been able to access people to resources like the program was designed to do. This would also allow them to be evaluated at the state level and help contribute to it being eventually adopted in other counties as well. So, I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5444 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The... the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 28 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5445, Representative Rita. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5445, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Rita is recognized."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This deals with property tax refunds that were awarded by PTAB and that had expired. What it does is it gives an extension up to 20 years that the... the awards can be recovered back to the taxpayers. Be happy to answer any questions."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is... Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Our analysis shows the Bill deals with the transfer of property exempt... that is exempt for orphanage, school, or religious purposes, that that should be filed with the county clerk rather than the county recorder. I just want to make sure that we're... we're dealing with this..."

Rita: "You... you know what, was it... this on the amended one? You know, could we take this out of the record?"

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, please take this Bill out of the record. Continuing on page 28 of the Calendar of House Bills- Third Reading, we have House Bill 5450, Representative Ford. Representative Ford. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5450, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ford is recognized."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I move for the passage of House Bill 5450. It's an initiative... I'm working for IBHE here and all the students of Illinois. The Bill amends the Pension Code and the Higher Education Veterans Service Act. The Pension Code, it eliminates the Board of Higher Education statutory requirement requiring compensable sick leave reports, which is deemed and will be irrelevant because of the soon-to-be exhausted liabilities. The Bill also deals with the Veteran Service Act. It changes the reporting date on expenditures for public colleges and universities to allow more time for submittal of their

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reporting requirements. This, as I said, is an initiative of the Board of Higher Education, and it would be effective immediately. I move for 'yes' votes and the passage of House Bill 5450."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5450 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. At the bottom of page 28, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5457, Representative Barbara Hernandez. Leader Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5457, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hernandez is recognized."

Hernandez, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HB5457 would allow clinical social workers, professional counselors, and marriage and family therapists reasonable accommodations to do their exams in English. Either the department will be able to determine that, either if it's more time or a bit... a bit more of clarity on the language itself, and would also prevent those licenses from being suspended or revoked due to immigration status. As we've known, the federal government has taken a long time to review their documents to renew certain things. So, we just don't want them to be unemployed



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during that small time that they're waiting for... for their certification."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Windhorst... Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, you touched on... at the close of your remarks some of the questions I have regarding the denial of a license under the Act for the applicant's real or perceived immigration status. To your knowledge, is that occurring currently?"

Hernandez, B.: "In the department itself, they haven't done that, but this just to prevent anything from happening."

Windhorst: "And I... I guess the... another question would be how would that occur? Are there questions related to immigration status in the licensure process?"

Hernandez, B.: "Well, currently, you do need a Social Security number, but at the same time we have passed, a while ago, that ITIN numbers, taxpayer ID number is qualified as well. So, that's the only thing that we require. However, as any job, you might need to send more information. So, the employer will have to be able to talk to their HR departments saying that they applied for, let's say, DACA, for example. They apply for their renewal of a DACA, it is just, unfortunately, because of the waiting times, it might be taking a little bit longer."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ugaste is recognized."

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

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Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Ugaste: "Good afternoon, Leader Hernandez. We discussed this a bit in committee. The practices which are named in this, it applies to clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors. Can any of that be done by... over video, say, by telehealth or... or something of that nature?"

Hernandez, B.: "I believe some of them, yes."

Ugaste: "Okay. And you have indicated that if another state has removed someone's license because they are in violation... or because of their immigration status, we can't rely on that. What if the person's been deported? That's immigration status. Can we, then, rely on that and remove their license?"

Hernandez, B.: "I believe that's something that will be eventually reported to the department or their employment, and then that's when they can take that course or learn what's the next step for that. But this is only preventing those that are currently already hired, they're waiting for their paperwork, they... they already applied, but there's just a backlog in the federal government currently."

Ugaste: "But this... this is only for people..."

Hernandez, B.: "That are currently working here."

Ugaste: "What if they're working here and they're not legally working here and have a license?"

Hernandez, B.: "Well, they... I guess I don't understand your question 'cause I..."

Ugaste: "Well, my... my question is, if someone gets deported, are we going to be prevented, under this Act, from taking their license away from them? If they're illegally within the

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country and they've been removed from the country, can we still remove their license or will they be able to provide telehealth to people within the State of Illinois? Because the way I read it, I believe we're going to be prevented from acting upon their license."

Hernandez, B.: "So, currently, it will not impact their authorization status of employment. It is a little bit unclear, unfortunately, but that is something that the federal government will have to determine. Like I said, here in... at least in Illinois, if they are hired, then they get deported, they will be... there... communication will have to happen and... and the department or the employer will have to decide what to do."

Ugaste: "Okay. To the Bill. I... I understand the Leader's intent in wanting to help move some things along. I believe, though, as in many situations, we do things sometimes with the best of intentions that leave unintended consequences. If a person has a license and has been licensed in the State of Illinois, is then subsequently deported, and really beyond our control for anything from any type of malpractice, malfeasance, or anything else, it... it's going to be on us to somehow try and rectify that, and I just don't think it's a good idea. So, for that reason, I'll be voting against the Bill and recommend a 'no' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hernandez to close."

Hernandez, B.: "I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5457 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all

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voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 73 voting in 'favor', 39 voting 'against', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. At the bottom of page 28, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5459, Representative Syed. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5459, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Syed is recognized."

Syed: "Thank you, Chair. House Bill 5459 allows municipal water... wastewater agencies in sanitary and water reclamation districts to request and receive water usage data from public utilities that provide drinking water. By law, these utilizes are already required to maintain the data in question, and this Bill will just help further transparency between water providers and the state entities they work with, and specifically for the purpose of calculating bills. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "There any discussion? Representative Davidsmeyer is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Davidsmeyer: "When you brought this through committee, I believe that it went through unanimously, correct?"

Syed: "That's correct."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. I... I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Syed: "Thank you."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5459 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 29 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading. At the top of page 29, we have House Bill 5465, Leader Keicher. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5465, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5465 is a continuation of the work that we started last spring. If you recall, we passed, on a unanimous basis through both Houses, a piece of legislation that allows for victims of human trafficking, once they come out of that situation, to expunge and seal records for crimes that they were forced to commit while they were trafficked. What this is going to allow people to do is, once they exit a trafficking situation, it's going to allow them to apply for loans, get into school, apply for tenancy in different rental situations, get a car. And so, what we're trying to do with this, thanks to our... our staff finding an oversight, is expand that to juvenile victims of human trafficking, in addition to the adult victims of human trafficking that we passed last spring. I'm available for any questions."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5465 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 29 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5467, Representative La Ha. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5467, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative La Ha is recognized."

La Ha: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5467 represents a critical step towards ensuring justice protection for some of our most vulnerable citizens, our children. This Bill would eliminate the statute of limitations for human trafficking offenses that involve victims, children under the age of 18. This legislation will provide child survivors of trafficking unlimited time to come to terms with their abuse and the opportunity to pursue justice in their own time. HB5467 acknowledges the harsh realities faced with countless young individuals who have been subjected to unspeakable acts of exploitation and abuse. Thank you to all my colleagues on both sides of the aisle and to the advocates who offered feedback throughout the process. I appreciate your time, your dedication, and your commitment to serving the people of Illinois. I ask for a 'yes' vote."

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Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? We have Leader Keicher recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Keicher: "So, Representative, I am honored to have you join me on helping those that have come through traffic situations, but I think I find some difficulty on page 3 of your Bill, second paragraph. I think there's a misspelling. Have you seen that?"

La Ha: "I have not."

Keicher: "This is your first Bill, correct, Representative?"

La Ha: "It is."

Keicher: "All right. It's not one we should joke around too much on, but welcome to the floor."

La Ha: "Thank you."

Keicher: "It's a great Bill."

La Ha: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davidsmeyer is recognized."

Davidsmeyer: "On the Order of First Bills, question of the Sponsor?"

Speaker Evans: "Sponsor will yield."

Davidsmeyer: "You are very lucky that this is a serious topic. So, I'm going to... I'm going to take it... take it a little easy on you. I just... I just want to say every time I hear your name, it sounds like I came up with a great idea. La Ha. Ah ha. And this is a wonderful idea, so congratulations on your first Bill."

La Ha: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5467 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye';

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all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 29 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5479, Representative Olickal. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5479, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Olickal is recognized."

Olickal: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5479 is an initiative of the Capital Development Board. Traditional design-build requires working with a bridging firm to develop an initial design plan before selecting a design-build team, tying the team to decisions that may not align with the needs of the using agency. Progressive design-build will allow the Capital Development Board to contract with design-build team at the beginning of a project, ensuring that the final project is truly reflective of the users' needs and budget. This is to allow them to establish a pilot program to establish progressive design-build. There's no known opposition to this Bill. Happy to answer questions but... and urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, I have heard some concern expressed about privileging companies that engage in



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progressive design-build projects. I'd just like to have you address that, if you could? Mainly that we would be privileging larger companies versus smaller companies."

Olickal: "So, under this Bill and in Capital Development Board's existing design-build program, design-build entities are selected based on qualifications, including work on similar projects, a record of timeliness of past performance, and the ability to meet the BEP utilization goals. The selection criteria outlined in the law does not require previous experience with design-build, but rather experience on similar projects. So, while design-build experience is helpful to an applicant, it's not required for a selection or a barrier to the pursuit of the opportunity."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5479 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 101 voting in 'favor', 9 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 29 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5491, Representative Ford. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5491, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ford is recognized."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I move for the passage of House Bill 5491. This is an initiative

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that came to me from a constituent, and I'm happy to say that the Secretary of State found a way to make this work for the people of Illinois. What it does, the Secretary of State.. it speaks to the Bill. Now, the Secretary of State shall adopt rules to reimburse an applicant's registration fee for 2023 registration year in which an applicant received a citation for expired registration as a result of a misprint of a registration sticker. That's what this Bill does, it allows for people that may have gotten a citation for a misprinted license plate sticker. I move for the passage of the Bill. Ask for 'aye' votes."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "The 2023 registration year, was that the year where the year was printed but not the month on the sticker?"

Ford: "That's right, Representative."

Windhorst: "Are we aware of any instances where someone received a ticket for the improper license registration sticker?"

Ford: "Yes. It came to me from a constituent, Representative, and I'm going to be happy to tell them that we passed their Bill."

Windhorst: "So, we know of a least one time when it happened?"

Ford: "At least one time. No, we know of many times. I just don't know how many."

Windhorst: "Oh, okay."

Ford: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Ford: "Yes."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5491 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 29 of the Calendar, on House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bills 5496, Representative Will Davis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5496, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davis is recognized."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. For many, many years, certainly even prior to me becoming a Legislator, which was almost 22 years ago, there has been a conversation and an effort about trying to build what would be a third regional airport in the far South Suburbs of Chicago, actually in Will County. That would then service not only Will County and Kankakee to its south, but also provide services for South Suburbs as well as South Side of Chicago. When that conversation first began, it was about building a third passenger airline or carry.. a passenger airport where individuals could fly in and out as well, to relieve congestion that we're already... that was already existing at the two existing airports, both O'Hare and Midway. As that conversation has evolved over the years, those that are in my area and others have said, well, why don't we look

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at an effort to try to build upon what appears to be, you know, the way and the trend that is happening in the South Suburban region in particular, as well as even in Will County and other areas, and that's on cargo. So, we have went down the path, over the last couple of years, of trying to stand up and build what would be a cargo airport in the South... in the Southland. Again, particularly in Will County, but that could provide operation... operational opportunities for many areas throughout, again, the Southland and South Suburbs. So, as we have gone down that path, a lot of things have come up relative to trying to figure out the best way to create the best conversation around it indeed happening. We have already passed one Bill that the Governor has signed into law to suggest that (a) that IDOT would develop, and I believe the correct initials are an RFQ, to allow for private developers who may want to build such an airport to come in, use their own resources to build such a project. Now, let me take one step back. Over the last several years, the State of Illinois has been buying the land that would otherwise be the airport footprint and owns a big piece of that land out there already. So, a private developer would come in, presumably lease the land from the State of Illinois, but use its own resources and financing to build ultimately what will be the third regional airport, but it would be specifically focused on cargo opportunities. The Southland has been a... a great area for growing logistics and cargo, and it seems right that that type of airport facility, in addition to the intermodal train facilities that we have, would create a destination for cargo coming into that region and subsequently flying out of that

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region or on trains or planes to any other part of not only the United States, but also the entire world for that... for that matter. So, we have that one Bill, and IDOT is poised, at least according to their testimony in committee, to release that RFP by, I believe, July 1, per the legislation that was passed and signed into law by the Governor. But as we continue to research and look at this opportunity, one thing was discovered. So, House Bill 5496 is an effort to correct something that happened a very long time ago relative to the use of what we call private... public-private partnerships, or P3s. That has been kind of a new way that the private sector is combining or... or connecting with state resources in order to build large-scale infrastructure projects, P3s as we call them. So, what we learned is that years ago, the use of a P3, while it was new to the State of Illinois when it was first introduced and legislation was passed, excluded airports as an opportunity or something that could be used in a P3 way to develop. And so, simply put, what this Bill seeks to do is to correct, maybe we could call it a technical Bill, but to correct and to allow for that if the state wants to pursue P3 partnerships, that airports can be... can be a project that can fall under a P3 partnership. And, again, this Bill seeks to allow for that to happen. While even the title says South Suburban Air, but this would be for the entire State of Illinois. If there was an opportunity or someone wanted to use a P3 to develop an airport, this Bill would correct and allow for that to happen. I'll be more than happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, I appreciate the explanation of the status of the project and what this Bill does. In our analysis, we have a list of opponents, and I'd like you just to tell us if they've expressed their opposition to you and what the nature of that may be."

