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Speaker Hoffman: "The House will be in order. Members, please be in your chairs. We shall 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 the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Padget."

Assistant Doorkeeper Padget: "Let us pray. Dear heavenly Father, you are the pillar of strength and shield. You are our shepherd who eternally guides us. Father, as we start Session today, be with us and guide our thoughts and actions. With your help, good things and new beginnings will happen to this great state. Father, we have faced many challenges in our state, some with impossible odds, and other that were simply unbelievable. But still, throughout both of them, you come through for us. And, Lord, finally, we stand before you today because we have hope for a better future. We pray that our investments, plans, and relationships will come to fruition. Walking in your light has taught us, by your power, we will persevere and win. Thank you for this Session, and you deserve nothing less than eternal glory. These things we pray. Amen."

Speaker Hoffman: "We will... we will be led in the Pledge Allegiance today by Representative Hirschauer."

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

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

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 115 Members being present, a quorum is present. Representative Canty, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Canty: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Canty: "I would like to take a moment to welcome some of the students that we have down here from Harper College who are up in the gallery. Please stand, and let's give them a warm Springfield welcome and thank them for their advocacy."

Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Delgado, Chairperson from the Committee on Immigration & Human Rights reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2024: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 5371. Representative... Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Availability & Access reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2024: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment(s) 5 to House Bill 5142 and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5355. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2024:

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recommends be adopted Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 303, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 588, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 4621, and Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 5050. Representative Croke, Chairperson from the Committee on Financial Institutions and Licensing reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2024: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4891. Representative DeLuca, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2024: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 4951. Chairperson from the Committee on Police & Fire Committee reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2024: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5166. Representative Lilly, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Health & Human Services reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 4677. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4972. Representative Harper, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1855 and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 5488. Representative Slaughter, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House

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Bill 5070 and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5271. Representative Jones, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2472, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 5356, and Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 5643. Representative Scherer, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensure (sic-Licensing) & Charter Schools reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3286 and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3907. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 612 and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1075. Representative Mussman, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 4895 and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5394. Representative Moeller, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 5095, Floor... Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5239, and Floor Amendment(s) 4 to House Bill 5395. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House

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Bill 2161 and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 4404. Representative Walsh, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 4090 and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5546. Representative Didech, Chairperson from the Committee on Gaming reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5229. Representative Tarver, Chairperson from the Committee on Counties & Townships reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 5011. Representative Ann Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy & Environment reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 3141, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 4209, Floor Amendment(s) 4 to House Bill 4209, and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4954. Representative Evans, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment(s) 4 to House Bill 3763, Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 3773, and Floor Amendment(s) 4 to House Bill 5294. Representative LaPointe, Chairperson from the Committee on Mental Health & Addiction reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 4475 and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 5094. Representative Mason, Chairperson from the Committee on Child Care Accessibility & Early Childhood Development reports the

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following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 4059. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 713, offered by Representative Benton; House Resolution 714, offered by Representative Hammond; House Resolution 717, offered by Representative Moeller; and House Resolution 718, offered by Representative Will Davis. These Resolutions are referred to the House Rules Committee."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Gabel."

Gabel: "Speaker, please excuse Leader Lilly for the rest of the day."

Speaker Hoffman: "Going to page 25 of the Calendar, under the Order of Third Reading, appears House Bill 4410, Representative Guzzardi. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4410, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4410 is an agreed Bill. It represents over a year's worth of negotiation. I'm proud to bring it to the floor today. Law enforcement, trafficking survivors, domestic violence groups, a wide range of folks that worked together on this Bill. It makes three changes to our law. The first thing it does is it requires all law enforcement entities to have a written policy that law enforcement officers may not engage in sexual acts with people during the course of investigating prostitution. The law enforcement community supports this provision. They believe this kind of behavior is, as we all do, reprehensible, and they're proud to have that in clear writing. The second

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thing it does is it creates automatic sealing for felony prostitution convictions. We don't charge felony prostitution anymore, but convictions that are over 10 years old, these convictions will be automatically sealed by July 1 of 2028. That date was pushed out to accommodate the State Police needing some time to do it. And then the third provision is it changes some language in statute. Our current statute books contain references to child prostitute and child prostitution. We believe that those terms are wrongheaded. Children can't engage in voluntary sexual contact, so we changed those terms to read a 'sexually exploited... sexually exploited child' and 'sexual exploitation of a child'. And we changed the term 'prostitute' throughout statute to be 'person engaged in the sex trade'. The term 'prostitution' is retained in statute, but the word 'prostitute', we believe, is dehumanizing and leads to increased instances of violence against sex workers. So, we want to have more person-centered language. That's what the Bill does. There's no opposition to the Bill, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

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

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, we had discussed this Bill, I believe, a couple times in committee."

Guzzardi: "We did."

Windhorst: "First, with regard to the sealing of the Class 4 felonies for prostitution. You touched on this, but if you could, explain why you feel that's appropriate."

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Guzzardi: "Yeah, we... we no longer charge felon... prostitution as a felony. We reduced it to a Class A misdemeanor. And for people who were engaged in the sex trade over a decade ago when this crime was charged as a felony, those are folks who are trying to rebuild their lives, maybe get out of the trade and maybe get into, you know, gainful employment. So, we want to make sure that those records aren't used to keep people from rehabilitating themselves."

Windhorst: "And this is a sealing of those records, not an..."

Guzzardi: "Sealing."

Windhorst: "...not an expungement."

Guzzardi: "Exactly. At the request of law enforcement. There was originally some expungement language around arrests and nonconvictions, but we moved it all to sealing."

Windhorst: "I believe the opposition that I've heard to the Bill relates to the term changes which you outlined. I've heard no issue with changing the terms 'juvenile prostitute' and 'juvenile prostitution'. However, the term 'prostitute' is also changed. What is that changed to?"

Guzzardi: "It's... it changed to 'person engaged in the sex trade'. And... and this was at their... we worked very closely on this language with the community of survivors of trafficking. And what they would say is that people, especially victims of trafficking, who have that term applied to them, it's a very dehumanizing word and it allows people to feel more comfortable engaging in violence against people in the sex trade because they say that's not a person, that's a prostitute. So, we don't want to engage in that kind of dehumanizing language in our statute books."



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Windhorst: "Well, I'm not sure I agree with your analysis of that, but I appreciate you answering my questions."

Guzzardi: "Happy to."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Guzzardi to close."

Guzzardi: "Thanks. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4410 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's 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 72 voting 'yes', 36 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Resolutions appears House Joint Resolution 62, Leader McCombie."

McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. If I could have everybody's attention, please. Today, I'm joined on the House Floor by Senate Republican Leader John Curran to read HJR 62 and pay homage to a great friend to Republicans across the state, Dan Goodwin. Today, we do have the family up here in the Speaker's Gallery. If they could stand. We are very saddened to hear the death of Dan Goodwin. He was born in Berwyn, attended Chicago Public Schools, Illinois public universities, and went on to earn a degree from what was then called the Illinois Teachers' College - Chicago North. Dan was a science teacher, earned a master's degree from Northern Illinois University, and worked in Chicago Public Schools on the West Side of the city. In 1968, Dan led what would become The Inland Real Estate Group of Companies, Incorporated, which launched more than 800 separate real estate investments,

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developed hundreds of millions of square feet of real estate, established ties with hundreds of thousands of partners and investors, and closed more than 800 billion in commercial real estate transactions. Under Dan Goodwin's leadership, The Inland Real Estate Group of Companies has employed more than 1 thousand Americans across the country. Dan never forgot his ties to former Illinois Teachers' College - Chicago North, now known as Northeastern Illinois University, and actually has a college named after him, the Daniel L. Goodwin College of Education. Dan also left his mark at the Benedictine University in Lisle. For more than 30 years, he served there as the vice chairman, and he also has the Daniel L. Goodwin College of Business at that university as well. Dan never lost his passion for affordable and fair housing for all Illinois families. He organized the nonprofit New Direction Housing Corporation and also served on the board of the Illinois Housing Development Authority Trust Fund, helping to raise billions of dollars for affordable housing, first-time family housing, and senior housing throughout Illinois. For Dan, improving housing and business was a priority. He never gave up on Illinois. He served on the Better Government Association and, in 2017, won their highest honor as the Daniel L. Goodwin Watchdog Award. Dan passed away, sadly, on January 19 of this year at the age of 80. He was a prolific philanthropist and friend to many, and he never lost sight of his passion for helping others and improving the State of Illinois. I was lucky enough to meet Mr. Goodwin in December, and I tell you what, this man never stopped. His energy level was amazing. I'd like to thank his wife, Carol, and two

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daughters and their family and many friends who are here with us today. And, Speaker, I would ask the Body for a moment of silence in his memory."

Speaker Hoffman: "If the Members of the gallery would please rise. Leader McCombie has asked for a moment of silence. We shall observe a moment of silence. Thank you. Seeing no one seeking further recognition, the question is, 'Shall we adopt House Joint Resolution 62?' All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Syed, for what reason do you arise?"

Syed: "Thank you, Chair. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "State your point."

Syed: "Today, I welcome and honor the families here today as part of Donate Life Month and Donor Family Recognition Day. I would ask these families to rise, please. They're in the Speaker's Gallery. So, these families have experienced the death of a loved one, but by choosing organ and tissue donation, gave life to someone else. Last year, in Illinois, 877 donors and families said yes to organ donation, helping to enable over 2,200 lifesaving organ transplants in our state. Many more donated tissue and corneas to heal tens of thousands of people. I'm very thankful for their heroic decision to say yes to saving lives. Please join us in honoring them today."

Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome to Springfield. Leader Barbara Hernandez, for what reason do you arise?"

Hernandez, B.: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

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Hernandez, B.: "Members, please help me welcome IMSA, the Illinois Math and Science Academy. They are located at the right side of the... the gallery. If they can rise, please. The Illinois Math and Science Academy is located in Aurora, in my district, but these students are probably living in your district. I... I usually... well, I have them during the... the school year, but they're going back home to the summer to your district. So, I want you guys to please welcome, and if you know there's a student here, please make sure you say hi and... and greet them today. Thank you, IMSA, for coming. And we also have the president of the... of the school here with us and their administrator. So, thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Halbrook, for what reason do you arise?"

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Halbrook: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, two weeks from today, at 7:30 in the morning, will be the Illinois Prayer Caucus annual breakfast. The... will be at the Inn at 835 and would just cordially invite every one of you to come out for that. Please let me know if you plan to attend so that we can make proper accommodations. Again, two weeks from today, Inn at 835, at 7:30 in the morning. Former Congressman from Virginia will be there. I just went blank on his name. Congressman Forbes will be our guest speaker for the morning. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

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Clerk Hollman: "Rules Report. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 4 to House Bill 4715 and Floor Amendment(s) 4 to House Bill 5367."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Costa Howard, what reason do you arise?"

Costa Howard: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Costa Howard: "Thank you. I want to welcome a group of students today from the College of DuPage in my home district. Give everybody a wave. Hi. Hi, everyone. They are here today to advocate for themselves and their fellow students, not just for the College of DuPage, but community colleges across the state. These are an amazing group of young leaders who most likely will be sitting in our seats at some point in the future. I would... I would be remiss to say they are the most amazing students I've been able to talk to in a really long time, and I want to thank them for being here and doing what they do each and every day on behalf of the students at College of DuPage. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Weber."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Weber: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I'd like to join me in welcoming two individuals from Lake and McHenry County. We have Maureen Riedy from Visit Lake County, and Jaki Berggren from Naturally McHenry County. People understand our natural resources, Chain O'Lakes our vast forest preserves, conservation

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districts allow not just the people of our counties to come out and enjoy them, but also for those around the state to come out and learn and educate themselves on the vast natural resources that we have in Northern Illinois. Tourism plays a crucial role in our economies. And I'd just like to welcome them to Springfield. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative Johnson, for what reason do you arise?"

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Johnson: "Thank you, Speaker. The great Babe Ruth once said that heroes are remembered, but legends never die. Well, let me tell you about Mike Malmstrom. A lifetime resident of Moline, Mike came into this world in March of 1953. Mike joined the United States Marines in 1972 and later became part of the Marine Reserves. When I think of a Marine and all that they represent, I can't imagine a better example than Mike. Eventually, he started his career as a proud UAW member at McLaughlin Motors and eventually moved on to John Deere Harvester and became a member of Local 865. Mike's unwavering commitment to labor and veterans led him to lead the way in organizing the very first East Moline Labor Day Parade in 1983. To this day, the parade and the events that follow are known across the state and the Midwest as the place to be seen if you want to truly champion labor and win elections. In 1985, Mike was laid off from his job at the plant and was on leave for six years. It was during this time that he had took a job working for the great Congressman Lane Evans. For over two decades, Mike continued his work. He became commander

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of the AMVETS Local 145. He eventually became their department officer in 1993. After eventually going back to work at John Deere, he retired in 2004 and then became very active in the retiree chapter. In 2010, Mike became involved with the Alliance Retired Americans, eventually becoming president in 2015. Over the past couple years, he served as the finance officer of American Legion Post 82 out of Erie. For the past 15 years, he served as the precinct committeeman for South Moline 19 and president of Bridging the Gap for Homeless Veterans, coordinating for the past 23... 23 years our annual STAND DOWN event. All of this great work and all of these great accomplishments, but it was his presence that dwarfed all of this. It was a presence that told you that whenever he was in the room, everything was going to be all right. Wherever he did the work, he made this a better place: the workplace, the union hall, the homeless shelter, the Alliance Retired Americans, or the Federation of Labor. He was also the first one in Lane Evans' office to train a young man who has become a wonderful Legislator and your colleague for six years by the name of Mike Halpin and helped guide Mike along the way. For me personally, quite honestly, early on Mike scared the hell out of me. But I came to know this big, burly man as a teddy bear who cared for everyone, the Santa Claus at all of our local events. Unless, of course, you chose a path to marginalize others or put them in harm's way, then you had to deal with him. Every year, I would always look at Mike at events as he appeared to stand watch for everyone. Last year, at the Arsenal National Cemetery Memorial Day, I saw Mike sitting in the back in his wheelchair, and yet,

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still, no one looked taller than Mike. He was still the biggest guy with the biggest heart in the room. His body, for the last several years, was under attack by diabetes and it had taken a toll on him. I never once heard him complain. It was always about others. We lost Mike on April 10 of last week, and our world will not ever be the same. But we honor our heroes by coming to places like these and continue to do their work. They never truly leave our side. We carry them with us forever. The events will continue, the world will go on, but we will never forget him. I want to express my condolences to his wonderful wife of 48 years, Sheila, their 5 children, and their 8 grand.. grandchildren. I want to thank them for sharing him with all of us, for allowing him to be at every corner of the Quad Cities fighting the good fight. Mike will forever be our hero. And, yes, his legend will last forever. I would ask for a moment of silence, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "We shall observe a moment of silence. Thank you. On the Order of Third Reading, returning to page 28.. 5 of the Calendar, appears House Bill 4412. Representative Vella. Representative Vella."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4412, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Vella: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is a very simple Bill, and it addresses an issue that private day care and child care providers have. Child care providers are facing severe shortages in staffing across the state to the point that some reasons are seeing years-long waiting lists for spots. This has the effect of keeping people from work from want of child care, or deciding to leave their kids at home in dangerous



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situations. I spent the last summer looking into this, and one of the biggest barriers to hiring new workers was that, once they applied, getting their background checks took months. Because of the DCFS contract through CMS, it was taking DCFS up to four months just to collect the fingerprints to start the background check. By that time, the applicants would move on and labor shortage continued to grow. There is no way that a simple fingerprint collection should take that long. All this Bill does is allow the private day care providers to go around the ineffective DCFS provider and use their own licensed, by the State of Illinois, provider to collect the fingerprints. This Bill is supported by AFSCME, Start Early, Latino Policy Forum, and ILDOCC, amongst others. There is no known opposition, and it came unanimously out of committee. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Reick."

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

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

Reick: "Representative, we talked about this. We've been talking about this for a long time, not just in this committee, but off and on for a long time. Can you go into a little more depth as to the process by which this... this ability of day care centers to get their own fingerprints came into being? I mean, has CMS signed off on this and the whole thing?"

Vella: "So, CMS has not signed off on this, but they... I've not heard any opposition from them. So, currently, if somebody wants to hire somebody, they have to get a background check, which is important, to make sure that whoever's working around

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kids in Illinois is appropriate. The first step is to get a background check... or get... to get fingerprints. They have to go to a place in the suburbs. Sometimes people have transportation issues. During much of the last summer, they were only open for one day. There was no remote, and they were still using ink-style fingerprint taking, which would smudge sometimes and kick out these fingerprints even longer. So, all this does is allow them to go to a licensed fingerprint place, get it done. They... it will then be sent back to DCFS, who will then send it to the State Police, do a background check, and these people can finally get to work."

Reick: "To the Bill. This... this is just one instance of the kind of sclerotic behavior that the department has been involved in that has basically ground everything to a halt. A lot of the... lot of the things that we want to do to... to make the... the system better. I have long been in favor of broadening and liberalizing the ability to get fingerprints to the State Police and through the... through the system. I think this is a... I think this might be an indication that things are changing at the Department of Children and Family Services, that they're becoming more responsive to the demands that we as Legislators are making of them and what they're seeing in the field. I'm... I'm happy for this Bill. I hope that it indicates that there's something going on at the Department of Children and Family Services that will lead us to better outcomes on all levels, from investigations, to foster care, to placement, and... and bring kids to happier outcomes. I strongly urge an 'aye' vote on this Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Vella to close."

Vella: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4412 pass?' All those 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 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative West, for what reason do you arise?"

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

West: "I want just to have the Body to help me welcome the Rock Valley College Student Government Association, who's on the Lincoln side of the aisle. You guys can stand. We have Takesha Brooks, who serves as the advisor. We have Juan Nogueda, Kavonnie Dotson, and Jazmine Nathan, who is the president of the Rock Valley College Student Government Association. Can you help me to give them a warm Springfield welcome?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Katie Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Stuart: "Thank you. I would like to introduce to the Body two Pages that I have with me. They are standing up here by the bench on this side. I will start with Maeve. If you could wave, everybody, so we know who Maeve is. Maeve is a freshman at Edwardsville High School. She's actively involved in community theater in our region. She's been in over 30

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productions, most recently as Elsa with the Goshen Theatre Project. She also plays hockey. She's active in our student council. And when... she's very interested in English and writing and plans on joining the award-winning journalism program at Edwardsville High School and the yearbook next year. And she wanted me to shoutout two of her favorite teachers, Miss Voegele and Miss Lane. And then I also have Sidnee. Sidnee is a senior at Edwardsville High School. She's the secretary of the environmental club, so there's many of you in this room that she would very much like to meet for the work that you do. She works at a local restaurant, Oaxaca, has been there for three years and loves it. And she's learned a lot Spanish while working there too. She was a club volleyball player for eight years. And her plans for next year are to go to Kansas, where she wants to study political science. So, we may be seeing her back here sometime in the future. She really enjoys social studies and literature and wanted me to let you know that her favorite teachers are Miss Knabe and Miss Lane. And they both wanted me to tell you that they feel very blessed that they have probably not just the best principal in the entire State of Illinois, but probably in the entire world, Dr. Steve Stuart. So, please give them a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome to Springfield. Returning to page 25 of the Calendar on... appears House Bill 4427, Representative Ladisch Douglass. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4427, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ladisch Douglass."