Davis, W.: "Well, if I may, Representative."

Windhorst: "Yes, go ahead."

Davis, W.: "So, when we... when we pass... introduced and passed the first Bill, there were a wide variety of opponents. What I recall with this Bill, that there were no opponents that filed. And if I'm not mistaken, it was Representative Halbrook that actually asked the question. In committee he was like, why are there no opponents showing up on this Bill? Now, the Bill went through the normal standard processes of being introduced, being filed, and because we know that there were opponents on the previous Bill, you know, no... we don't know why they didn't pay attention to this one. Now, again, while this Bill is not specific to the South Suburban airport like the first one was, this is just about including airports as an opportunity for 3... P3 partnerships, simple as that. So, while we know that there were opponents that filed on the first Bill that we did subsequently passed out of committee, on the floor, and the Governor did sign, if I'm not mistaken, there were no opponents. And, again, your side of the aisle went a partisan roll call on it, primarily because of Representative Halbrook's kind of thought, why aren't there any opposition... why isn't there any opposition on it? Which

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none of us could answer because, again, it... it could have been the same people from the first time, at least understanding the process. So, if there are opponents, I was not aware that there were any opponents that actually filed slips on this Bill. They did on the previous Bill, but not this one."

Windhorst: "So, to your understanding, if there is opposition, it's to the project itself rather than this Bill specifically?"

Davis, W.: "I think that would be a fair characterization."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Davis, W.: "Absolutely."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Halbrook is recognized."

Halbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question of the Sponsor?"

Speaker Evans: "He'll yield."

Halbrook: "Yeah. So, Representative, HB2531 went through this chamber last spring. How is that... or, let me rephrase. How is this Bill similar or different to that Bill?"

Davis, W.: "Well, the previous Bill you mentioned was specific to asking IDOT to put out, and, again, I'm going to use RFQ, maybe some call it an RFA, RFP, RFI, one of those acronyms, but to seek interest in potential developers that would want to build that particular project. That was the first Bill. We feel this one differs because, again, as we think about trying to figure out and make sure that we have all the tools available, as they say, every tool in toolbelt available to bring such a project forward, what this Bill does, it simply makes a correction and... and clarifies what we think is some conflicting statutes about the use of P3 partnerships to

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build... to build large-scale infrastructure projects. That previous legislation that we're trying to correct excluded airports under this scenario. What this Bill seeks to do is to allow airports to be considered as part of P3 partnerships. So, we think the two are different. While this one just makes it a general statement about the use of P3 partnerships to build airports, which is what we're trying to correct, the previous Bill was specific to the project that we are talking about."

Halbrook: "Okay. So... so, some differences, but not dramatically different. That Bill went out of the House 72-40, in the Senate it was 33-20. It ultimately was signed into law. You know, last spring Representative Frese tried to do a Bill to sell the Sparta Shooting Complex. And they... they wanted... DNR wanted to sell it outright, but evidently... maybe the powers that be in the Senate says, no, we want to do a three-piece situation like you're asking for here. But we just find it kind of... I'm not sure what the words are here to say, but I don't know that... how many people that actually want to get involved in these kind of arrangements with the government. I... I think this is probably kind of similarly that nobody will want to get involved with the government, and, you know, I'm not sure how many more airports that we can stand in the northeastern part of the state. With that, I'm probably just... probably going to be a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative West is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."



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West: "Thank you, Representative Davis, for this Bill. I just had a quick question for you. Currently, the Chicago Rockford International Airport is the fastest-growing cargo hub in the world. And you just mentioned something about P3 partnerships. I was just... can you give me clarity on... is there... what... can this P3 partnership... of how can it help existing airports, or is this just for new airports?"

Davis, W.: "Well, one thing that I don't know is, I don't know how Rockford Airport came to be. I don't know if that was a government-sponsored airport, a hundred percent, whether it was a private airport. You'd know more about than I would. But when we talk about in this case, talk about using every opportunity available that could build such a project as this, there's no reason why we would exclude the private sector. You know, especially when we are talking about money. If the private sector can find and bring to the table enough resources to build such a project, why would we not give them the opportunity to be a part of the conversation? So, again, absent of what I don't know about the Rockford Airport, what I do know, at least based on some conversations, there have been developers that have expressed interest in building this particular project. So, this Bill is about just making sure that if the P3 partnership, which, again, is not a new term to us, I don't think it's been widely used yet, but not a new term to us, that if this is an opportunity to use that type of partnership to build this project, we just want to make sure we're allowing for it to happen. Again, current statute suggests that airports can't use a P3 partnership. This Bill is to make a correction to allow for it to happen. Does this

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guarantee? Absolutely not. But if developers are interested, we want to make sure that we're, again, creating every opportunity to allow it to happen. And this Bill at least allows for airports to be considered under that type of scenario."

West: "Thank you for that. Does that include expansions on current airports? So, if an airport is having... is high-performing and they need more space, will this allow for them to tap into this partnership as well?"

Davis, W.: "It sounds like it would."

West: "Okay. Thank you for that."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davis to close."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Again, I, (a) appreciate the questions that came from my colleagues. One of the things I... I hope that we consider as a state is ways to grow our economy here in the state. It's no secret that airports are a way to help grow the economy, particularly when we're talking about the movement of goods and.. and passengers, if you will. And so, what we have... what we're trying to do is create the scenario that if there is someone who has that interest in building this type of airport, that we give them every tool available. Part of the conversation around building this airport is to explore it being what is called a net-zero airport. We're on a pathway to a hundred percent green... green technology, reducing emissions, trying to... trying to make this state a more green state. Well, here is a very unique opportunity that, from an airport perspective, that we can embark upon this path. Now, before anybody says, well, that's not a hundred percent true. Yes,

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we do have planes that still use diesel fuel. So, with that, maybe at some point in time we'll get to a point where planes will be all electric or... or they'll be better quality fuels used to fly planes. So, that part we haven't gotten to yet. But, when you think about the operations of the airport itself, we're talking about the use of either geothermal, solar, electric vehicles on the airport property that could move goods and people around. So, this is a very unique opportunity to embark upon something that we started and to bring an airport into that conversation, which would be the first, to our knowledge, at least in the United States, the first ever net-zero airport. So, we've got great opportunity to do some very great things with this potential airport. And, again, the use of a private developer is not anything uncommon in... in terms of growth, in terms of uses, in terms of building long-term infrastructure projects. It exists already. But however, it was years ago, airports were taken out. We'd like to allow for airports to be put back in. And outside of the questions from my... my colleague from Rockford, I'm not saying anything about that airport. You know, this has nothing to do with what they're doing in his region. And they deserve every opportunity to grow as well, as do we in the Southland, South Side of Chicago, South Suburbs, Will County, Kankakee County, and that region also. I ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5496 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who

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wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 72 voting in 'favor', 35 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 29 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5502, Representative Didech. Representative Didech. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5502, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Didech is recognized."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5502 amends the Condominium Property Act to provide that no condominium association shall exercise any right of refusal, option to purchase, or right to disapprove the sale for a discriminatory or otherwise unlawful purpose. This is an initiative of the REALTORS Association. The language was negotiated with the Community Association Institute. My understanding is it's an agreed Bill. I would appreciate everyone's support."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could we excuse Representative David Friess for remainder of the day?"

Speaker Evans: "The record will reflect your request."

Windhorst: "And I have some questions for the Sponsor, if the Sponsor would yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, appreciate the explanation on the Bill. It adds that the right of first refusal shall not be... shall not... no condominium association shall exercise any right of first refusal option to purchase for a

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discriminatory or otherwise unlawful purpose. Is there a definition of what a discriminatory purpose is? Is it the standard racial, gender, religious, or is there some other definition that should be used?"

Didech: "Essentially, everything that you mentioned that's already covered under our... our Human Rights Acts related to housing discrimination. This is essentially a restatement of current law. The purpose for the Bill is there's value of putting it into the Condominium Property Act because the condominium associations that operate under the Act, sometimes they don't review every single statute before they make their decisions. So, just as a matter of convenience, I think, there's a certain logic of putting this language directly into the Condominium Property Act."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5502 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 29 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bills 5507, Representative Olickal. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5507, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Olickal is recognized."

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Olickal: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5507 addresses a pressing legal gap for those in Illinois seeking to make gender marker change... gender marker corrections on identifying documents. Unlike Illinois, other states and counties may require court orders to make gender marker corrections on identity documents such as birth certificate... birth certificates. This poses a huge burden to those who have moved to Illinois, as it can be extremely difficult to get back to the state or country of origin, navigate the court system, hire an attorney to get such a court order. Many of those states will accept a finding of fact from an Illinois judge to make the necessary gender marker change. However, due to a lack of clarity in the law, judges are not granting this request. HB5507 seeks to clarify that Illinois judges can issue finding of facts to support residents in their applications for gender marker changes in other jurisdictions. The Bill also creates a mechanism that allows the petitioner to make the request. To be clear, the Bill does not grant any new authority to judges and it does not compel another jurisdiction to accept an Illinois judge's order. It simply clarifies that judges may issue findings of fact to petitioners seeking a gender marker change. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Ugaste is recognized."

Ugaste: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. In Illinois, we've designed our laws to allow for such changes, other states may or may not have. And whether or not these states have allowed or will allow these changes, even if there's a finding of

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fact in Illinois, we're going to go ahead and use our courts' time and have findings of fact made here in Illinois. I think I'm... I'm safe in saying that most of us here don't want other states telling us how to operate or what to do or what findings of fact we should make in our state. And I don't believe we should be doing the same in other states. Therefore, I'm going to oppose the Bill and urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cassidy is recognized."

Cassidy: "To the Bill. We are talking about a limited number of people who maybe were born in another state. For example, I was born in Pennsylvania. I now live in Illinois. I need my birth certificate to match my identity, and I have no other way to do it than by the... then to get it done through this process. We don't want people left out. Having identity documents that don't match your gender is a public safety issue. This is a life and death issue for folks. It's a very simple matter to create a pathway for folks who are now here in Illinois but maybe were born elsewhere. 'Cause last I checked, we all really like it when people choose to come to Illinois, so let's make it possible for our residents to live their best lives."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5507 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please read the... take the record. On this question, there are 73 voting in 'favor', 38 voting 'against', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed.

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Continuing down page 29 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5510, Representative Johnson. Representative Johnson. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5510, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Johnson is recognized."

Johnson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5510 amends the School Code pertaining to license... licensure and establishes a new endorsement on an educator's license with stipulations called a social work associate. The main purpose of the Bill is to give schools an opportunity to better address the growing behavioral mental health needs of their students by allowing them to expand their staff of state licensed social workers. Another goal is to encourage licensed social workers in Illinois who want to work in our schools to get the experience of working in a school environment and then pursue the professional educator licenses with endorsement for school social work. This was a constituent's idea. I do want to thank the Illinois Association of School Social Workers and the National Association of Social Workers, Illinois Chapter, for their collaborative work and expertise on this Bill and the Amendment. And I'd also like to thank the regional office of... the regional office of education also for providing the technical assistance and the language and for supporting this Bill as amended. With that, I'll take any questions, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5510 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted



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who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Keicher, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Keicher: "Mr. Speaker, if we could please excuse Representative Randy Frese for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Evans: "The record will reflect. Leader Gabel is recognized."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, Members of the House, I rise today to share some heartbreaking news. Just one week ago, we celebrated the legacy of one of the Capitol greats, Mr. Lee Milner. I'm sad to say that this afternoon he passed away surrounded by his family. Lee will be sorely missed by all who loved him, especially those of us here at the Capitol. I know that we are all... we all will be keeping Lee and his family in our thoughts and prayers. I ask that the Body take a moment of silence to honor the life of Lee Milner."

Speaker Evans: "The Body shall take a moment of silence. Thank you. Returning to page 29 of the Calendar of House Bills- Third Reading, we have House Bill 5511, Leader Hoffman. Leader Hoffman is recognized."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5511, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is an initiative dealing with the Illinois business four percent bid preference for... for Illinois

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bidders that were to bid on construction projects in the state. What it does is it clears up what the definition of an Illinois company is for the purposes of getting this preference. It also indicates that the company has to sign an affidavit indicating that they are an Illinois business, and there are disciplinary actions if it turns out that it is not an Illinois business and they had falsely added... indicated that they were. I don't know of any opposition. This will make sure that we give Illinois businesses the ability to get state contracts using our own state money."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House'... Leader Windhorst for questions."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sorry for my tardiness on hitting the button. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, this is a trailer Bill to a Bill we passed earlier in this General Assembly. Do I have that correct?"

Hoffman: "I think it was a trailer Bill to what was House Bill 2878 that we did. Yes."

Windhorst: "In this... in this GA, House Bill 2878, and I believe that passed our Body with a vote of 77 to 9 to... and with 1 being present, if I have that correct?"

Hoffman: "I don't know the... I don't want to represent the vote. You... you've obviously looked it up."

Windhorst: "Correct."

Hoffman: "You're very studious."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Hoffman: "And I appreciate it."

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Windhorst: "Well, I... I do my best. Thank you."

Hoffman: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5511 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 29 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5522, Representative Walsh. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5522, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Walsh is recognized."

Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 5522 authorizes commercial hunters and trappers to solicit for the removal of nuisance animals and provides rulemaking authority to Department of Natural Resources to create rules for proper permitting of people commercially trapping nuisance animals. I know of no opposition and ask for a 'favorable' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5522 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'.

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And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 29 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5527, Representative Slaughter. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5527, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Slaughter is recognized."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It is not often that we get to present legislation that we know will definitely save lives. As it relates to our opioid crisis, House Bill 5527 requires that the Department of Corrections and our state county jails provide Naloxone to current and formerly incarcerated individuals who are detained or in prison for drug charges or have a known history of substance abuse. As our state tackles this crisis, it's important that we prioritize evidence-based approaches. We know that if an incarcerated individual is provided Naloxone, we are able to reduce the risk of fatal overdose by over 80 percent, by over 80 percent. As we look at more effective and impactful re-entry initiatives, we know that the adequate recovery services are important for individuals after release. Studies show that an overdose is the leading cause of death, an overdose is the leading cause of death for people recently released. Opioid education and Naloxone distribution programs increased the participants' knowledge about the signs of overdose, how to respond to overdose, and their confidence and willingness to respond to an overdose. As this Bill matriculated through the legislative process, we did

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hear some concerns about funding. I wanted to remind the chamber, the state has received hundreds of millions... hundreds of millions of dollars in opioid settlement funds that are required to go to harm mitigation. This is in addition to tens of millions of dollars that the state receives from federal State Opioid Response Grants on an annual basis. A significant portion of the settlement funding is going directly to local units of government, which the sheriffs can access. There are also funding grants available from the federal government specifically for the reduction of substance abuse in the... in the re-entering population. Today, I was made aware of a request from the Department of Corrections and the Sheriffs' Association regarding the need to clarify that the program only applies to individuals that are in their custody and control. We're certainly committed to working with the Sheriffs' Association in the Senate to tack that requested Amendment on. The Bill came out of committee with bipartisan support, and I urge a 'yes' vote on House Bill 5527."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, in committee it was noted, and you've addressed some of this here, that the Sheriffs' Association is opposed because of the local mandate. There was some discussion in committee that there would be efforts to alleviate their concerns. I believe their concerns mainly were who funds and/or provides the Naloxone to the county

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jails. And if local funds are used, such as the opioid settlement funds, what occurs when those funds are no longer there? Basically, years from now when the mandate still exists but the funds may not be there. So, if you could address those, I'd appreciate it."

Slaughter: "Yeah, just a couple things there. First of all, just on the record, the Sheriffs' Association is not opposed to getting and providing this lifesaving medication to individuals. I'd certainly want to say that. And as you accurately described their concern, it was more so about this funding mechanism. And, again, there are tens of millions of dollars that are provided that are available through our opioid settlements. And even currently today, many of our smaller counties are already mainly partnering with your local public health agencies, for example, to get this medication to the community. I think this Bill would assume that that same collaboration would happen, but it would get to the sheriffs' offices to provide the much-needed medication."

Windhorst: "In your remarks, you suggested there may be an effort in the Senate to remove some concerns of the Sheriffs' Association. Is that something you believe will occur or plan to occur?"

Slaughter: "Thank you for the.. the question. It wasn't just the Sheriffs' Association. It was also the Illinois Department of Corrections that wanted to clarify that these are individuals that are indeed in their custody and in control. I believe there are some instances, very few, when individuals are released where they don't have that binding custody and

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control. So, that... so, that's the... the clarification that they needed."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hauter is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Hauter: "Okay, just logistically, Representative, will this be given to the... the inmate directly? Or, as we know, this is, you know, is a great, you know, rescue medication, but it has to be given by someone else. And so, I just fear that if you're going to give this rescue medication, the antidote to opioid overdose, to the actual person who's using it, they're the person who absolutely does not want to be withdrawn with Naloxone. So, they may just get rid of it or not give it to the person that needs to give it to them. So, I'm saying, logistically, wouldn't it be better to dispense this to a person who they're, you know, when they're released, give that to a person... a responsible adult rather than the inmate."

Slaughter: "I think it's a very good question. The answer is yes, it would go directly to that particular individual. I think when you look at evidence-based approaches, though, in these programs, you do want to be able to also leave information with that individual in that caretaker network that that individual is associated with as they... as they re-enter society."

Hauter: "Yeah."

Slaughter: "Now, we also want to do this inside the jails and prisons as well. And in that case, it would be more controlled by the... the staff there."

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Hauter: "Yep. Okay, thank you. I... I just want to... I totally agree with this, trying to get Naloxone out there. A great idea. You answered some of my questions that... or Leader Windhorst had for you about the, you know, who's going to pay for this and so on. But I just want to emphasize again, let's get it into the right hands. And I'm not sure that the inmate or, I don't know what you want to call them, the released inmate, that's the person to dispense this medication to. It's really important that we dispense it to someone that can rescue them is... is all I'm trying to say."

Slaughter: "Yeah. I think that's a very good point. We will be trailblazers in this regard. Naloxone was always a prescribed drug. As a few months ago, it's now over the counter. We're going to see more states..."

Hauter: "Yeah."

Slaughter: "...pushing these sort of initiatives. And so, as we trailblaze for the... for the country in this regard, your point is well taken, and we need to make sure that we are certainly prioritizing how that distribution process looks. Point well taken, Representative."

Hauter: "Definitely going to vote 'yes' on this. Thank you."

Slaughter: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Crespo is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Crespo: "Representative, in our analysis, and I think you mentioned that the funding for this would come from settlement funds paid to the state from the prescription drug penalty



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cases. Can you show us or tell us, in the Bill, where does it say that?"

Slaughter: "I mean, I don't believe it actually says that in the Bill. But we all should be aware that there are tens of millions of dollars available..."

Crespo: "Yeah."

Slaughter: "...for the opioid settlement crisis."

Crespo: "And I agree."

Slaughter: "Not just here, all over the country. Tens of millions."

Crespo: "Right. I think it would be a lot better if it actually stated that in the Bill 'cause, when I read the Bill, it does say that a committed person is assigned shall assist an eligible person to complete a Medicaid application. So, it seems like the way it's currently written, this probably will come from Medicaid benefits, which is fine. But if it goes to the Senate, it'll be nice if they can specify that these funds could be used... or should be used for this. Thank you."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Chairman Crespo."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5527 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 92 voting in 'favor', 17 voting 'against', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. At the bottom of page 29... we're moving down page 29, House Bills-

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Third Reading. We have House Bill 5530, Representative West.  
Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5530, a Bill for an Act concerning  
regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative West is recognized."

West: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since 2019, Illinois.. Illinois'  
nearly 12 thousand pharmacists have been authorized to  
administer long-acting injectable medications for substance  
use disorder after a doctor has administered the first  
injection. After four years of successful implementation of  
the 2019 law, House Bill 5530 seeks to allow pharmacists to  
provide the first injection as well. The advocates worked  
tirelessly with the Illinois Medical Society to get us into  
approved language for House Amendment #1. And by allowing  
pharmacists to administer the first injection for long-acting  
injectable medications for substance use disorder treatment,  
access to these medications are now expanded. Here's why this  
is important, and here's why last-acting injectables are  
advantageous. It improves the medication adherence, it  
enhances the treatment initiation, it streamlines the care,  
and it's a potential cost savings. I know of no opposition to  
this Bill, and I would appreciate a 'favorable' roll call."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall  
House Bill 5530 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those  
opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who  
wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr.  
Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are  
109 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'.  
And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority,

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is hereby declared passed. At the bottom of page 29, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5537, Representative Morris. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5537, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Morris is recognized."

Morris: "Thank you, Leader. The purpose of... the purpose of House Bill 5537 is to bring transparency and community input to the future of county nursing homes. First, this Bill will require a referendum by the county voters for all that... all... for all the existing homes related to sales, lease... sales, lease, or closures of county-owned nursing homes. Currently, only... only some county homes qualify. Second, this Bill will require counties to provide a Safety Net Impact Statement to the Health Facilities and Services Review Board as part of any application to pursue a project to change ownership, discontinue a service, or close any county home nursing home. The Safety Net Impact will outline the impact of the... on the community and current nursing home residents. Finally, HB5537 will require that... will require that HFSRB to consider the Safety Net Impact Statement when... when deciding if the sale, change of ownership, or closure of the county... of county-owned nursing homes fulfill public interest requirements. Additionally, there are current... there are currently 17 county-owned nursing homes left in the State of Illinois. The Amendment... the Amendment adopted in committee clarifies that this Bill is limited to county-owned nursing homes. HB5537 makes no changes to the election law related to referendums. A potential referendum of county nursing homes will be added

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to the ballot, just as any referendum would. I ask for an 'aye' vote, and I'll accept any questions. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Leader Hammond is recognized."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I would just like to say thank you to the Sponsor of this Bill. First of all, for bringing it forward. Those of us that have county nursing homes, we know the challenges that those communities face with those facilities. But, more importantly, from where this Bill began to where it is today and all of the conversations that had to go on with so many folks that in the beginning were not totally onboard with the Representative. And so, I would encourage an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5537 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Yang Rohr, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Yang Rohr: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Yang Rohr: "Thank you. As my colleagues might recall, a few weeks ago we had members of the Youth and Government students here from delegations all over Illinois. Today, we have a number of their leaders here, and I just wanted to recognize them. Here today we have Jordon Gully of East St. Louis, who is this year's lieutenant governor. We have Meiling Sun of

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Naperville, representing Youth and Government at the National Advocacy Days in Washington, D.C.; Emerson Zhang of Naperville, who was the most recent student governor and is headed to Georgia Tech for college in the fall; Amy Plummer, Youth and Government CEO; and Julie Kapsch, the program director. And I ask all my colleagues to give them a warm welcome. They are in the Republican side of the House today."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Severin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Severin: "In the gallery this afternoon, I'm privileged to have with us the mayor of Mt. Carmel, Mr. Joe Judge, and his family. So, I'd like to recognize them and welcome. He's very active in the IML, and he's here in Springfield today participating in their events going on. So, Mr. Judge, we'd like to welcome you and your family here today. Thank you very much. Welcome to the House."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Scherer, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Scherer: "I just wanted to let the Members of the General Assembly know that I was approached from the Springfield Pickleball group that they have pickleball every Wednesday morning at Iles Park, and that they would be very happy to have any of the Members come to pickleball on Wednesday mornings at Iles

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Park. If you need any more information, just stop by and I'll help you in any way I can."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Meyers-Martin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Meyers-Martin: "Thank you, Speaker. I'd just like to take this opportunity to recognize, up in the gallery, Mayor Alsberry from the Village of Hazel Crest, Trustee Satchell from the Village of Matteson, Trustee Hardin from the Village of Matteson, and Trustee Bertrand from the Village... City of Markham. Thank you so much for being here. If we could please welcome them. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Jacobs, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Jacobs: "I would like a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Jacobs: "I have a number of mayors that have been rolling through here today. Earlier, I had Rodney Woods of Mounds. Mounds also wants a rematch in that basketball game. Then, we also have Mayor Steve Frattini from Herrin right up in here. We just want... any other mayors that have been floating in here, in and out, I... I just appreciate that they're here. I just would like a big Springfield warm welcome for them. Thank you. Thank you, Chair."