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Ladisch Douglass: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HB4427 is an initiative of the Department on Aging, and it amends the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act and specifically relates to the members appointed to the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Advisory Board. Specifically, nonvoting members are appointed by the director of the Illinois Department of Public Health. And the Bill amends the law by stating that a representative of the Department on Aging be appointed in consultation with the director of the Department on Aging. Of three nonvoting members selected by the director of IDPH, one must be a resident of an assisted living or shared housing establishment, all of whom must be selected from candidates recommended by consumer organizations that engage solely in advocate... advocacy or legal representation for the benefit of our senior citizens. The original Bill had some opposition. We negotiated it heavily, and the opposition is now neutral. It was resolved through HA3, which has... and that has become the Bill. The Bill passed out of committee unanimously, and there is no other opposition. I am happy to answer questions and encourage an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4427 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4488, Representative Didech. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4488, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Didech."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4488 provides that December 1 through 7 will be Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis Awareness Week in Illinois. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4488 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; 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 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 26 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4491, Representative Faver Dias. Out of the record. House Bill 4504, Representative Faver Dias. Out of the record. Representative Kifowit on House Bill 4508. Representative Kifowit. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4508, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House of... House of Representatives. This is technically a cleanup Bill. Legislation in Illinois that was passed previously omitted university police when they did the Tier 2 changes. It... Public Act 102-0719 reduced the age of retirements for Illinois State Police, the Department of Natural Resources, the Secretary of State, and all of their state law enforcement to the age of 55 to align with the Tier 2 downstate police pension systems.

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It seems that university police were excluded from the Bill and remain the only state law enforcement in Illinois with a Tier 2 retirement age of 62. So, this inequity places the university officers at a... a different playing field than the rest of the state's police and law enforcement individuals. So, what we're doing is we are making parity with the other law enforcement individuals in the State of Illinois by including the university police. COGFA did an analysis of the Bill. And it claims that, with this Bill, that it would be increasing liabilities of 1 million through Fiscal Year '45, which is less than \$50 thousand a year. And so, I ask for your support on this parity Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Reick."

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

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

Reick: "Representative, we've been beating each other over the head over these police and fire Bills for a long time. Is this the final public safety group that is going to be subject to this change in retirement age?"

Kifowit: "Correct. In... in this Bill, the university police were left out of Public Act 102, and this is the only group of law enforcement to be incorporated under that Act. So, this is the last grouping under those individuals."

Reick: "Did this Amendment... or did your Amendment remove the reciprocal act language?"

Kifowit: "Yes, it did."

Reick: "Yes, it did. Thank you. You talked about an estimated cost. I believe that when we went to 67/65 down to 60, the

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cost was about a million dollars in liability. What did you say the cost to go from 60 to 55 would be?"

Kifowit: "The Bill changes the retirement age from 62. So, State Police was never all the way up to 67."

Reick: "Right. Right. I'm sorry."

Kifowit: "So, it goes from 62 to 55. And the change of that Bill, according to COGFA, would increase the total liabilities by 1 million. This is a figure that goes through Fiscal Year '45. When you extrapolate that out, it's a per fiscal year impact of less than \$50 thousand a year."

Reick: "Okay. Well, currently retire... current benefit recipients, will... will this Bill affect them at all? Will their benefits be changed, those who are currently retired?"

Kifowit: "No, if they're already retired. This Bill only affects individuals now, and they'll... giving them the ability to retire at 55."

Reick: "So..."

Kifowit: "So, those that are currently serving right now."

Reick: "...so, it's going forward?"

Kifowit: "Correct."

Reick: "Okay. This, again, I would like to issue a cautionary note. I'm in favor of this Bill. I think, you know, we should be as... as willing to help those who would run to the sound of the guns as we possibly could. But there are issues that are coming up in the future about our Tier 2 pensions and things like that. And we talked about this today in pension committee when the Governor's Office proposed their 2024 budget request regarding pensions. We've got some big problems ahead of us. And I don't know about you, but I'm getting a lot of emails



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from constituents and people all around the state who say that we need to fix Tier 2, we need to fix the pension systems, we need to provide better benefits, we need to do a lot of things with pensions. And if... if what it's going to take for us to retain and attract new and... and good employees and keep them, maybe that's a discussion for some date in the future. But until the time comes that we actually fix the underfunding problem that we have, we come along a glide path to get us out of the debt that we're in, it's going to be very difficult to... to provide for benefit enhancements at the same time as we deal with digging ourselves out of a hole. So, I would urge the Members to be very aware of what's going on with your constituents. If you hear from a... from a constituent about what's going on with the pension system, please understand that we are in fact trying to deal with this. This is not going to be an easy... this is a huge lift. I think, for the next couple of years, this is going to be the flashpoint of controversy and... and hard work in this Body. And we all need to be pulling our oars in the same direction, but that doesn't mean that we throw fiscal responsibility out the window all together. So, I urge an 'aye' vote for this Bill. But, again, as a cautionary tale, let's take pension reform and do it the right way so we don't have to come back in 20 years and do it again, having done it wrong this time. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Kifowit to close."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Again, I appreciate your support to this. I also appreciate the remarks of Minority Speaker Reick, in which we are working

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very hard towards a comprehensive pension Bill in our pensions committee. Again, this Bill is just a technical cleanup and it's a parity Bill at this point in time."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4508 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting's 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 'yes', 11 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4568, Representative Hanson. Out of the record. House Bill 4623, Representative Gong-Gershowitz. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4623, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "On House Bill 4623, Representative Gong-Gershowitz."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4623 modernizes the provision of the Illinois Criminal Code concerning child pornography to include instances in which artificial intelligence is used to depict a minor engaging in sexual acts. Today, AI-generated or modified content continues to improve and it is quickly reaching the point of being indiscernible from authentic images. The mass creation of AI-generated child pornography material will only make it more difficult for law enforcement to stop child trafficking. Law enforcement will not only have to deal with the sheer volume of content, but also identifying if the content depicts a real child or if it is the sole creation of AI. While no

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real child may be harmed with AI-generated content, the harm is that it normalizes abusive behavior, namely when it purports to depict the sexual abuse of a child. This Bill... the language in this Bill mirrors how... federal child sexual abuse materials law, and I ask for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

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

Windhorst: "Representative, there was an Amendment, I believe it was Amendment 3, that was part of the Bill. Did that change whether it is illegal to possess or create these items?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "So, in subsequent Amendment... and I'd have to double check just to confirm whether it was Amendment 2 or Amendment 3. But Amendment 3 was conforming to the intent of Amendment 2, which was to remove simple possession from the depiction of a purported child, consistent with the first Amendment. This was a change requested by the ACLU and was adopted as part of the... the Floor Amendments 2 and 3."

Windhorst: "To make sure I understand fully, so, would possession of AI-generated obscene images of a child be an offense under this Bill?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "If it is only simple possession, nothing more, it would not."

Windhorst: "Because simple possession of child pornography is a crime otherwise."

Gong-Gershowitz: "I want to check that and make sure, but I believe that it... that is the case only with respect to the depiction of an actual child. The concern here was the depiction of a purported child, so AI-generated child, where

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it is not an actual child. So, we removed simple possession from that newly created offense, which is depiction of a purported child."

Windhorst: "Are the penalty provisions the same as the Bill that was filed initially?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "They are."

Windhorst: "And those are the same as non-AI-generated child pornography?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "That is correct because this is rooted in the state's interests in preventing the sexual exploitation of children and normalizing sexual abuse of children."

Windhorst: "Appreciate you bringing this Bill forward. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz to close."

Gong-Gershowitz: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4623 pass?' All those 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 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4727, Representative Will Davis. Out of the record. House Bill 4758, Representative Costa Howard. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4758, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Costa Howard."

Costa Howard: "Thank you. As many of us know, we have a serious lack of capacity for our children in the State of Illinois

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who need care. They are often held beyond medical necessity in our facilities. What... and we as a public body and we as the public want to make sure that we are following that data correctly without always having to file a Freedom of Information Act to access that information. So, House Bill 4758 fixes that. It will amend the Annual Youth in Care Waiting for Placement Report and requires additional information to be disclosed. This is good for kids. This is good for the public and transparency. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Reick."

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

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

Reick: "Representative, would you go a little deeper into the reporting requirements that are expanded in this... in this Bill, please?"

Costa Howard: "Absolutely. The Bill requires the number of youth in care who remained in these temporary spaces. I'm sorry, Representative. Thank you very much for pointing that out. This is about the kids who are sitting in an office, right? This is about the kids who we don't know where they are and they're still waiting to find placement for them. And so, it specifies that the number of children who have to be reported, obviously without their name, in these temporary living spaces that are not authorized. It's... it requires us to... the department to also give the reasoning for the nonauthorized stays, more than just that they can't find a placement for them. It requires, at a minimum, the age, region, date of stay, length of stay, date and time the youth was moved from

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the temporary living space, and why that child is being forced to stay there overnight."

Reick: "Is this coming out of the problems we were having in the last year or so of kids being kept beyond medical necessity in psychiatric hospitals and stuff like that?"

Costa Howard: "It's partly that, and it's partly about the kids who are sitting in DCFS... I'm sorry, what we believe to be offices for some of the caseworkers who are looking for this placement. This is really an initiative of the Office of the Cook County Public Guardian, as they have been monitoring this information to track the where... you know, where their clients, these kids, are... are located. It will... they were forced to file FOIA requests for this each and every time. And there was some confusion, to be honest with you, about how do we define what an overnight stay is, and that was with the Amendment that I brought back to committee addressed."

Reick: "Well, I guess my question is, are we awaiting, you know... this Bill obviously hasn't gone through the process yet. Are we... do you know if we're waiting on any FOIA requests that have been unfulfilled at this point?"