Speaker Evans: "Moving forward to page 30 in the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, at the top, we have House Bill 5539, Leader Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5539, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hoffman is recognized."

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Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is an initiative of the university systems, particularly Southern Illinois University System. It adds institution of higher education to the list of entities that can take advantage of cost-effective energy efficient measures. Currently, the list includes units of local governments, municipal corporations, school districts, and community colleges. Up until 2024, universities could take advantage of these cost-effective, energy-efficient measures. For whatever reason, I think in error, they were left out of... of the most recent update in the legislation. If we don't do anything, for example, this would cost SIU Carbondale upwards of \$700 thousand per year in lost incentives and would triple the time required for SIU Carbondale to make the same progress in advancing energy efficiency. I don't know of... I know of no opposition."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would you excuse Representative Jed Davis for the remainder of the day? Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "The record... the record will reflect. Any further discussion? The question is, 'Shall'... seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5539 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed."

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Continuing down page 30 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5549, Leader Barbara Hernandez. Out of the record. Continuing down page 30 of the Calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5550, Leader Mah. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5550, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Mah, recognized."

Mah: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the Body. I'm pleased to present House Bill 5550, which was brought to me by a UIC Law School class taught by Professor Debra Stark and developed in collaboration with the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence. What the Bill does is to raise awareness about existing protections already in Illinois statute, under the Illinois Safe Homes Act, the Human Rights Act, and the Illinois Evictions Act. These protections allow survivors of domestic violence and sexual violence to terminate their rental leases early or change their locks, avoid improper eviction, and protect themselves against housing discrimination. I know that as policymakers we strive to pass legislation that helps people, to improve people's lives, to protect those who are vulnerable. But even if we are successful in passing a Bill and getting it signed into law, it does little good if those whom the Bills are meant to protect have no idea about their existence. House Bill 5550 would require notification at the time a lease is signed that would... that would notify the victims of domestic violence or sexual violence that they have these housing protections already in statute and they are there to protect them. So,



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we've worked with organizations representing housing owners and... and landlords to adjust the timeline when we can develop... fully develop the... the form and notification. This is a Bill that informs survivors of their rights under the law and would allow them to... to move on and rebuild their lives without suffering from... from evictions or... or other penalties. So, I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, this will require landlords to provide a notice of certain rights as part of the lease. Is that correct?"

Mah: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "Will this apply in situations where there is an oral lease, or is it only in situations where there is a written lease?"

Mah: "This only applies to written leases."

Windhorst: "And will this apply to a landlord who rents any number of properties? For instance, if a landlord only has one property that they rent, would this notification requirement apply?"

Mah: "I believe so."

Windhorst: "What are the..."

Mah: "Yes."

Windhorst: "I'm sorry. What are the sanctions for failure to comply with the statute?"

Mah: "They would be liable for damages up to a certain amount."

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Windhorst: "Is there also a potential fine of \$100 beyond the damages if there are no damages?"

Mah: "That's instead of."

Windhorst: "Instead of. The Amendment... addressed some of the concerns of the Realtors. Is that accurate?"

Mah: "Right. We allowed for additional time for them to develop the notification so that it would be effective, and that the effective date has been moved to January 1, 2026."

Windhorst: "Did that address the concerns of some of the landlord associations, or are they still opposed?"

Mah: "I believe most of them have had their concerns addressed. There may be one or two that remained opposed, but we were able to pass this out of committee unanimously."

Windhorst: "And this, as you mentioned, passed unanimously out of committee, both the underlying Bill and the Amendment, correct?"

Mah: "That's correct"

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5550 pass?' All those in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; all those opposed say (sic-vote) 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 30 of the Calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5564, Representative

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Jiménez. Representative Jiménez is recognized. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5564, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Jiménez."

Jiménez: "Thank you, Speaker. I rise to present House Bill 5564.

The Homeless Prevention Program is a 25-year-old program that successfully keeps families and individuals housed. It provides families with one-time funds used for rental and mortgages assistance, security deposits, as well as utility assistance. Service providers also offer supportive services directly related to the prevention of homelessness. What this Bill does is allow the providers to use up to 20 percent of their contract funding that comes out of the Homeless Prevention Program I just described. So, the Bill allows providers to use up to 20 percent of their contract funding to go towards case management and administrative costs. So, we... just to let you all know, we did have an Amendment. Originally, we were seeking 30 percent. We spoke to folks who were opposed to the Bill. We brought it down to 20 percent. So, this is a compromise, and we are seeking the support for the Bill to allow 20 percent of a contract funding. This is really important because, for example, for a program that receives \$50 thousand to provide grants and services, only 7,500 is allowed to hire and maintain a staff person. So, ultimately, what we're doing with this Bill is allowing the providers who are already receiving grants, who go through the process to apply and be approved for grants, to be able to use a little bit more of that money to actually hire staff

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to go ahead and provide the services to the community. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Essentially, the... the Bill increases the amount of money, or the percentage rather, that they'll use for administrative costs for these grants. Is that in essence..."

Jiménez: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "...what the Bill does? Why is this necessary?"

Jiménez: "Well, as I described, when funds... when the... an organization receives grants, they need to use a portion of that grant in order to hire staff to actually provide the service. And in some of these cases, we had testimony and we've spoken to a lot of organizations who can't keep staff at low wages and can't afford the... the staff that you need to actually go ahead and provide the service. So, this just gives them a little bit more wiggle room with the grants to be able to hire and maintain staff that's able to get that funding out to the... the individual who needs the grant."

Windhorst: "On our side, there's some hesitancy to increase administrative costs rather than putting money more toward direct service. So, I believe that's why you may see some 'no' votes on our side or that may reflect their votes in committee. Going through the list, you have several proponents. Are there any opponents that have reached out to you?"

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Jiménez: "Not at this time. We... when we lowered our ask from 30 percent to 20 percent, we removed all opposition."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Jiménez: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Wilhour is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Wilhour: "Representative, is... is part of the necessity to... to this legislation due to the surge in homelessness due to the migrant crisis that we have, especially in the City of Chicago?"

Jiménez: "No. That was not mentioned in any of the testimony or any of the organizations who brought this Bill to us."

Wilhour: "Okay. But have we seen a spike? I mean, obviously, several of these... these migrants would probably be considered homeless, right?"

Jiménez: "This program goes through a notice of funding opportunity that the IDHS makes a determination. So, I don't have any way of knowing if they would be included. The... what I can tell you is that the criteria's set, some of it by the federal government, some of it by the state government, to make the determination of... of who is eligible."

Wilhour: "Gotcha. Gotcha. I just know that in some of our other committees... to the Bill. In some of our other committees, where... we're talking about appropriations, some of these migrants are considered as... as homeless. So, thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Jiménez to close."

Jiménez: "I ask... I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5564 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 78 voting in 'favor', 30 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 30 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5574, Representative Costa Howard. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5574, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Costa Howard."

Costa Howard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In May 2023, DuPage County repealed their impact fee, as it was no longer needed. However, the funds remain in the account and cannot be accessed without a change to the statute. So, House Bill 5574 establishes that process for the repeal of a road improvement impact fee by ordinance or resolution. This Bill specifically applies to DuPage County, and the balance of the account shall be transferred to a transportation account within DuPage County. I will say again, this is a DuPage County-only Bill. Representative, I see... I see you want to ask the question, so go ahead."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

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Windhorst: "I may be stealing questions. I'm not sure. But what did the underlying Bill do before the Amendment?"

Costa Howard: "It... it's the same... I'm sorry, Leader, it's... it was the same Bill. We add... the Amendment added language to make sure that we addressed the concerns of some of the Representatives on your side to be specifically to DuPage County only. And we also made sure that there was a 'shall' go into a transportation fund and make that clear."

Windhorst: "So, it appears that initially the Bill was 6 to 3 in committee but the Amendment was 8-0 on the vote?"

Costa Howard: "Correct. And I met with Representatives on your side of the aisle to make sure that I addressed that... their concerns, as well as the chair of the committee."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Halbbrook is recognized."

Halbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. And to the Bill. I just want to confirm what Leader Windhorst said and the... and the Sponsor of the Bill that these things that were made removes our opposition to the Bill, as it was asked to be amended. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Costa Howard to close."

Costa Howard: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5574 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional

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Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Lilly, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Lilly: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Lilly: "Thank you. I, too, would like to introduce some of the finest members of the Illinois Municipal League from my district. I'd like to point attention to the president of the Village of Oak Park, Vicki Scaman, and her team, the Deputy Villager Ahmad Zayyad and Assistant Village Manager Erin Baynes. Can we give them a hearty... and Forest Park. Give them a hearty warm of a welcome and let them know that you guys are doing a fantastic job. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Continuing down page 30 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5599, Representative Faver Dias. Out of the record. We have House Bill 5601, Representative Will Davis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5601, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Will Davis is recognized."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. As many of you already know, I am a commissioner on what is called the Budgeting for Results Commission. One of the duties that we have as a part of this commission is something that we call the mandates subcommittee where we reach out to state agencies and ask them to supply us, with us, items that are in their statutes that may cause audit findings, task force that may have been completed that are still in their statutes, unused funds, outdated funds. We're kind of a... our cleanup way of doing things. And so, every



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year I file one or two of these kinds of Bills that seeks to try to clean up statutes from the various state agencies, move around some dollars where you've got two funds that may be duplicative, to combine them, and then delete the unused fund or one of those funds. So, various things like that. So, this represents our latest effort to try to do some cleanup work on behalf of agencies. And with that, I will do my best to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5601 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 30 of the Calendar, we have House Bill 5602, Representative Mason. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5602, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mason is recognized."

Mason: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill, sorry, 5602 designates the 21st day of February of each year as John Lewis Day to be observed throughout the state and to remember the accomplishments of the civil rights icon and to honor his legacy and dedication to public service. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

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Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Does this establish a holiday or a commemorative day? What will the Bill... what will the Bill do?"

Mason: "It's a commemorative day. It does not give anybody any days off."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Mason: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall House'... seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5602 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'aye'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 30 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5606, Leader Buckner. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5606, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Buckner."

Buckner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 56... House Bill 5606 creates the Office of Economic Equity and Empowerment, the OEEE, within the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The office shall be responsible for assisting minority-owned, women-owned, veteran-owned, persons with disability-owned businesses. This includes the promotion and outreach in order to assist in securing state, federal loan

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and grant funding. The OEEE is given rulemaking authority to implement to provisions of this Bill. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Leader, this exists in some form already and this is being codified into statute. Is that accurate?"

Buckner: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "Where currently does it exist? Is it under DCEO?"

Buckner: "It is."

Windhorst: "We had, I think, on a prior Bill yesterday or maybe the day before, some discussion about several of the Bills related to equity, BEP goals, and the potential constitutional concerns that are raised by some recent Supreme Court rulings or federal court rulings. Have you examined this program or potential statute in light of those rulings?"

Buckner: "Yeah, especially the... the two, I think, biggest rulings from the Supreme... the highest court, the Supreme Court, I think it was *SFFA v. the Harvard and the University of North Carolina Admissions*. The decision in... in those cases were really narrowly scoped. They were based on the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment, and none of what this would provide or do would actually touch any of what was talked about there."

Windhorst: "The Bill talks about adopting rules deemed necessary and appropriate for carrying out the functions of the office."

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Who will be adopting those rules and what will be the process followed?"

Buckner: "Yeah. So, the way the Bill is written, the actual OEEE will be given the rulemaking authority to implement the provisions that are already in... in the language as it stands today."

Windhorst: "And I notice that there are many proponents because this includes minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and under... other underserved communities. Is that the group that's covered?"

Buckner: "That's the broad umbrella, and... and the real thought process behind this, Leader, is that it's... what they do today is they help navigate through kind of the... the mechanisms of grant funding and... and the things they need to do in order to stand their businesses up. We just want to make sure that we can put it into statute so that no matter who the Governor is, no matter what this... this Body looks like that they can continue to do that work to help the... those disadvantaged business owners throughout the state."

Windhorst: "Do we anticipate any additional cost affiliated with this..."

Buckner: "We do not."

Windhorst: "...office creation?"

Buckner: "We do not."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Buckner: "Cost neutral."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Buckner to close."

Buckner: "I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5606 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 88 voting in 'favor', 19 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 30 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5627, Representative Andrade. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5627, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Andrade is recognized."

Andrade: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5627 defines a transportation protection agreement as an agreement for the preparation to and subsequent transportation of human or cremated remains. The Bill specifically states that this is not a pre-need contract, and that is what the Bill is doing. It's clarifying that this is not a pre-need, so it does not fall under the Funeral Burial Act."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5627 pass?' All in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; all the opposed say (sic-vote) 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have... Oh. All those in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; all those opposed say (sic-vote) 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against',

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0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. We have House Bill 5640, Representative Kifowit. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5640, a Bill for an Act concerning the United States Space Force. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to present a Bill that I know will make our friend, Donovan Pepper, very happy because his twin, Devin Pepper, is currently a commander in the United States Space Force. In working with the Department of Defense and their liaison, it is important that we update our legislation and our laws to reflect this new branch of the military that was created several years ago. Therefore, House Bill 5640 updates the definition of the United States Armed Forces in Illinois statute to include the United States Space Force that was established in 2019. I ask for your support."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5640 pass?' All those in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; all those opposed say (sic-vote) 'nay'. In the... the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 30 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5643, Representative

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Katz Muhl. 5643... oh, I'm sorry, 5653, Representative Kifowit.  
Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5653, a Bill for an Act concerning  
State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Kifowit is recognized."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the General  
Assembly. If you recall, several years ago, we passed a  
Veterans' Service-Related Ailments Task Force to look at  
ailments that affect our veterans and how the services can be  
relayed to them in a most expedient fashion. The members of  
this task force want to continue their work. They did provide  
a report to the Governor and the General Assembly, but they  
want to continue going. So, this changes the name of the  
Veterans' Service-Related Ailments Task Force to the  
Veterans' Services Task Force and also changes the frequency  
of the task force meetings to at least twice a year or any  
other times deemed necessary. And it requires that the task  
force submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly  
by December 31, 2025."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall  
House Bill 5653 pass?' All those in favor say (sic-vote)  
'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all  
voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who  
wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question,  
there are 109 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting  
'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional  
Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 21  
of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House  
Bill 220, Leader Burke. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 220, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Burke."

Burke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 220 is an initiative of the Condominium Association of Illinois, and it would require condominium associations and community interest associations to prepare a reserve study that would look at the common elements and make a assessment of their state of repair and when they might need to be repaired or replaced, and then provide a timeline and a budget for the association so that they can engage in planning. It does not require the replacement or repair of anything in particular but is a tool to help the associations and resident owners prepare for the future."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. This in an initiative of the realtors. Is that correct?"

Burke: "No. The Condominium... CAI, Condominium Association of... Condominium Associations Institute of Illinois."

Windhorst: "I'm sorry, what is the position of the realtors on the Bill?"

Burke: "I have not heard from them. I... I've not heard from them either way, which I'm taking as... they... they usually let you know if they have an issue with your... with your Bill, so."

Windhorst: "We show that... that they are in support of the Bill."

Burke: "Oh, well, then, that's even better."



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Windhorst: "Yes. Not everything is a trick question, sorry. The initial reserve study will be conducted and then one every five years after that?"

Burke: "Correct. And if an association has already has one done, then it would kick in five years after the date of their... when the study was done. And it would go into effect 2026 to give them time to prepare."

Windhorst: "And it appears there was a partisan roll call on the Amendment coming out of committee?"

Burke: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Was there any expression as to that opposition?"

Burke: "No. There was no real discussion that I recall of... of why. And, you know, there was nothing that was in the discussion that really triggered that. So, I'm not quite sure how that ended up happening."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Burke: "But I do have a cosponsor who is of the Republican persuasion. So, hopefully... hopefully, he will give a signal to his colleagues who might be like-minded."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Reick is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Reick: "Representative, is there a size limitation to the number of units represented by the association under which there's no requirement for this review? I'll give you a... for instance, I live in a community that has a homeowner's association... well, first of all, does this cover just condominiums, or is this any type of homeowner's association, regardless of the type of home?"

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Burke: "I believe it's any type. If you have... with... all limited to the common element. So, you might have a homeowner's association that has, you know, pool, tennis courts, things like that. So, in that case, if there's common elements, then they would fall under this."

Reick: "Well, oftentimes condominium associations collect for the reserve account for things like roofs and private street repairs as well. Does that include this?"

Burke: "It... it's along the same... it's along the same line."

Reick: "No, but would that... would the reserve require... or would the report requirement include the cost to remediate roofs and private roads?"

Burke: "If there..."

Reick: "Or is it... is it just common elements like pools and... and that sort of thing?"

Burke: "I think the roofs are common elements."

Reick: "Sometimes a roof, sometimes not, and..."

Burke: "Let me take a... take a quick look."

Reick: "...it depends on the association."

Burke: "Yeah. I think it would depend on the association. Obviously, in a condominium building, yes."

Reick: "Yeah, but, I mean, in a..."

Burke: "But individually owned homes, but it would not apply."

Reick: "Yeah. I live in a duplex community, and we have... you know, obviously, we have roofs. But is there... and we only have 20 units, and we have a very, shall we say, contentious homeowner's association, which is, I guess, not surprising with me as a member. But the fact is, is that these can..."

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things can be quite expensive or... you know, is there a limit...  
is there a limit below which they don't have to do this?"

Burke: "Currently, in the Bill there is no limit. And as we were going through and working on the Bill, there was no suggestion given to me as to what a threshold might be. I think the... I think the advocates are willing to entertain that but, you know, would need some direction, guidance, suggestion as to what, you know, what... what size would... would kick in. So, you know, I believe that if that is a discussion that needs to be had that that can happen in the Senate. It just... it hadn't come up so far, but I... I do know that they would be willing to discuss it."

Reick: "Yeah. I think it would become... I think it would become somewhat burdensome for a small association to have to undergo the same kind of examination here that would be done with a... with a larger, you know, like a Del..."

Burke: "Yeah."

Reick: "...Webb-type development and things like that."

Burke: "Yeah. As far as I understand, the... the cost of the reserve studies, you know, is in line with the size of the building, the size of the, you know, the amount of common elements. So, the figures that I have been given by the association, you know, it's not an... of course nobody wants to spend money that they don't have to, but it's not an unduly burdensome amount of money to... to put into it. So, I... I think, you know, we'd have to have, you know, weigh... weigh the... the costs and benefits of having this reserve study, which I don't think is unduly burdensome, even on a smaller association. But I know they'd be willing to discuss it."

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Reick: "You haven't seen my association. But the fact is, is that I think it would be... I would like to see something done in the Senate to... to establish a threshold on this. I'm not against the idea of doing it. I think it's prudent. It's more than prudent. But at the point where you dealing with a small number of units where personalities tend to become inflamed on small issues..."

Burke: "Sure."

Reick: "...it... it could become somewhat contentious and it wouldn't go anywhere. And then you'd have somebody screaming and yelling that it wasn't done and litigation would ensue, and we'd end up having to all lose our homes or something. I don't know. But I would like to... if there is a Senate Sponsor, I would like that Senate Sponsor to be informed that we would like to see a threshold on this Bill."

Burke: "I... I will relay that. Thank you."

Reick: "I appreciate it. Thank you very much."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cassidy is recognized."

Cassidy: "Thank you. Question of the Sponsor?"

Speaker Evans: "He yields. She yields."

Cassidy: "Hi there. I... I picked up on this, but I'm hoping... I want to clarify. You... you said that your understanding of how these reserve studies are billed is proportionate to the size of the... of the building, correct?"

Burke: "Correct."

Cassidy: "To the Bill. My district is full of condos of all shape, sizes, and configurations, and... and I can also empathize with my colleague's discussion of how some of these condo boards can be interesting collections of humans. But at the same

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time, many of these smaller buildings are actually the ones that don't have the... the wherewithal to... to have the financial expertise, to have the management. I hear from constituents all the time who made a purchase, thought they had done their due diligence, thought they had gone into a good building, only to find that financial mismanagement over the years had led to there being no reserves whatsoever and massive special assessments. And so, these are very often first-time buyers maybe who don't have the wherewithal to know the questions to ask, and having this information readily available, I think, is critically important to protect some of these buyers. So, I... I would urge caution with what we do around thresholds. I appreciate the need to protect these smaller buildings that might be burdened by the costs, but I think it's equally important to protect the buyers who might fall victim to mismanagement in some of the buildings."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ugaste is recognized."

Ugaste: "To the Bill. Just so the people on my side of the aisle are aware who haven't done the computer work, I am the Republican cosponsor on this. While I often live by the buyer beware motto and believe that government shouldn't be passing mandates, I also believe that governing is about balance. And sometimes you have to make certain that our residents, our workers, whoever it is we're talking about in this particular instance is protected. And I think asking an individual to be able to assess what might be wrong with a building, what work may have to be done as they're moving into it's a bit much. And I understand the concern about smaller units, but they're going to have the same concerns, and the buyers would not

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have any more wherewithal than someone moving into a larger unit. So, I thought this was an important... important piece of legislation that should be passed in order to protect the residents of the state who are considering buying condos."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Blair-Sherlock is recognized."

Blair-Sherlock: "Thank you. I have a couple questions for the Sponsor."

Speaker Evans: "The Sponsor will yield."

Blair-Sherlock: "Where did you get the five-year date on there, to redo it every five years? 'Cause all the reserve studies I've seen is for long-term planning, and that seemed kind of to be a short period of time."

Burke: "I think it was the recommendation of the... the folks who do the reserve studies. It's a good time to update."

Blair-Sherlock: "Okay. And I also noticed... thank you. I also noticed that there are... it's in two different Acts. It's the Common Interest Community Act and the Condo Act, but there's also disclosure requirements in those Acts. Does this Bill require this to be provided with the other disclosures that have to be provided to buyers?"

Burke: "I don't know. I will... I don't know. I can find out, though."

Blair-Sherlock: "Because if you're going to do it, it would be nice if it could be, like, mandated to be disclosed to buyers with everything else."

Burke: "As part of the mandatory disclosures?"

Blair-Sherlock: "Right."

Burke: "I'll check and get back to you."

Blair-Sherlock: "Thank you."

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Burke: "Okay."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ann Williams is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Williams, A.: "Can you refresh me, Representative Burke, I wasn't paying attention at the beginning, about what you were going to do in the Senate in terms of narrowing the scope? I think we talked about this."

Burke: "I don't know that we'll get... so what... what I'm committing to is discussing... or having a discussion in the Senate about whether there is a possibility of some of the smaller developments being exempted or maybe on a longer time. You know, I don't want to speak..."

Williams, A.: "Okay"

Burke: "...for the CAI, but I know they would be willing to talk about it. And I think what they've told me is a... a budget for a reserve study, it's not a ton of money. I know you and I had talked about, you know, tight finances at some of the smaller... the smaller developments, but we're not... we're not talking tens of thousands of dollars for these. It seems like, from what I understand from CAI, that it's a pretty reasonable amount of money to do these surveys. But I think it, you know, would behoove the association to sit down with folks who have a concern about this and see what they could work out."

Williams, A.: "Yeah. Well, I appreciate it, and thanks for talking about it. But to the Bill. I am a... I have a condo in a small building, and I've been talking to my neighbors about this Bill. We have 12 units, and we recognize that we pay less in assessments than it might cost to live in a big building. But

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we're also willing to pay less because we know if there is a need for a special assessment or major repair, it will be limited because of the size of the building and the lack of big amenities, like pools or workout facilities and things like this. So, I do think it would be in the best interest, I think, of condo owners, and there are many small condo buildings in my district as well, three-, four-unit buildings. I just don't think, if they maintain a reserves, I think they recommend like a three month, you know, amount of reserves is an appropriate number that buyers look for. So, if you're a smaller unit, maybe that's 10, 12 thousand dollars. If you're looking at 2500 or \$5 thousand for a study, even 2 thousand, that's a big chunk of your reserve. So, I think having it not apply to the smaller unit buildings, which people purposely buy into because of their lower cost of assessments, is a good idea and prudent here. So, thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Burke to close."