Costa Howard: "You know what? I don't have an answer to that. I can look into that and find out if that's the case. This will streamline the process. They shouldn't have to ask for a FOIA. We should have this information."

Reick: "I fully agree. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Costa Howard to close."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4758 pass?' All those in favor say 'aye'... vote 'aye'; all opposed vote

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'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 a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Mayfield on House Bill 4819. Representative Mayfield. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4819, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Thank you so much. This Bill provides for lactation rooms for employees who are currently nursing to... and it just requires that DOC provide a safe space, a private space, other than a bathroom, with a closed door where... where they can go and they can express and pump their milk. There is no opposition to this Bill. Happy to take your questions and explain why, you know, breastfeeding is such a great thing."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4819 pass?' All those 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 105 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 27 of the Calendar, Representative Barbara Hernandez on House Bill 4863. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4863, a Bill for an Act concerning land. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Barbara Hernandez."

Hernandez, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a land transfer from the Illinois Department of Military Affairs to the City of Aurora. I believe both City of Aurora and Department of Military Affairs are good with it. As this is an initiative from them. So, I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4863 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Avelar on House Bill 4874. Out of the record. Representative Mussman on House Bill 4907. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4907, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Mussman."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 4907 is an initiative of the Department of Public Health to repeal the Reye's Syndrome Reporting Act, which was initiated in 1982 when the prevalence of cases was much higher. A widespread public education campaign warning parents against the dangers of providing aspirin to children that started around the 1980s was very effective. There has not been a reported case in Illinois in the last 25 years, and the CDC also is no longer mandated to keep this data. Repealing the statute will alleviate staff time spent on



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maintaining any updates. IDPH will still have to have the information about Reye's syndrome on its website for reference for physicians and the public. There's no cost, there's no explicit effective date, and I am aware of no opposition. We appreciate your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4907 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's 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 49... on this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Avelar on House Bill 4874. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4874, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Avelar."

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4874, it prohibits a pharmacist from refusing to fill a valid opioid prescription solely because it's not prescribed electronically. There's also an Amendment that was adopted in committee, which actually is a page and line Amendment that inserts dispenser after prescriber in the provision regarding compliance actions. I am aware of no opposition and open to any questions."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Hauter."

Hauter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

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Hauter: "So, thank you for bringing this forward. Just to describe it, and you described it very well, but immediately upon the initiation of the e-prescribed Bill last year, I think, or at the beginning of this year, immediately many pharmacists and pharmacies refused to fill out any... or honor any paper script. So, we had a waiver for low-income or low-volume prescribers, veterinarians, other people that don't... don't have access to e-prescribe for controlled substances. So, many patients were not getting their medication. And I thank you for identifying it. I thank you for your advocacy. This is much needed. Please vote 'aye'."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Avelar to close."

Avelar: "I ask for your 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4874 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; 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 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Mason on House Bill 4910. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4910, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Mason."

Mason: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Every year, I do a Resolution declaring October Domestic Violence Awareness Month. And some smart person in committee said, 'Why do we do this every year? Why can't we just make it a permanent thing?' And that's

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exactly what this Bill does. October is widely recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence continues to be an epidemic in our nation, and let's make it a permanent thing here in Illinois. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4910 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; 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 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Hanson on House Bill 4911. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4911, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Hanson."

Hanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4911 simply allows memberships through gyms and all businesses under the Physical Fitness Services Act to be canceled online, if the contract was entered online, or by telephone call or regular mail instead of merely by certified or registered mail. It also requires gym memberships that were automatically... or subject to automatic renewal to comply with the requirements for notice and cancelation under the Automatic Contract Renewal Act. All opposition was worked out through committee, and I appreciate the time working with the Retail Merchants Association to overcome their objections too. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

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

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, I believe you hit on what I wanted to ask just at the end there. Initially, the underlying Bill had opposition, and an Amendment cleared up that opposition. Is that accurate?"

Hanson: "That's correct. We worked with the Retail Merchants Association and the folks that they protect. And actually, the objections brought to me in committee turned into support for the Bill. And also, he became a chief cosponsor."

Windhorst: "And so, with that Amendment, the way the... in its current form, the Bill would allow for a notice of cancelation be made in writing and delivered by certified or registered mail. And the notice of cancelation may also be made by email if there's an email address provided in the contract. Is that accurate?"

Hanson: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Hanson to close."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4911 pass?' All those 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 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Didech on House Bill 4916. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4916, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Didech."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4916 applies the prompt settlement of claims provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure at all private actions. Currently, these provisions only apply to personal injury, property damage, wrongful death, and tort actions. We are expanding the section to apply it to all private actions. Thank you for your consideration."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Ugaste."

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

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

Ugaste: "Representative Didech, I appreciate your willingness to talk to me on this ahead of time. I was of the impression you were going to have another Amendment for this Bill that would clearly state that workers' compensation is excluded from consideration as a private right of action. Has something changed?"

Didech: "So, I reviewed the Amendment that we had previously adopted, Amendment 2. It added the language in subsection (h) that says, 'In the event of a conflict between this amendatory Act and the Workers' Compensation Act, the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act shall control.' I'm quite confident that that language is responsive to the concern that you raised."

Ugaste: "Okay. To the Bill. I'm not a proponent of this Bill whether that exclusion's made or not. But to the extent a complete exclusion for workers' compensation matters isn't provided, I'm going to strongly oppose this Bill. Workers'

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compensation is something that we have agreed to handle in an agreed Bill process. This states that to the extent that it is contradicted in the Workers' Compensation Act, it doesn't apply. As I pointed out, there are going to be certain instances of provisions within this Bill that will end up applying that shouldn't apply in workers' compensation scenarios because there are different circumstances and a different way in which it's handled. If we're going to handle workers' compensation through an agreed Bill process, that's the way it should be done. And I thought that was an agreement on both sides of the aisle. I don't see the harm in stating that workers' compensation's completely excluded, making it perfectly clear. I don't know why we're proceeding with this if that is your actual intent of having language that is less than clear on that issue. But I strongly oppose it and ask that you reconsider passing this Bill at this time because it shouldn't come this way. Anything we do in workers' compensation should go through the agreed Bill process."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Didech to close."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And just to clarify the intent of this Bill and what we're doing here today, we are not trying to preempt the agreed Bill process for the workers' compensation related Bills. And, too, as a showing of good faith on that matter, what I'm going to ask the Body to do is, if we pass this measure today, I'll... I'll file a Motion to... to keep it in the House. And we'll work with staff. We'll

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make sure that this language does what I think it does. And if we need to tighten it up, we'll... we'll bring it back. And before we send it to the Senate, we'll tighten it up. So, I would ask everybody for an 'aye' vote today. And before we send it to the Senate, we'll... we'll make sure it does what we're trying to do."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4916 pass?' All in favor signify by voting 'aye'; 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 73 voting 'yes', 39 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Katie Stuart on House Bill 4938. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4938, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a... 4938 is just a cleanup on behalf of the SIU system. And there is an ethanol research for it, and we would just seek to allow that a designee be able to be the representative at the board meetings when the existing board member's not available."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4938 pass?' All those 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 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'.

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And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4942, Representative Moeller. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4942, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Currently, in every case in which there is a drug overdose to be determined as the cause or contributing factor in the death, a coroner or medical examiner reports the death to the Department of Public Health, and the Department of Public Health adopts rules regarding specific information that must be reported in the event of such a death. House Bill 4942 further requires that, at a minimum, the following information shall also be provided if known or knowable: that the cause of the... the cause of the overdose and whether or not fentanyl was part or all of the consumed substance. And if fentanyl is part of the consumed substance, what other substances were consumed, if known or knowable. And if fentanyl is part of the consumed substance, what proportion of fentanyl was consumed in relation to other substances. The Bill also requires that the coroner must communicate whether there was a suspicious level of fentanyl in combination with other controlled substances to all law enforcement agencies in whose jurisdiction the deceased body was found within 24 hours after receipt of a toxicology result. This Bill is the result of a situation that happened in my district with a gentleman who suffered an overdose and there was fentanyl... a large quantity of fentanyl was found to be present when he was deceased. And there was suspicion and



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concern that this fentanyl had been inadvertently or maliciously combined with the other controlled substances that he was using. And during that situation, law enforcement was not informed of that... of that situation. This is to standardize communication between a coroner's office and local law enforcement in these types of situations. I'm happy to answer any questions and would be... would ask for an 'aye' vote. I do want to indicate that we attempted to include the coroner... the coroner's office in these discussions, and we had conversations. Unfortunately, I know that the Coroners Association is opposed, but we did not receive any language to address those concerns. I do think that we can make additional changes in the Senate if they're willing to provide some substantive language. So, again, happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

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

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, under current law, coroners are required to report, if possible, the cause of an overdose. Is that your understanding of the current law?"

Moeller: "To the Department of Public Health, yes."

Windhorst: "And this adds, of course, fentanyl specifically and other reporting requirements besides Department of Public Health. Is that accurate?"

Moeller: "Correct. This requires that if there is fentanyl found as part of the overdose in quantities that appear to suspicious, that that reporting be made to the law enforcement agency who has jurisdiction over where the body was found."

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Windhorst: "You had mentioned the conversation with the coroners and that they had not provided any language to you. Did they express what the nature of their opposition was?"

Moeller: "It was fairly vague. However, I can say that I... in recent weeks, I have been contacted by the Coroners Association and they expressed disappointment that we had not received substantive language and are willing to work with us when this Bill gets to the Senate."

Windhorst: "I would..."

Moeller: "It's my understanding that they have removed their opposition with the understanding that this would be worked on in the Senate."

Windhorst: "I've heard two items that there were concerns, and I'd like to give you the opportunity to address those. The first is that this requirement may cause a delay in the issuance of a death certificate. Do you believe that to be true, or is there any concern there that you have with that?"