Burke: "Thanks. And I will just say to the speaker's last point, the information that I'm getting from CAI regarding the cost of the reserve studies is much, much, much lower than that. But, you know, I think these are good points that you and our friend on the other side of the aisle have brought up. So, I, you know, will make sure that the folks from the association are working with the Senate Sponsors to at least try and look and see whether some of these concerns could be addressed. But, in the meantime, I would appreciate an 'aye' vote. I think, you know, this is a good Bill that will help unit owners down the road and avoid some of the... the nasty surprises that sometimes happen when you're in a community



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living environment. So, I would appreciate an 'aye' vote, and thank you for the discussion."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 220 pass?' All in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; those opposed say (sic-vote) 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 92 voting in 'favor', 17 voting 'against', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. At the bottom of page 21, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2232, Leader Rita. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2232, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I believe I got the right Bill here now. What this does is it extends the statute of limitations to 20 years for property tax refund. It also puts a cap on so it don't overwhelm the local governments by... it's an issue I've been working on the last couple years, and it's agreed Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. We show in our analysis that the Municipal League is opposed, or at least was initially. Do you know if they are, and have they expressed their opposition to you?"

Rita: "I was unaware that the Municipal League was opposed to it. They didn't... I don't know if that... that came up during

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committee, in Revenue Committee. So, I... I don't know if they still are or not, but we did make a couple of Amendments over this process to... to bring this to where we're at today. So, I can't answer that, if they still are."

Windhorst: "Apparently, it may have been on the underlying Bill, not the Amendment, is what I'm... I'm being told. So, thank you."

Rita: "Okay. Thanks."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2232 pass?' All those in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; all opposed say (sic-vote) 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 26 in the Calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5261, Representative Moylan. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5261, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Moylan is recognized."

Moylan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the General Assembly. House Bill 5261 amends the Fire Railroad District Act. Provides that the... wrong page. Amends the State Employees Article of the Illinois Pension Code to provide that the state highway maintenance worker includes a person employed on a full-time basis by the IDOT and person in the position of

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sign hanger. Ladies and Gentlemen, this only affects three individuals, and I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, with your last statement, I believe you answered the question I have. This impacts three individuals?"

Moylan: "Yes, Sir."

Windhorst: "And this classification, at least, has been expressed as an oversight in prior Amendments?"

Moylan: "Yes, Sir. That... that's correct."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "Mr. Speaker, if you could please excuse Representative Caulkins for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Evans: "The record will reflect. Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5261 pass?' All in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; all opposed say (sic-vote) 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 104 voting in 'favor', 3 voting 'against', and 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward in the Calendar on page 28, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5396, Representative Guzzardi. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5396, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, colleagues. House Bill 5396 is a technical cleanup to Public Act 102-0494 that passed this chamber in a bipartisan fashion in 2021. That Act created a hearing procedure for incarcerated people who are terminally ill or medically disabled to petition for early release. The Bill's been... that law has been in effect for a couple of years. There's been a few implementational challenges. The PRB has implanted some of the language in a way that was different from our original intent. So, this Bill is just clarifying that original Bill to make sure PRB complies with the letter and the spirit of the original law. The Bill includes some notice provisions from hearings, some procedural changes about when the hearings are public or private, some additional data collection measures. It's a truly technical Bill. There's no opposition, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. This, as you said, impacts an Act that we passed in the 102nd General Assembly that was House Bill 3665. There was bipartisan support for the Bill. There was, I believe, 38 votes in opposition. You know, I would think that if you were opposed to the underlying program, you'd probably would not support this. Why was this needed to implement the program?"

Guzzardi: "Yeah. I would say, certainly, if you supported the underlying Bill, I think you should support this Bill. But I

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think even... even if you may have opposed the underlying Bill, I think making sure that this... that these hearings work as intended is... is an important... important aim for us as a matter of public policy. It's... you know, the kind of things we're trying to correct for, we had intended for people to be able to request their hearings to be made private if they didn't want the medical information, for instance, to be disclosed in a public setting. But PRB has interpreted that as saying that the hearings should be private by default and only public by request. So, it's this kind of technical clarification that this Bill's really involved with."

Windhorst: "And I believe in committee there was a concern expressed that perhaps not enough of the petitions were being granted. That was a concern that brought the Bill forward. Is that an accurate statement?"

Guzzardi: "I would say there's a... an ongoing question about... there's been some... some reports in the media about how the petitions have been handled by... by the PRB. It's my view that there are individuals who are perhaps eligible for release under this Act who haven't been able to take advantage of it yet. But in order for us to really make sure that that happens, we have to have these hearings working right. And so, that's... that's why this Bill is really focused on these technical changes."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5396 pass?' All those in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; all those opposed say (sic-vote) 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who

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wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 72 voting in 'favor', 34 voting 'against', 2 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 24 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 4719, Representative du Buclet. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4719, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative du Buclet."

du Buclet: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4719 amends the Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Act. It specifies that a retirement plan that exempts an employer from the Act must be a qualified retirement plan and clarifies the type of retirement plans that qualify an employer for exemption. It also provides that an employer 'may', rather than 'shall', designate open enrollment periods for employees who have previously opted out to enroll in the program."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4719 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please... Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', and 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is... is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 29 of the Calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5513, Leader Manley. Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5513, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Manley is recognized."

Manley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5513 has two parts. First, it amends the Governor's Office of Management and Budget Act by formalizing the creation of GOMB's new annual Comprehensive Financial Report Internal Control Unit. Second, it removes the requirement that the Auditor General complete duplicative audits for a few specific funds. I want to highlight some important context that led to the reason why this legislation's being proposed. The Illinois State Auditing Act requires the Office of the Auditor General to audit the Illinois Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, which is called the ACFR. The OAG currently audits the ACFR by conducting separate financial statement audits of significant agencies in funds which are then utilized in the audit of the ACFR. Illinois is the only state who still prepares its financial audit in this manner. Due to the upcoming changes in accounting and auditing standards, the OAG has determined it will be shifting to a statewide ACFR audit approach with the goal of implementing the new audit process for the fiscal year 2025 ACFR. The statewide ACFR audit approach will eliminate the need for separate financial statements at significant agencies of the state, except for agencies such as universities, component units, and retirement systems. Financial transactions significant to the state will continue to be audited at the statewide level. House Bill 5513 preformalizes GOMB's administrative changes

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to the OAG, switching to the statewide ACFR audit. And I'll take any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Is there a cost associated with this change?"

Manley: "Nobody's asked me that so far. I'm going to go with, I don't know."

Windhorst: "Somehow, I have information that shows the recommended Fiscal Year 2025 budget includes an appropriation of 500 thousand for the first year of implementation?"

Manley: "That sounds like a deal."

Windhorst: "All right."

Manley: "Yeah. Maybe. I don't know. Honestly, I can find out and let you know. But I think we're more worried about removing duplicative auditing, which obviously costs money, doing things in a much more... in a way that is less antiquated, if you will, and being able to provide this ACFR in the next auditing year."

Windhorst: "And just, I guess to summarize or boil it down, how do we feel like this change would improve state government?"

Manley: "First of all, we're going to remove duplicative auditing. So, I think that in itself is a... a big plus because we're not going to be doing things that we don't have to do and spending money in areas that aren't required to be done."

Windhorst: "It's always good to get rid of duplication if it's not... not necessary. I agree with that. Thank you for bringing this forward."



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Manley: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ugaste is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Ugaste: "Leader, I... I appreciate the idea of saving costs and easing the burden of the Auditor General. Just trying to get a better understanding, though, of what duplicative audits are being removed as far as... are there currently two different audits being done? Or... tell me how the process is currently working and how it will be changed, I guess, and..."

Manley: "So, the Bill removes provisions regarding the Auditor General to audit specific funds, as these funds are already audited as part of the ACFR audit. Specifically, the... the Transportation Renewal Fund, although it's written transportation on my paper..."

Ugaste: "Oh, I'm... I'm sure it written transportation."

Manley: "...the County Provider Trust Fund, the Mental Health Fund, and the Workers' Compensation Commission Self Ensure Security Fund."

Ugaste: "Okay. So, those they'll no longer have to audit. But..."

Manley: "Correct."

Ugaste: "...different agency audits and what have you, the AG will continue to audit on their own. We're not doing away with those responsibilities, right?"

Manley: "Exactly. Compliance and financial."

Ugaste: "Okay. Okay. And are we changing anything about who the reporting is to in ACFR or how that's done? Or is this just removing the... the duplicative roles, basically?"

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Manley: "So, the Auditor General is going to do that and it will get filed as any other audit report. It's just going to be... in a comprehensive ACFR."

Ugaste: "Okay. Okay. That's all. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, Leader Manley to close."

Manley: "Please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5513 pass?' All in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; those opposed say (sic-vote) 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 26 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 5256, Representative Benton. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5256, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Benton."

Benton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. 5256 is a Bill that I really enjoy. It is something that cleans up employment code and it's at a fitting time during the month of Autism Awareness, where we make it easier and create a better pathway for folks that are on the autism spectrum disorder, and we get them that pathway into employment through the state. So, this amends the employment code, and I respectfully ask for a favorable vote. And I want to end this with, I love someone with autism."

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Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. There was a Floor Amendment 1 filed, but that has been tabled. Is that accurate?"

Benton: "Yes. That was with a conversation with CMS. There is some programming that they're working on. I'm working with CMS with their programming to make sure that we can make it as easy into a transition as possible, and then also work on putting out a campaign to make sure that people know what programming is offered through CMS. We've... we've had meetings, and that was to get them neutral on it."

Windhorst: "So, the Bill simply provides in provisions concerning a trainee program for persons with a disability that the term disability includes a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder by a medical professional. Is that what the Bill does?"

Benton: "That was the original Amendment."

Windhorst: "Yes."

Benton: "Since the Amendment has been tabled, this puts it in an employee code that recognizes autism spectrum disorder under the disabilities code."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5256 pass?' All those in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; those opposed say (sic-vote) 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received

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the Constitutional Majority, is declared passed. On page 24 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 4738, Representative Stuart. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4738, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4738 authorizes the Department of Higher Ed, the IBHE, to issue a cease and desist order directly to post-secondary educational institutions that operate or otherwise offer degrees without the proper authority."

Speaker Evans: "Okay. Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4738 pass?' All in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; all those opposed say (sic-vote) 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Returning to page 21 of the Calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 778, Leader Mah. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 778, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Mah."

Mah: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 778 is part of an effort to remove barriers to licensure for... in Illinois for internationally trained and previously licensed medical

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graduates. These initiatives were developed out of stakeholder meetings and a working group along with IDFPR. And in previous Sessions, we have already passed legislation to create, for example, an ombudsperson position at IDFPR to help such candidates, and we also have passed limited... pathway to limited licensure in Illinois. This third piece would create a clinical readiness program, which is necessary because it is otherwise impossible for internationally trained and previously licensed medical graduates to get into a medical residency here in the state. And it makes sense to create this program to provide these opportunities for them because we need to address the health care shortage... health care worker shortage here in the state and we want to encourage those who have this high level of training and these skills to be able to practice in their profession and contribute to our economy, stay in the State of Illinois, and help their communities. And so, I encourage an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, this Bill will require the IDFPR to establish a clinical readiness program for direct services to international medical students, is that accurate?"

Mah: "Yes. Actually, I... I believe that we determined that it would be better created through IDPH, in conjunction with the Office of New Americans, and they would promulgate rules to create this program."

Windhorst: "And is the program subject to appropriation?"

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Mah: "Yes, it is."

Windhorst: "Do we have an idea of what the cost would be if it was fully appropriated?"

Mah: "I... I believe it's... it's a nominal amount. We have seen similar programs in other states, such as Minnesota, and it... it's not an unattainable amount, actually."

Windhorst: "So, is it... nominal to the state budget can mean many things. Are we talking..."

Mah: "Yes."

Windhorst: "...thousands of dollars, hundreds of thousands of dollars, millions of dollars? What... what would be your best ball park?"

Mah: "So, I believe we had looked at an amount that was well under half a million dollars."

Windhorst: "Okay. And we show that the Illinois Health and Hospital Association is a proponent of the Bill."

Mah: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Are there any known opponents to the Bill?"

Mah: "Not that I'm aware."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Crespo is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicated she will."

Crespo: "Leader, I just want to go back to the... the cost of the program you stated. According to our analysis, staff did reach out to IDFPR for a position in... in fiscal impact. Did they ever get back to staff?"

Mah: "I'm... I don't recall if they did this Session. But I believe in a previous Session, we had planned to... we had planned to

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ask for an appropriation, and, at that time, the amount was \$250 thousand."

Crespo: "Oh, \$250 thousand. And you did state it was less than 500 thousand, so... okay."

Mah: "Yeah."

Crespo: "And I'm sorry I'm asking you this question 'cause I keep seeing this in our analysis, several times, and it does say that this, House Bill 778, does have subject to appropriation language. Okay. So, I guess you're saying it's subject to appropriations again?"

Mah: "Yes. It... it is subject to appropriations, and I haven't... we... we haven't gotten to that point yet to ask for the appropriation."

Crespo: "Okay. But you're saying it's going to be approximately \$250 thousand?"

Mah: "I believe. Yes."

Crespo: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Mah to close."

Mah: "This would be good for the State of Illinois, and it would not only help the shortage of health care workers, but also provide opportunities for folks so that they can work at their level of training and education. Thank you. I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 778 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 106 voting in 'favor', 1 voting 'against', 0 voting

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'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 21 on the Calendar under House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 1605, Representative Hirschauer. Representative Hirschauer. Maura. Out of the record. We have House Bill 1742, Representative Sosnowski. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1742, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Sosnowski."

Sosnowski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the General Assembly. This Bill is a permissive Bill that would allow agencies like the RTA, Metra, CTA, PACE to donate their extra trains, engines, et cetera that are out of use to places like the Illinois Railroad... Railway Museum, which is located in Union. There's also other railway museums around the State of Illinois. Again, this would be a permissive opportunity that was not allowed in current legislation, and I'd ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1742 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on page 22 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2842, Representative Jones. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."



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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2842, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Jones."

Jones: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to present House Bill 2842. This is an initiative of the Department of Insurance and also initiative of the Governor's Office. This Bill amends the Illinois Insurance Code to add language to prohibit comprehensive auto insurance policies from excluding theft coverage, one, lack of... for lack of evidence, a forcible entry, for leaving the vehicle unlocked, and also for leaving the key in the vehicle. And this Bill seeks to not have victims be victimized twice if they leave a key fob or the vehicle is forcibly entry. I see no opposition to this Bill, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Keicher is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Keicher: "All right. Thank... thank you, Representative. I appreciate you bringing this. And it... it's... on its surface, it's a... it's a good piece of legislation that gets us where we need to be. We had a split vote in committee because some of the language was a little broad, we felt, and there was potential of any Amendment. Did those discussions go anywhere with industry?"

Jones: "Industry didn't come back on this Bill. So, they didn't have objection to this. So, what happened in committee didn't carry on with industry, and they didn't make any known opposition to this Bill further."

Keicher: "Okay. Thank you, Sir."

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Jones: "You're welcome."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Jones to close."

Jones: "I ask for a 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2842 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 80 voting in 'favor', 29 voting 'against', and 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is thereby declared passed. Continuing down page 22 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2900, Representative Moeller. Out of the record. Continuing down page 22, we have House Bill 3241, Leader Lilly. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3241, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Lilly."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to present House Bill 3241, which requires the Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council to study and identify discriminatory practices in sentencings across Illinois and to make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly about ways to remedy these discrimination practices."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, appreciate you bringing this Bill forward. I think, universal feeling that we should eliminate

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inappropriate and illegal discrimination in the criminal justice system. I believe there's a... a difficulty in using a state organization to quantify it because a lot of times we're dealing with overall statistics rather than a case-by-case basis, which is how most court cases are decided. If you could, just elaborate why you think the Sentencing Policy Alternatives Council is appropriate to try to measure this issue."

Lilly: "Thank you, Leader. What I'd like to say is after speaking to the team in the Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council, they say this is the type of work that they are doing and have already been doing. So, they're excited about being able to bring this information forward."

Windhorst: "Well, I appreciate you bringing it forward. I... I'm going to be supporting the Bill, as I did in committee. I... I think there's just a challenge with trying to accomplish what you hope to accomplish with this type of study, but I'll be eager to see their report when it's generated."

Lilly: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3241 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. We have House Bill 3521, Representative Jones. Representative Jones. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3521, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Jones is recognized."

Jones: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to present House Bill 3521. House Bill 3521 deals with surplus line insurance. So, surplus line insurance is insurance that is procured from unlicensed insurers when they sell insurance and write it. It's predominately commercial property and casualty insurance. It's important safety valve for insurance policies. This deals with the issue of home states, and in this Bill has a definition. It defines what a home state is. There are probably 10 states, Illinois included, which has home state insurance. This is an initiative of the Illinois Independent Insurance Agents of Illinois. The Department of Insurance is neutral on this Bill. I don't know any opposition to this Bill, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3521 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. We have House Bill 3553, Representative Stava-Murray. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3553, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stava-Murray."

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Stava-Murray: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a moment. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill had an Amendment that became the Bill, and it took away the majority of the opposition from the ACLU, who are now not opposed to the Bill. And for those of you that don't remember this Bill, it's one that I filed last year. And it says that there should be a consequence when unsolicited, obscene material has been sent without consent of the person receiving it. And we had very narrow definitions written. So, it's not about if someone is sending satire or anything like that. This is about lewd, indecent, unsolicited, obscene material. So, I would hope that you can support this and support the many victims of this horrible crime and allow them to get at least some restitution. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. This Bill applies to, as it's titled, unsolicited intimate images. These are for... create a civil action. Is that correct? Not a... not a criminal penalty, but a civil action?"

Stava-Murray: "Correct. This is a civil action of up to \$500."

Windhorst: "Does it also allow a person to collect actual damages, or is it limited to \$500?"

Stava-Murray: "It's limited to \$500."

Windhorst: "And this applies to..."

Stava-Murray: "Hang on one second. Apologies. It's actual damages or \$500, whichever is more."

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Windhorst: "And this would involve images defined between individuals 18 years of age and older. Is that correct? Because those underage are covered by other statutes. Is that accurate?"

Stava-Murray: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Okay. And there was an Amendment, as you mentioned, to the Bill that changed the term 'intimate image' to... with 'obscene image'. Is that... or obscene material, rather. And why was that change made? Was that at the request..."

Stava-Murray: "That was at the request of the ACLU for clarity on definitions."

Windhorst: "And it... does it... is there a requirement now that that unsolicited image be made intentionally rather than just knowingly?"

Stava-Murray: "Yes. So, it must be knowingly and... and intentionally transmitted."

Windhorst: "And we also have included with the Amendment a reasonable person standard..."

Stava-Murray: "Correct."

Windhorst: "...for determination whether it's... there's the... the image would cause one to suffer emotional distress. So, with that Amendment, what is the ACLU's position?"

Stava-Murray: "They have no position."

Windhorst: "And to your knowledge, is anyone opposed to the Bill?"

Stava-Murray: "Not to my knowledge."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "So, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

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Keicher: "Okay. Thank you, Representative. And.. and, obviously, this is an area I think we probably need to address 'cause there's a lot of images out there. But help me understand a practical situation that.. that we've got going on. If you're a member of a group text, you've got friends from a softball league, and one of the friends happens to put something in that text stream that was inappropriate that meets your definition, that would trigger a lawsuit potential, correct?"

Stava-Murray: "It's a reasonable person standard and the person has to suffer.. have suffered harm. And so, those are the.. the guideposts, if you will, by which situations will be evaluated."

Keicher: "So, what would your definition of suffered harm be? Help me understand what that is."

Stava-Murray: "Suffered harm could be caused anxiety and distress."

Keicher: "So, again, under the example that I shared.."

Stava-Murray: "The definition.. emotional distress means suffering anxiety or alarm."

Keicher: "Okay. Under the example that I shared where you're in a group text with 20 other people you play softball with, someone inadvertently puts an intimate picture into that text group chat. Someone feels offended by that and is emotionally harmed, there's a resulting suit, correct?"

Stava-Murray: "I'm not sure that that would qualify as knowing and intentional, but I believe that would be up to a jury if it.. if it got that far."

Keicher: "And.."

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Stava-Murray: "And they are the ones who enforce the reasonable person standard."

Keicher: "And the reasonable person standard, what's the... what's the standard on the diagnosis of anxiety and emotional harm?"

Stava-Murray: "It's consistent with every other statute we have in the State of Illinois."

Keicher: "Can... can you give me an example of what this is? Is it a diagnosis? Is it a medical diagnosis that a jury can weigh in on?"

Stava-Murray: "They would have to demonstrate in an evidentiary court evidence of emotional distress. Certainly, some of that evidence might be having gone to a doctor and getting some sort of diagnosis. I wouldn't say that's necessarily the only way you could get proof, but, certainly, that could be one way."

Keicher: "And I think this is an important issue that we have to talk about, but it is also an infringement on speech, right? And we have to make sure, if we're going to infringe on speech, that we've got parameters around that. So, I worry when we have things like this that could potentially be meant for a different group, unintentionally sent around, and we have loose definitions about what that trigger is."

Stava-Murray: "Well, you just said unintentionally. And so, if it's unintentional, it would not meet the threshold of this law, which is intentional."

Keicher: "But if someone was being held accountable under your language as presented, they could claim that it was unintentional. The unintentionality is from the sender, not the recipient. So, all we would have to do is have the sender



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say it was unintentional. Right? Or am I misunderstanding? I could easily be misunderstanding."

Stava-Murray: "Theoretically, but that's the same as any other similar cause of action where knowing and intentionally, it... knowingly and intentionally are the standards. And that's why this passed through the Jud - Civ Committee, which, as you know, is one of the hardest working and hardest committees to get a Bill through here 'cause it's got a bunch of..."

Keicher: "It is."

Stava-Murray: "...very smart lawyers on it."

Keicher: "It is. It is. So, to the Bill. I think the... the Sponsor is on to something that we need to address and we need to think about this. I worry about how loose the definitions are and how loose the accountability would be based on what the triggers are there. And for that reason, I don't think we should move forward on this, especially when we're infringing on a constitutionally awarded right of free speech. Even though the obscenity may be there, we have to be very careful on what those triggers, penalties, and resulting damages actually are before we infringe on that constitutional right. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ugaste for questions."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicates that she will."

Ugaste: "Representative, as far as consent's concerned, how... how does this work? Does it have to be verbal consent, written consent? Does the request to not send the material, does that have to be in writing? How... what are the parameters established by the Bill?"

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Stava-Murray: "So, the person receiving the material has either not consented, they have not consented verbally or orally, or have expressly forbidden, in which case the person could obviously know, the receipt of the material."

Ugaste: "So, it can be either verbal or written consent or..."

Stava-Murray: "Lack of consent."

Ugaste: "...a statement that I don't want to receive this, correct?"

Stava-Murray: "Correct."

Ugaste: "Okay. What happens on the occasion if someone has in their home this material on the TV and invites someone into their house, and without thinking about it or without stopping it, and the other person sees it? No one's consented in that situation. It's an intentional possible showing, correct?"

Stava-Murray: "In what world is someone watching obscene material, going to open their front door and not noticing..."

Ugaste: "I don't know."

Stava-Murray: "...that they are showing obscene material to someone. I would say, in that situation, they are knowingly and intentionally..."

Ugaste: "Okay."

Stava-Murray: "...exposing someone against their will, and I would say that's extremely disgusting behavior on..."

Ugaste: "Okay."

Stava-Murray: "...the person's part."

Ugaste: "Fair enough. I... I believe you... you hold people to certain standards for certain things and not others. But anyhow, to the Bill."

Stava-Murray: "With that..."

Ugaste: "To the Bill."

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Speaker Evans: "Please continue, Representative Ugaste."

Ugaste: "I... I certainly don't condone this type of action. I... I would not want anyone doing it to anyone I know. I wouldn't do it to anyone. I... I don't believe it's appropriate. I don't believe that something like this, given the consent could be verbal or written and, in most times, I don't think it's ever going to exist in writing, it would have to be verbal, is going to be very amenable to prove in courts and would probably just tie up our court system with a lot of lawsuits that may have merit or may not have merit and end up being disputes amongst one-time close friends or people who are involved in a relationship. So, while I understand the premise, I do not believe the idea is necessarily bad. I just don't think, as written, the Bill is very workable or that it's something we should pass."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Schmidt for questions."

Schmidt: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Schmidt: "The one question I have is about the... so, you said there does not have to be a medical diagnosis of the anxiety or... or damage, if you will?"

Stava-Murray: "They would have to prove that they suffered in court. It doesn't specify that they must receive some sort of medical diagnosis."

Schmidt: "So, how... how would they prove it?"

Stava-Murray: "I'm leaving that open-ended to the person who experiences this."

Schmidt: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stava-Murray to close."