Moeller: "I had not heard that concern."

Windhorst: "The other issue that I've heard raised is that with a lot of the toxicology testing, it is difficult to differentiate fentanyl specifically from other opioids, and that requires a more detailed, I guess, level of testing, which could add to a delay. Have you heard that raised, or do you have a... a response to that concern?"

Moeller: "Again, we had not... there were no substantive concerns that were given to us while this Bill was, you know, under construction. So, we're happy to sit down with the association and address, you know, these types of concerns that you're raising with us today. We want to make sure that this Bill is

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operational and... and that we're not delaying death certificates or investigations. But the underlying intent of this Bill, which I think is very important and why this Bill should pass, is that we know that we have... we have seen, you know, a fairly alarming increase in fentanyl overdoses in our state over the past several years. And this gives law enforcement a tool and an ability to help address this crisis and investigate these situations in a timely manner."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Halbbrook."

Halbrook: "Mr. Speaker, question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Hoffman: "Sponsor yields."

Halbrook: "Yeah, so, what is the reason for bringing this Bill forth, Representative? Why do... why do we want to do this Bill?"

Moeller: "As I mentioned in my opening remarks, this is based on a situation that happened in my district with a gentleman who died from a fentanyl overdose. The hospital had reported... there was communication between the hospital and the coroner's office after the death occurred, but no communication between the coroner's office and law enforcement. And with... in discussions with friends of the deceased and with our local police department and our police chief, this Bill was introduced to address that situation."

Halbrook: "Yeah, well, I find it a bit disingenuous. And we tried to talk a little bit about this in committee, but there was a Bill introduced into this chamber three years ago, it was HB3447, that would decriminalize small amounts of fentanyl, of which it passed out of this chamber with 67... or 61 votes..."

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I'm looking exactly here to make sure... 61 to 49. Did you vote for that Bill?"

Moeller: "We're discussing and debating House Bill 4942 this afternoon."

Halbrook: "Yeah, I know, but I think it's important because there was a Bill that passed out of this chamber, 61 votes. It didn't get picked up in the Senate. And now we want to come back and fix a problem. This is completely unworkable. And, Mr. Speaker, to the Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

Halbrook: "I have reached out to my coroners, and this Bill is completely unworkable for the coroners. To the best of my knowledge, they're still in opposition. The ones I've talked to are opposed if this was to become law. It's going to make it overly burdensome to them. I would urge a strong 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Davidsmeyer."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She... she yields."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you. Representative, I... I reached out to one of my coroners. I... I represent all or part of 10 counties. I didn't get a chance to talk to all 10. I'm sure that some of my smaller counties would... would have a... a more difficult time doing this. But the one that I spoke to specifically said that they already do this, but she... she said in a case where fentanyl is not the primary cause of the death, will it still be listed on the... on the death certificate? Because a medical case of close... close individual... it will not? I'm sorry, I saw a head shake."

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Moeller: "This does not address any type of cause of death on a death certificate."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay."

Moeller: "This legislation is... covers communication between a coroner's office and local law enforcement when a suspicious level of fentanyl is discovered in a toxicology report."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. So, if... if an individual passes away from someone... something else and fentanyl was part of the treatment that they were receiving, will that be... will that be required to be reported to law enforcement? So, if I'm in the hospital and fentanyl is part of my treatment from a doctor, this law just says you have to report it?"

Moeller: "Yeah. If... if it's part of their treatment, it would not be considered a suspicious level..."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay."

Moeller: "...that would be contributing to the death. So, no, it would not."

Davidsmeyer: "But if it was enough to make an individual brain... brain dead, it would, even though it was part of the treatment in a hospital, not found in some back alley somewhere or across the border or something like that?"

Moeller: "Yeah. I mean, the... the intent is if... if there was an alarming amount of fentanyl found during a toxicology report, the coroner would communicate that to the local law enforcement. It would be up to local law enforcement to just let... to investigate."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay."

Moeller: "If... if during the course of their investigation they determined that this person had been in the hospital and had

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been treated for another underlying condition, it would be up to the law enforcement agency to... to determine whether further investigation was necessary or not."

Davidsmeyer: "And I would... I would just hope that, should this Bill pass, maybe we could clarify that in the Senate so that law enforcement doesn't have to be distracted... distracted by this if it was in fact... in fact, you know, a course from a hospital. So, I'd appreciate that change, if possible. Thank you."

Moeller: "Thank you, and I will pass that along, that concern."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Moeller to close."

Moeller: "I would request an 'aye' vote. Thank you very much."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4942 pass?' All those 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's 78 voting 'yes', 33 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Rita in the Chair."

Speaker Rita: "Next on the Calendar, House Bill 4961, Representative Williams. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4961, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Williams is recognized."

Williams, A.: "Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker, and thank you. This Bill is an initiative of the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission and simply corrects an omission in the statute which does not require notice of a successor guardianship. It

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doesn't make a substantive change. It simply corrects an error in the statute, an omission. I'd be happy to handle any questions."

Speaker Rita: "No... seeing no questions, 'Shall House Bill 4961'... oh. The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4961 pass?' All in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; all opposed say (sic-vote) 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, 111 voting 'yes', no one voting 'no', no one voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5017, Representative Walsh. Out of the record. House Bill 5166, Representative Moylan. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, could you move this back to Second Reading?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5166, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Moylan."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Moylan on the Amendment."

Moylan: "Yes, this is just a clarification, technical change."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Keicher's recognized."

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

Speaker Rita: "Rep. Moylan moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All in favor say 'aye'; any opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. So, Rep. Moylan on the Bill."

Moylan: "Thank you..."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5166, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Moylan on the Bill."

Moylan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the General Assembly. This Bill just dissolves the Elk Grove Fire Protection District. It's agreed Bill, and there is no opposition. And I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Rita: "He indicates he is."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, the Amendment we adopted removed opposition and made this an agreed Bill. Is that correct?"

Moylan: "Yes, Sir. You're correct."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Moylan to close."

Moylan: "I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Rita: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 5166 pass?' All in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; and all opposed say (sic-vote) 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. With 112 voting 'yes', no one voting 'no', no one voting 'present', and this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Caulkins."

Caulkins: "Mr. Speaker, a point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Rita: "Please proceed."

Caulkins: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'd like to introduce my Page for today. My Page is a wife, a mother. She has three children. She has a bachelor's degree in marine



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biology, a master's in education. She's a former small business owner who employed dozens and dozens of teachers. She's also a member of the Mt. Zion School Board and soon-to-be a Member of this caucus. I'd like to introduce my Page for today, Regan Deering. Please give her a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Rita: "House Bill 5224, Representative Williams. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5224, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Williams."

Williams, A.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill adds language to the Adoption Act to clarify a recent court ruling and make it clear that termination of parental rights and responsibilities occurs after the adoption, not just of a child, but also of an adult. The court ruling led to a kind of unsustainable and unworkable result and was inconsistent with decades of practice, which treated adult and minor adoptees similarly with respect to the impact of adoption on termination of parental rights. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Rita: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5224 pass? All in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; all opposed say (sic-vote) 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Clerk, take the record. On this question, 108 voting 'yes', no one voting 'no', on one voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is declared passed. Representative Schweizer."

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

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Speaker Rita: "What's your point?"

Schweizer: "I rise today to congratulate Fowler Connell for his 100th birthday. Fowler was born April 18, 1924. He graduated from Paseo High School in Kansas City, Missouri in 1941 and then attended Kansas City Junior College and graduated from the University of Missouri in 1949. Fowler served as a radioman in the United States Navy and reached the rank of petty officer first class. During World War II, he was aboard the USS Boston during his entire length of service from 1943 to 1946. During his time in the Pacific, he experienced kamikaze attacks and supported forces in island assault after Pearl Harbor. At 21 years of age, he witnessed the end of the war from the deck of the USS Boston, which was anchored off the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, where General MacArthur accepted the surrender of the Empire of Japan. Fowler led a 40-year career in newspaper journalism, beginning with the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* and the *Champaign News-Gazette* in 1949. He then joined the *Danville Commercial-News* in 1952, where he worked for 37 years before retiring from his position as sports editor at the end of 1989. He was later honored by the newspaper in 19... or in 2005 when it published a book featuring a collection of his favorite stories titled, *Sports Through My Eyes, 50 years of Sports Coverage*, with proceeds from the sale of the book and companion audio CD supporting scholarships at Danville Area Community College. Fowler began his second career as a radio broadcaster on January 1, 1990, and he continued serving as a member of WDAN broadcast team on high school, junior college, and local University of Illinois broadcasts until 2020. He appeared as a regular

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panelist on the WDAN Sports Talk program for over 30 years, retiring from the show at almost 97 years of age. During his 71 years of employment as a newspaper writer, editor, and radio broadcaster, he never missed a day of work. Fowler supported his community in a number of ways. He belonged to the Danville Golden K Club, where he served as the president and lieutenant governor, and volunteered at the Danville VA Hospital, Danville High School, North Ridge Middle School, and Danville Township Food Pantry, and a local retired center, where he called bingo each week, remaining active in volunteer service until 97 years of age. He spearheaded the establishment in the Vermillion County Sportsmanship Award over 30 years ago and continues to serve on the boards today. Fowler Connell is iconic... is an icon of the Danville area and Vermillion County, and I want all of us to wish him a happy birthday celebrating his 100th birthday today. Thank you very much."

Speaker Rita: "On page 26 of the Calendar, we have House Bill 4727, Representative Davis. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4727, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 4727 is an initiative of the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission that I sit on. The Amendment that we adopted, which became the Bill, simply sought to do two things. One was to change the effective date of this effort, but it allows for birth certificates for wards of the state who are under the

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auspices of the Office of the State Guardian to receive their birth certificate documents at no charge."

Speaker Rita: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4727 pass?' All in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; all opposed say (sic-vote) 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Clerk, take the record. 109 voting 'yes', no one voting 'no', no one voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Proceeding to House Bills on Second Reading. We're going to go to page 2 of the Calendar. House Bill 56, Representative Harper. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 56, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Harper."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Harper on the Amendment."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Amendment becomes the Bill, and this Bill has come before us before. We already passed it this Session. House Bill 56, which creates the Farmer Restoration Program."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Inquiry of the Chair. The status of fiscal note request?"

Clerk Bolin: "A fiscal note has been requested on the Bill as amended by House Amendment #1, and that note has not yet been filed."

Speaker Rita: "Mr. Clerk, take this out of the record. House Bill 280, Representative Kifowit. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 280, a Bill for an Act concerning courts.  
No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by  
Representative Kifowit."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Kifowit on the Amendment."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment #2 makes...  
makes some slight changes to the Bill but does not change the  
underlying essence of the Bill. And I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Kifowit moves for the adoption of  
Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those  
opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes'  
have it. And it's amended... the Amendment is adopted. Any  
further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. House Bill 280, Representative  
Kifowit. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 280, a Bill for an Act concerning courts.  
Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the committee. In  
2021, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin directed a 90-day  
independent review commission on interpersonal violence in  
the military, and the request of President Joe Biden. In its  
final report, the IRC dedicated nearly one-third of its  
recommendations to the expansion of services to victims of  
interpersonal violence. And what we have before you is  
legislation that was requested by the DOD that states adopt.  
There were state solutions that were in the report. And the  
first one was extending the authority of military commanders  
and recognizing the validity of military protective orders to

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give military-related victims access to protections, Special Victims' Counsel, and other victim advocate and services that are available to all other civilians in the state. And number two, authorizing victims access to post-discharge travel funds or providing virtual appearance opportunities in state courts to help alleviate the substantial, financial, and profession burdens military victims often face to appear in court proceedings that occurred during training, deployment, or after permanent change of duty station. What you have before you in House Bill 280 is codifying these recommendations. The State of Illinois is already a little bit above the curve with regard to allowing for virtual proceedings. However... and we already have a domestic violence victim fund. So, in... in 280, we are expanding the authority of military commanders and we're authorizing victim access to these funds in the means of giving access to the Veterans Assistance Commission, in addition to the congressionally chartered 501(c)(19) veteran service organizations, to allow to get grants from the domestic victim fund that's already been established to help achieve this goal from the Department of Defense from the Secretary of Defense request."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Rita: "Indicates she does."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Representative. The Bill is designed to assist victims of domestic violence who are members of the armed forces. Do I have that accurate?"

Kifowit: "That's correct. Members of the armed forces or actually veterans of the... who are... have been post... post-service."

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Windhorst: "There is a portion of the Bill dealing with the Code of Criminal Procedure regarding a... the State Supreme Court adopting rules for the use of attorneys serving on a pro bono basis to represent victims."

Kifowit: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Do I have that accurate?"

Kifowit: "Correct. And the Supreme Court did not have any objection to that."

Windhorst: "Would that be all domestic violence victims or only those domestic violence victims covered that are veterans or members of the armed forces?"

Kifowit: "As... as written, it is fairly broad. So, as the Supreme Court adopts its rules, it can apply to all domestic violence victims as well. So, we left the language broad for the interpretation for the Supreme Court."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Kifowit: "Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Ammons is recognized."

Ammons: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield for a quick question?"

Speaker Rita: "Indicates she does."

Ammons: "Thank you. Just want to clarify that the... where would the funds come from for this new fund that's being created?"

Kifowit: "Thank you, Representative. This is not a new fund."

Ammons: "Okay."

Kifowit: "It is an existing fund. It's the existing Domestic Violence Shelter and Service Fund. It has already been in law for many years, and the funds come from various fees that are already being collected. So, just to clarify, and I appreciate you for bringing this up, this is not a new fund and this is

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not any new programs or procedures. The Department of the AG, the Attorney General's Office, the Department of Human Services, they already have access to apply grants from this fund. It's simply allowing it and specifying in law who these funds can... can access it and adding the Veterans Assistance Commission and the veterans service organizations to help assist with this."

Ammons: "And so, the Veterans Assistance Commissions at the county levels can access funds, I guess grant funds, through this new... well, not new program, but through this stream of funding that's available already?"

Kifowit: "Correct, Ma'am. They can access this just like other organizations. Institutions of higher education can access these funds. Native American organizations can access these funds, social services, 501(c)(3)s. There is a long list of organizations that can apply for these grants, and we are just adding the Veterans Assistance Commissions and the veteran service organizations."

Ammons: "I think that's a nice add to the VACs, as we passed legislation requiring some changes to VAC last year, and counties are certainly struggling to figure out how to fund those VACs at... at the level that we passed it on. So, I appreciate you adding that. And then lastly, do you know how much is... was in the fund last year that was made available?"

Kifowit: "I do have that. It would be... one moment. The Comptroller did... and it is accessible on the Comptroller's website, but I do apologize for not having it at the ready. But I... I can give it to you on the record, or I can certainly hold for one moment while I pull it up."



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Ammons: "Well, we can... we can do it actually off the record. I just wanted to... we were not aware. And certainly, after you add the VACs, this makes this, certainly, a great option for counties who have to comply with the law around the VACs, and this is a great way to try to support the local."

Kifowit: "Thank you."

Ammons: "So, I appreciate your efforts here. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Representative. I just got it ahead of me. It is fund 0865. It has 224 million in it, and it received about \$9.3 million into it already. So, \$233,000,696 is currently in that fund."

Rita: "Representative Kifowit to close."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the General Assembly. I appreciate your support and your 'aye' vote on this legislation."

Speaker Rita: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 280 pass?' All in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; all opposed say (sic-vote) 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Clerk, take the record. With 111 voting 'yes', no one voting 'no', no one voting 'present', this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 303, Representative Croke. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 303, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Croke."

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Speaker Rita: "Representative Croke on the Amendment."

Croke: "The Amendment is a gut and replace and becomes the Bill, and I'm happy to discuss that once it is adopted."

Speaker Rita: "Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments? Rep. Croke moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. It's amended. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Croke."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Croke on the Amendment."

Croke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #3 extends our existing moratorium for Chicago Public Schools from 2025 to 2027."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Croke moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor... #3. All those in favor say 'aye'; and put... 'nay' opposed. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments, but a racial impact note has been requested and has not yet been filed."

Speaker Rita: "Out of the record. All right, we're going to move to House Bill 305, Katz Muhl. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 305, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Katz Muhl."

Speaker Rita: "Representative, you're recognized for the Floor Amendment."

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Katz Muhl: "Thank you. This is a gut and replace Amendment that we need to adopt, please."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Katz Muhl moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; the opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 305, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Katz Muhl on..."

Katz Muhl: "Thank you. This is a good government consolidation Bill. It will remove the last 10 of an entity that was created back in 1819 and abolished everywhere statewide in 1962, releasing the last 10 percent of school districts in the state from this restriction and leveling the playing field so that they, like the other 90 percent of school districts in our state, can make the best decisions for their district about efficiency for treasurer services. I appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Rita: "She indicates she does."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Approximately how many school districts are affected by this Bill?"

Katz Muhl: "About 90, the final 10 percent."

Windhorst: "You said 90, 9-0?"

Katz Muhl: "Correct."

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Windhorst: "Have those school districts expressed any opposition or concern to you about the Bill?"

Katz Muhl: "The school districts at this point are working through what options they would pursue among the menu of things that are used by the other 90 percent in the state."

Windhorst: "But as far as this change in law, do they support it or oppose it?"

Katz Muhl: "I would say at this point there's a mix of opinions."

Windhorst: "A concern that apparently our side has been made aware of is that some school districts feel like they're going to have to reinvent their business offices if this Bill were to pass. If you could address that concern."

Katz Muhl: "Fortunately, that is not the case. If they are entirely satisfied with their current arrangement, they can use a modern intergovernmental services agreement to keep everybody in place exactly as they are."

Windhorst: "There, I believe, is a reference in the Bill to intergovernmental agreements. Is it envisioned that those agreements will be between school districts or between which units of government?"

Katz Muhl: "Between the school districts would be the vision that I have in mind."

Windhorst: "And they... those school districts work together for these treasurer services. Is that how you see that?"

Katz Muhl: "Correct, as they would for any other shared staff member."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Morgan's recognized."

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

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Speaker Rita: "Indicates she will."

Morgan: "Representative, this deals with townships. Is that correct?"

Katz Muhl: "Specifically, township school boards of trustees, which are a different entity."

Morgan: "And can you please name all of them for us?"

Katz Muhl: "I can. Bremen, Bloom, Maine, Niles, Worth, Thornton. Do you want all the rest?"

Morgan: "Did you miss any, Representative?"

Katz Muhl: "I might've, but I can read them all if you'd like."

Morgan: "Well, I just want... you're asking this Body to support this legislation, and we want to make sure all the townships are recognized if this might impact them. It's okay, Representative. To the Bill. This is the Representative's first Bill, and I just want to congratulate her. We're really proud of her work in the short period of time she's been in the General Assembly. This is a good Bill. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Tarver's recognized."

Tarver: "Will Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Rita: "Indicates she will."

Tarver: "You said this is from what year? How long has this been on the books?"

Katz Muhl: "1819 was the origination."

Tarver: "I thought that's what you said. Who was the State Rep. in your district in 1819?"

Katz Muhl: "I would have to research that question, Representative."

Tarver: "Okay. Get back to me."

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Katz Muhl: "No problem."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Davis is recognized."

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

Speaker Rita: "Indicates she will."