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Stava-Murray: "You know, people talk about infringing on the right to free speech as a reason why they're not going to vote on this Bill. They also talk about, well, I don't condone this action, but I'm also not going to vote on this Bill. If you don't vote on this Bill, there's no consequences for the people who are taking these actions in our state. And as a survivor of sexual assault of a different format, I can imagine... I was flashed when I was walking through a park one day. I can imagine that it is just as traumatic to be flashed on a phone or your device when you might be at work, when you might be just trying to go through your day, having a normal day. And this might not be something that's happening once. This might be something that's happening many times. So, we need these behaviors to stop. We need to show people that we're serious about stopping these behaviors. This is about the most weak version of the Bill that I could produce that was passable... or the strongest version I could produce that was passable, but much weaker than I wish it were. So, everyone just keep that in mind when you vote today. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3553 pass'. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 90 voting in 'favor', 1 voting 'against', and 4 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 22 of the Calendar, under House Bills-

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Third Reading, we have House Bill 4075, Representative Andrade. Representative Andrade. Out of the record. We have House Bill 4118, Representative West. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4118, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative West is recognized."

West: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4118 provides that by June 1, 2025, electric and gas utilities serving more than 500 thousand customers must implement a Disconnection Protection Program prohibiting the disconnection of customers who have applied for a low-income energy assistance program for a period of up to 30 days. I had a opportunity to have extensive discussions with the... the Illinois Energy Association and Ameren, ComEd, and the Attorney General's Office, and we got to a position with House Floor Amendment #3 to make everyone either neutral or proponents. I want to thank the Citizens Utility Board, the Illinois Environmental Council, the Environmental Law and Policy Center, Elevate, Vote Solar, and the Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies for expressing their support. I ask for a 'favorable' roll call and will answer any questions that you may have."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Initially, the Bill before the Amendment prohibited a gas or electric utility from... for disconnecting service for 75 days from a customer applying for grants or financial resources to pay those bills. Is that accurate?"

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West: "That's accurate."

Windhorst: "And that drew opposition from Ameren Illinois, the Illinois Energy Association, and ComEd, the initial version."

West: "The initial version, correct."

Windhorst: "So, we are on now Floor Amendment 3. Is that accurate?"

West: "That's... that's accurate."

Windhorst: "All right. And this changes the underlying Bill by saying that those utilities cannot disconnect service for 30 days after receiving notice of the application to LIHEAP or percentage of income payment plan. And then 45 days after that, they... they receive that additional 45 days if they receive aid. Is that accurate?"

West: "That's accurate. And in our discussions with the Energy Association, I just refer them to what's already current rule under DCEO and we came to that agreement."

Windhorst: "And an individual can apply for this once a year, is that..."

West: "Correct."

Windhorst: "...that's the limit?"

West: "That's the limit."

Windhorst: "And I... I see in our analysis that it allows a utility to recover the cost of the program. How will that be accomplished? Or is it... first, is that accurate? And number two, if it is, how would that be accomplished?"

West: "First off, that is accurate. And they'll recover the cost through the rates."

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Windhorst: "So, there... there would be a cost shift then in... to others... other payers. Is that... is that my... or is that the correct understanding?"

West: "Based on what the language says, they can recover those funds through the utility revenue requirement. You can see it on page 2, line 8 and 9."

Windhorst: "And I believe you said this already, but with the Amendment, the Ameren and Illinois Energy Association have gone to neutral?"

West: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

West: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative West to close."

West: "I would appreciate..."

Speaker Evans: "Oh, I'm sorry. Representative Davidsmeyer, for what... West to close. Let's move forward."

West: "I appreciate a favorable roll call. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4118 pass?' All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 98 voting in 'favor', 9 voting 'against', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on page 22 of the Calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 4144, Representative Syed. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4144, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Syed is recognized."

Syed: "Mr. Chair, this Bill simply requires that when there is a water disservice disruption, either from a private utility company or a public utility, that they are required to inform the fire departments that there is a water service outage. This was an incident that happened in my district. The fire departments were not communicated and they only found out because a fire chief happened to be living in one of the homes that was... had a water service disruption. This lasted for five days. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4144 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all the opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the top of page 23, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 4251, Representative Croke. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4251, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Croke is recognized."

Croke: "Thank you, Speaker. This Bill makes a technical change to legislation that was passed last year where we allowed for e-signatures on documentation like wills and trusts. The proponents came back and just wanted to have one additional word added and felt like that needed to be done in



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legislation. But this Bill, last year, passed unanimously and passed committee unanimously as well."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4251 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 23 of the Calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 4264, Representative Barbara Hernandez. Leader Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4264, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hernandez."

Hernandez, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This will create a Good Samaritan Menstrual Products Act. It would allow nonprofits to not be liable in case a product is damaged, a box is damaged, or any case. Right now, potentially, they could get sued if... if they... if someone feels that it might not be the proper item. However, like this will protect nonprofits. So, I... I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4264 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'opposed', 0 voting

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'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving down page 23, we have House Bill 4295, Representative Harper. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4295, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Harper is recognized."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am proud to present to you House Bill 4295, which simply adds two members of the Chicago Police Department to the Task Force on Missing and Murdered Chicago Women. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4295 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining on page 23 of the Calendar, we have House Bill 4360, Representative Harper. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4360, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Harper."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to bring before you today House Bill 4360. This is an initiative of the Commission on Equity and Inclusion, and it's simply a statutory cleanup Bill that shifts responsibility and requirements of the Business Enterprise Program from CMS to the Commission on

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Equity and Inclusion. There's no fiscal impact here, and we are already doing this work. We just needed to clean up the statute. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. The Bill does a quite a few things, but it does not establish that program, the commission you mentioned. That commission is already in place, correct?"

Harper: "Correct."

Windhorst: "It moves items from some agencies or departments in state government into the commission. Is that... is that correct?"

Harper: "Correct. Correct. Something that they're already doing."

Windhorst: "One of those is under the Illinois Procurement Code. It provides that the Business Enterprise Program is a program of the Commission of Equity Inclusion rather than CMS. Is that one example?"

Harper: "Exactly. It's just cleaning up language in the Bill. We're not doing anything new here."

Windhorst: "There is an extension of the sunset date for the BEP Program, I believe, from July... June 30, 2029 to June 30, 2030. Is that accurate?"

Harper: "I believe so."

Windhorst: "You have several proponents on the Bill, including CMS and the Commission on Equity and Inclusion. Are there any known opponents to the Bill?"

Harper: "Are there any opponents?"

Windhorst: "Known opponents."

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Harper: "No."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Harper to close."

Harper: "I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4360 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 98 votes in 'favor', 8 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Manley is recognized for a personal point of privilege."

Manley: "You've probably have never heard this, but April is Autism Acceptance Month. Autism spectrum disorder is a neurological and developmental disorder that affects how people interact with others, communicate, learn, and behave. Although autism can be diagnosed at any age, it is described as a developmental disorder because symptoms generally appear in the first two years of life. While some autistic children may have co-occurring learning disabilities, many do not. It's important not to make assumptions about a child's cognitive abilities based on an autism diagnosis. Every child has unique strengths and challenges and should be understood and supported as an individual. By dispelling autism myths, we can promote a more inclusive, understanding, and accepting society for autistic people while reducing harmful stereotypes. Autism is a broad spectrum encompassing a diverse range of people with unique abilities and challenges."

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It is essential to respect and celebrate these differences in order to foster an environment where every person can thrive. And I want to thank my colleagues who have approached me individually, before and after Session, in the hallways, shared their stories with me. I encourage you to do that during this moment. We don't have many days left in April where we'll be together, but continue to share stories with your friends here in the House and at home. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Guzzardi is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Guzzardi: "Two points actually, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I'd like to welcome in the gallery... I don't think... are they still there? Alyssa Carabez, my chief of staff, and Saul Arellano, our constituent service coordinator, who are down from Chicago to witness the proceedings today. Give them a warm Springfield welcome, please. And then, secondly, you know, this is my tenth year down here, and I've tried in my time, you know... been motivated by a belief that's maybe naïve at times, but a belief that people are generally good, and that if we reach out our fellow colleagues and our fellow people in our communities with love and compassion and empathy, it enriches our lives, it enriches their lives, and it can make the world a better place. So, I want to honor today the person who raised me with those beliefs, a person who lives those beliefs every day, my mom. It's her 70th birthday. Mom, I wish I was with you in North Carolina celebrating, but we're here on the House floor. I want to send you my love. Let's

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give her all a big round of applause. Isabel Geffner, my amazing mom. Happy 70th birthday."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees will be meeting after Session: Immigration & Human Rights will meet in Room 122B, Health Care Availability & Accessibility will meet in Room D-1, the Executive Committee will meet in Room 118, Financial Institutions & Licensing will meet in Room 115. Meeting in half hour at 6:00 is Appropriations-General Services in D-1, Appropriations-Public Safety in C-1, Cities & Villages in Room 14... 114, Police & Fire in Room 122, and Restorative Justice in Room 115."

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

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 710, offered by Representative Hoffman. And House Resolution 712, offered by Representative Nichols."

Speaker Evans: "And now, allowing perfunctory time... Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Gabel moves that the House stand adjourned until Thursday, April 18, at the hour of 12 p.m. noon. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5818, offered by Representative Cabello, a Bill for an Act

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concerning State government. House Bill 5819, offered by Representative Ugaste, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 462, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1087, offered by Leader McCombie, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 2578, offered by Representative Avelar, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 2655, offered by Representative Mussman, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 3130, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 3606, offered by Representative Mussman, a Bill for an Act concerning education. First Reading of these Senate Bills. Second Reading of House Bills. House Bill 46, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1053, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1075, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1185, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1224, a Bill for an Act concerning firearm violence. House Bill 2161, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. House Bill 2253, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2363, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 2472, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate (sic-House) Bill 3286, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 3288, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 3446, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 3503, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 3519, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 3520, a Bill

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for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 3721, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 3773, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 3886, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 3908, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 4045, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4055, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4059, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4073, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4090, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4093, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4099, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 4109, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 4135, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4155, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4170, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4171, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4178, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 4179, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4180, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4196, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4209, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4219, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4241, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4252, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4253, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4255, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4270, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 4274, a Bill for an Act



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concerning education. House Bill 4276, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4338, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 4346, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4357, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4404, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4418, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 4419, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 4431, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4440, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4446, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4447, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 4449, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 4450, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4467, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4471, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 4475, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4476, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 4480, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4502, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. House Bill 4507, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 4520, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4521, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4524, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4528, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4548, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4567, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4577, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4582, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4585, a Bill for an Act

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concerning local government. House Bill 4586, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4592, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4596, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 4602, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 4604, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 4611, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4619, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4620, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4621, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4622, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4627, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 4628, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4629, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 4633, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4652, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4665, a Bill for an Act concerning mental health. House Bill 4672, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4710, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 4720, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4722, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4724, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4726, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4728, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4743, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4753, a Bill for an Act concerning homicide victims. House Bill 4762, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 4770, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4776, a Bill for an Act concerning minors. House Bill 4782, a Bill for an Act

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concerning conservation. House Bill 4783, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4796, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4804, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 4807, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4808, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 4828, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4835, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. House Bill 4838, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4846, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4848, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4851, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4855, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 4872, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4873, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 4875, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4884, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4891, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4895, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4896, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4903, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4908, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4914, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 4951, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 4954, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4955, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4959, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4967, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4971, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4972, a Bill for

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an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5000, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5008, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5011, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5012, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5018, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5020, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5023, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5024, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5034, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5039, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5047, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5048, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5050, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5052, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 5057, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5069, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5070, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 5085, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5086, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5089, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 5094, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5095, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5131, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5138, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5142, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5145, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5164, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5174, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5189, a Bill

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for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5211, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5220, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5229, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5239, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5243, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5247, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5250, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5252, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5265, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5271, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5275, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5285, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5293, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5294, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5296, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. House Bill 5300, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5301, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5315, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5324, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5342, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5344, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5345, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5346, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 5348, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5355, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5356, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5357, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5364, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5365, a Bill for an Act

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concerning education. House Bill 5367, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 5368, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 5372, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5373, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5380, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 5386, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5387, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5393, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5394, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5397, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5405, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5406, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5408, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5411, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5417, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5418, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5427, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 5428, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5429, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5431, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 5432, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5433, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. House Bill 5434, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5435, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5449, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5452, a Bill for an Act concerning gender violence. House Bill 5455, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5475, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5480, a Bill for

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an Act concerning education. House Bill 5487, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5488, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. House Bill 5493, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5495, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5506, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 5523, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5534, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5541, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5543, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5546, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5551, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5559, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5561, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5563, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5566, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 5572, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5596, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5609, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5610, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5621, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5623, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5630, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5632, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5646, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of these House Bills. They will be held on the Order of Second Reading. Second Reading of House Bills. House Bill 3286, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. It will be held on the Order of Second Reading. There being

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no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."