Davis, W.: "Representative, you and I had a conversation about this Bill. And I think, in theory, I understand where you're going and relatively support what you're attempting to do. I know a couple of my local school boards had some challenges with their trustees of schools and the decisions that were being made. And I think we even filed a Bill previously to try to allow them to move to another township or something... something of that nature, but we know some recent opposition has come up to it. And I just... for clarity's sake, it's my understanding that they tried to reach and have a conversation with you about it and... did that ever happen?"

Katz Muhl: "It did. And I have talked to them, and we are continuing to converse as people figure out which of the different modern governmental models they wish to transition to."

Davis, W.: "Okay. So, we anticipate additional work on this Bill. Would that be fair?"

Katz Muhl: "The Bill as written already covers all of the options, just like the other 90 percent of school districts in the state have had for 60-plus years. But I am happy to continue talking to any of the remaining 10 percent of districts about what option they'd let... thinks best fits their district."

Davis, W.: "So, you said it encompasses everything. So, it allows them to pick and choose because... and I'm talking about

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specifically the organization ED-RED. I believe they were ones that showed the most opposition. And I told you when we talked about it that there was one person in particular from out my way that I wanted to get some clarity on. So, to my knowledge, he doesn't support the effort. To my knowledge. Now, you're saying that you are... are encompassing multiple pathways to do this. So, again, for clarity's sake, does that mean a school district who wants to keep their... to keep their treasurer, the person, can keep the treasurer, even though they may not like the trustees, the (unintelligible)."

Katz Muhl: "They absolutely can contract with any individual of their choice, including the existing treasurer, including the specific one you're referencing, with whom I did have a conversation and with whom I will continue to talk."

Davis, W.: "Okay. So, just for the sake... so, I just want to be clear that if I vote for the Bill that this dialogue will continue in the Senate to ultimately land the plane?"

Katz Muhl: "Absolutely. If they want to keep him as their treasurer, they simply have to do a modern intergovernmental agreement to do that."

Davis, W.: "Okay, then. Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Rita: "Indicates she will."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Representative, am I correct in... in understanding that this is your first Bill?"

Katz Muhl: "It is."

Gong-Gershowitz: "And is this the type of Bill that we can expect to see from you coming forward, you know, the level of

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excitement around consolidating units of government, saving taxpayer money, creating more government efficiency?"

Katz Muhl: "I sure hope so."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Have you had a chance to talk to any of the impacted said school board trustees about their opinion about this Bill?"

Katz Muhl: "Some have reached out, but my own school district was one of the ones who participated in an effort last year that I want to thank you for leading to help us be on par with the other 90 percent of school districts. And I'm excited to bring those opportunities to the last 10 percent."

Gong-Gershowitz: "To the Bill. I... I want to commend Representative Katz Muhl for bringing forward what I think is a commonsense solution. This doesn't mandate anything for anyone. It just gives school boards the option of eliminating an unnecessary... for... duplicative governmental body. And I want to commend the... the Sponsor. And congratulations, Representative."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Didech."

Didech: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Rita: "Indicates she will."

Didech: "Representative, I have a follow-up to Representative Morgan's question. I was very impressed by your knowledge of Cook County townships, but lest you forget, you represent a small but very important portion of Lake County. So, for the Body, can you name all the Lake County townships?"

Katz Muhl: "Vernon Township, Ela Township, Waukegan Township. I need to get back to you to do all of them or to do them in alphabetical order, but I love my Lake County friends too."



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Didech: "For a freshman, that's a good start. Congratulations on your first Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Katz Muhl to close."

Katz Muhl: "Thank you for your support, and I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Rita: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 305 pass?' All in favor vote... oh, hold on here, I may have messed up. The question is, 'Shall House Bill 305 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Clerk, take the record. With a hundred vote... 104 voting 'yes', 3 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present', this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3334, Representative Lilly. 334. Out of the record. House Bill 340, Representative Mussman. Clerk, could you read the Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 340, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Mussman."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Mussman on House Floor Amendment #1."

Mussman: "Are we doing House Floor Amendment #1? Hang on. Didn't we already adopt that? Sorry. I was not ready for that one. House Floor... it's okay. It's okay. I was..."

Speaker Rita: "It's okay."

Mussman: "It was on the wrong page, and I was super confused. I apologize. House Floor Amendment #1 actually becomes the

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Bill. And House Floor #2 makes small modifications to the language that does not change the substance of the Bill. And basically, what we are doing is we are indicating that when we were talking about IEP meetings, which a few years ago we set up so that parents would receive a notification prior to the meeting and receive materials related to the meeting so that they could be prepared, that they receive the materials three days in advance. In general, most schools are participating with that, but some schools have not been very timely. This legislation simply indicates that when a parent receives notification of the date of their meeting, they'll receive notification of the day on which they will receive the material related to their meeting. I am unaware of any opposition."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Mussman moves for the adoption of House Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; and those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Mussman."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Mussman, I think you explained Floor Amendment #2. Is that correct?"

Mussman: "Yes. Again, Floor Amendment #2 simply modifies a few words. We had a little bit of confusion with LRB. And, again, it doesn't change the substance of the Bill. It just clarifies on which day you are going to receive notification of when you'll receive your materials."

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Speaker Rita: "Representative Mussman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 340, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Mussman on House Bill 340."

Mussman: "Yep, sorry for the confusion. We have explained the Bill multiple times. It is simply stating the day on which a parent should anticipate receiving the materials that are related to the IEP meeting that they will have at least three days later so that they are prepared for the meeting."

Speaker Rita: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 340 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; the opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. With 110 voting 'yes', no one voting 'no', no one voting 'present', this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Sosnowski."

Sosnowski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would you please let the record reflect that I meant to vote 'yes' on House Bill 305?"

Speaker Rita: "The record will reflect it. House Bill 1836... or House Bill 1837, Representative Hammond. Leader Hammond. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1837, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No

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Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Hammond."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Hammond on the Amendment."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 1837 provides that the burning of landscape waste would apply in a county with less than 50 thousand people and more than 750 feet from a residence by a person that is engaged in that business, not everyday residents, and would be for agricultural purposes. Be happy to take any questions."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Hammond, so that... we're on Floor Amendment #1."

Hammond: "Oh, okay. 1 is out, 2 replaces it. Sorry."

Speaker Rita: "Would you like to withdraw Amendment #1?"

Hammond: "Withdraw Amendment #1."

Speaker Rita: "Amendment #1 is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Hammond."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Hammond on Floor Amendment 2."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I refer to what I just said, and I'm just enamored with the process. Thank you. Appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Hammond moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And it is... the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1837, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Hammond on the Bill."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Happy to take any question. Appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Rita: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1837 pass?' All those in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; all those opposed say (sic-vote) 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Take the record. With 111 voting 'yes', no one voting 'no', on one voting 'present', this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2363, Representative Smith. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2363, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Smith on the... Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2363, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Smith."

Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2363, the Committee Amendment creates the Clean Lighting Act. The Bill provides that, beginning January 1, 2026, newly manufactured screw or bayonet-based type compact fluorescent lamps cannot be sold or distributed. And then on January 1, 2027, newly manufactured pin-base type compact fluorescent lamps or linear fluorescent lamps cannot be sold or distributed. We...

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the original Bill had some opposition, therefore the House Committee Amendment 1 either moved that opposition to neutral or removed it at all. So, with the Amendment, we no longer have opposition and there are many exemptions in this Amendment that we feel will satisfy anyone that may not vote 'yes'."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Severin's recognized."

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

Speaker Rita: "Indicates he will."

Severin: "Thank you, Representative. And I appreciate the conversation we had just a few minutes ago. And I appreciate the exemptions that have been specified in this Bill, but there's still some items that have been brought to my attention that are of concern. Some dental shade matching, which is a special type of a fluorescent bulb, some automotive paint booth lighting is a special type of a bulb. It's a fluorescent. Also, I wasn't aware of this one, but the grain inspection lighting is a special fluorescent bulb that wasn't in your specifications of exemptions. Also, some movie set lighting, some aquarium lighting, and some special sign lighting, Representative, that are some special fluorescent bulbs that were not in that... those exemptions. Is that something that you could amend it to that? So, we were down on that in committee. And we'd like to be with you on that. But I will tell you that those particular items that are a specificity that are important to those different businesses, they've got to have those bulbs to be able to do what they need to do."

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Smith: "Well, thank you, Representative, for your questions and comments and concerns. We do have several exemptions, as I mentioned before, in this Amendment. Lamps designed and marketed exclusively for image capture or projection, including photocopying, printing, lithography, film, and holograms even that's exempted. So, I think some of those fall into that category, especially the movie lights and other stuff that you mentioned. We also have an exemption for ultraviolet lights. We're exempting lamps designed and marketed exclusively for medical and veterinary diagnosis or treatment; lamps designed exclusively the manufacturing of quality control and pharmaceutical products; lamps designed and marketed exclusively for spectroscopy and photometric applications; again, UV, molecular, atomic, et cetera; lamps used in academic and research institutions for projects and experiments; and then also compact lamps that are used as replacement lamps in motor vehicles made before January 2020, and also the ones that are sold on or before January of '28 are exempt if there is no LED alternative. So, nothing in this Bill can be construed as limiting the ability of utilities also to offer energy efficient lighting and lamp recycling programs as savings based on fluorescent technology. So, we have a lot of exemptions. I... as we discussed a few minutes ago, I believe some of the exemptions that I just named will satisfy some of the concerns that you have. I'm not sure if they satisfy all of those concerns, but we've come a very long way from the original Bill."

Severin: "I... I appreciate that information, and I appreciate those different exemptions that have been made. I will say, at this

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time, I'm going to have to be a 'no' on this. But, again, I appreciate all those different exemptions that you have worked on to getting. I'm hoping that if this passes in the House and it gets over to, you know, where that we can address those things. I'm not going to say it."

Smith: "Thank you, Representative, for not saying it. And thank you for your ability and... and always willing to negotiate with me."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Smith to close."

Smith: "Everyone, except Representative Severin, please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Rita: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2363 pass?' All those in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; those 'nay'... opposed say (sic-vote) 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Clerk, take the record. With 73 voting 'yes', 37 voting 'no', no one voting 'present', this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3288, Representative Ness. Out of the record. House Bill 3503, Representative Hauter. Out of the record. House Bill 4171, Representative Kifowit. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4171, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Kifowit."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Kifowit on the Amendment."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment just makes some clarifying language to the Bill, and it just specifies that the Bill is, right now, for the United States Marine Corps



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Semper Fidelis Memorial Highway and no other branches. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Kifowit moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; and the opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4171, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is an initiative from the United States Marine Corps Coordinating Council of Illinois. It is to provide designation on I-80 in honor of the 250th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps. It designates that between mile markers 26 and 51 will be designated the United States Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Memorial Highway Act and the U.S. Marine Corps Highway Semper Fidelis. I ask for your support."

Speaker Rita: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4171 pass?' All those in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; all those opposed say (sic-vote) 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Clerk, take the record. With 111 voting 'yes', no one voting 'no', on one voting 'present', this Bill receiving the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4179, Representative Meier. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4179, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4179, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Meier."

Meier: "Yes, House Bill 4179 was brought to me because all the problems we're starting to have in rural Illinois. Federal government, when they make their payments back from Medicare and Medicaid ambulance trips, is only paying a maximum of 40 percent of that money. The for-profit ambulances are leaving rural Southern Illinois. Our fire departments are not allowed to transport people to the hospitals from wrecks or calls they go on. The EMTs can go there, but they can't transport them. We've had to find a way to go out there and make something happen. So, this Bill is a companion Bill to the one we passed last year. And that one allowed towns, counties, townships to go across their lines into other lines to make a district be possible. This allows them to go up to a point eight with a referendum vote by their taxpayers to do it so they can fund these services. We do not have enough ambulances there. We have no way of transporting people from hospitals because some towns have already taken three ambulances down to one. So, this gives the voters the right to say, hey, we need more service, we are willing to pay for it."

Speaker Rita: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4179 pass?' All in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; the opposed say (sic-vote)

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'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Clerk, take the record. With 105 voting 'yes', no one voting 'no', no one voting 'present', this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4180, Representative Syed. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4180, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Syed."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Syed on the Amendment."

Syed: "Thank you, Chair. House Bill 4180 aims to make another form of breast cancer screening called molecular breast imaging covered by insurance. This Bill simply recognizes that for some people with dense breast tissue, mammography is not enough to catch breast cancer. People with dense breast tissue, which is 40 to 50 percent of all women, need to have options available to them to ensure that their breast cancer is found, one option being molecular breast imaging. This Bill was brought to me by a constituent named Leslie. Leslie was diagnosed with stage IV breast cancer in November of 2017 when abnormalities were found during a routine bone density scan. Unfortunately, her cancer was not visible on either mammogram or a sonogram. Leslie approached me to work on this Bill so more women with breast cancer can become survivors. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Syed moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say

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'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4180, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Syed."

Syed: "I believe everyone remembers everything I just said, so I please urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Windhorst."

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

Speaker Rita: "Yes, she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, I believe on the underlying Bill the Illinois Radiological Society was opposed. Does the Amendment remove their opposition?"

Syed: "No, it does not."

Windhorst: "All right. And what concerns did they express in their opposition?"

Syed: "So, they have not... they have not denied that NBI works. They simply believe that we just need a bit more data to show that NBI should be a go-to screening modality. But the good news is this Bill doesn't make it a go-to screening modality. It just allows for another option for women with dense breast tissue to get screenings."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Syed to close."

Syed: "I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Rita: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4180 pass?' All those in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; all those opposed say

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(sic-vote) 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. With 111 voting 'yes', no one voting 'no', no one voting 'present', this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4196, Representative Moylan. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4196, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Moylan."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Moylan on the Amendment."

Moylan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment just clarifies some technicalities in the Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Moylan moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4196, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Moylan."

Moylan: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr. Speaker. This Bill requires the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to establish a Fleet Electrification Incentive Program. Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Rita: "Indicates he will."

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Windhorst: "What are we hoping to accomplish with the legislation?  
What's the ultimate goal that we'd like to see happen?"

Moylan: "I was hoping that we would move forward to having more  
vehicles and get... and some kind of incentive to promote  
electricity and save the environment."

Windhorst: "Is there a cost attributed to this?"

Moylan: "I'm... I think that we put in the Bill that only when... if  
the money is available. That's what counts. Towards the end."

Windhorst: "It appears that the legislation is subject to  
appropriation. If it were appropriated fully, do we know what  
that cost would be?"

Moylan: "I don't have it, but it's available. But I'd make sure  
that it would only be... this Bill would only be if the money  
was appropriated. May I add that this Bill is being promoted  
and proposed by an Illinois company?"

Windhorst: "And it looks like that the eligible electric vehicles  
will be located within equity investment eligible  
communities. What... what are those?"

Moylan: "Well, there's certain communities that are eligible  
(unintelligible)."

Windhorst: "I'm sorry, I didn't hear that."

Moylan: "Some of the communities that are eligible for this  
proposal."

Windhorst: "It's the same term as under the Energy Transition  
Act. Is that the.."

Moylan: "It will just take a second."

Windhorst: "Yes."

Moylan: "It means the same... yeah, the same as the Energy  
Transition Act. Thank you."

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Windhorst: "And this is basically to incentivize Illinois to electrify its fleet vehicles, school buses, and semi-trucks."

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

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Keicher."

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

Speaker Rita: "Indicates he will."

Keicher: "Okay. Just to clarify, I couldn't hear some of the answers back here. This is subject to appropriations, correct?"

Moylan: "Yes, Sir."

Keicher: "Okay. And this is an optional. If schools want to apply for the grant, they are able to apply for the grant. It doesn't require compliance, correct?"

Moylan: "Yes, Sir. That was the language that we agreed to."

Keicher: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative McLaughlin."

McLaughlin: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Rita: "Indicates he will."

McLaughlin: "Representative, quick question here."

Moylan: "Yes, Sir."

McLaughlin: "As a former mayor in a town of 37 square miles, and I... excuse me, Ma'am, I'm trying to... I'm sorry. I couldn't hear myself. The gross vehicle weight, Representative, is... are there any restrictions? Have you talked to IDOT about what this is going to do in the middle of winter as the frost under the roadway raises..."

Moylan: "Yes."

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McLaughlin: "...the asphalt and we're running 34-thousand-pound vehicles over those roadways? Has IDOT chimed in? I'm... I'm just a little concerned. Although, I'm sure our Illinois roadbuilders will be very excited at this potential, but I'm not sure about IDOT."

Moylan: "Yes. There were concerns addressed by different entities, and we tried to address them all."

McLaughlin: "And their concerns were road damage from heavy vehicles, or what were their concerns?"

Moylan: "Some of the same concerns that you stated."

McLaughlin: "That we would have significant road damage with the weight of the vehicles in the middle of winters as our roads expand due to the moisture underneath the roadways?"

Moylan: "Well, there's some detail, but, yes. Their concerns... they had some concerns, and we addressed them the best we could."

McLaughlin: "Okay. To the Bill. As a... and I... I love the concept, Representative. I just know from experience that garbage trucks weight limits are posted on many of our rural roadways for reasons that the damage done by significantly heavy vehicles will exacerbate the cost of many of our communities. So, before we get all excited to electrify trucks, heavy buses, and vehicles, I... Representative, I would love to have IDOT's opinion on what the potential impact would be for road construction costs. But I... but I thank you for the Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Crespo."

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

Speaker Rita: "Indicates he will."



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Crespo: "Representative Moylan, so it states here that the EPA should establish a Fleet Electrification Incentive Program, known as FEI. What's... what's the funding source for that program?"

Moylan: "It's all subject to appropriations."

Crespo: "I understand, but is it GRF? Is it other state funds? Is it federal grants?"

Moylan: "It's not clearly stated."

Crespo: "I'm sorry, what was that?"

Moylan: "It's not clearly stated."

Crespo: "Do we know any idea how... how much money we're talking about?"

Moylan: "All the vehicles are divided into classifications, Representative. Depends on size of the vehicle. We broke it down to classifications of size of vehicles, how much they weigh, and that decides the amount... amount that we would be providing them."

Crespo: "Has the EPA..."

Moylan: "It's just like the EV... just like the EV program that we already instituted."

Crespo: "Okay. But, again, we don't know what the cost is going to be, nor do we know if it's going to come from the General Revenue Fund, other state funds, fees, or federal grants."

Moylan: "It's similar to other EV programs that are around the state, Representative. We did extensive work, and this is mostly a company that provides and manufactures electrical batteries and other equipment is one the prime sponsors of this in the State of Illinois."

Crespo: "Thank you."

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Moylan: "Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Caulkins."

Caulkins: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Rita: "Indicates he will."

Caulkins: "Representative, do we make electric buses in Illinois?"

Moylan: "We make... we provide batteries for electric buses."

Caulkins: "But we don't actually produce electric school buses, then, in Illinois?"

Moylan: "Not that... most plants do not have a single processing equipment like that."

Caulkins: "So, does this Bill give preference to the Illinois electric school buses? Are we going to give preference..."

Moylan: "Well, we don't make electric school buses. We're trying to help a company in Illinois, which has... which has Illinois residents working at the facility to... to provide for their families. And by incentivizing electrical batteries to use in electrical buses, this would help all Illinois... Illinois residents. Lion Electric in Joliet produces buses."

Caulkins: "So, they don't actually produce the bus, then? I'm..."

Moylan: "Lion Electric, they do."

Caulkins: "They do produce electric school buses?"

Moylan: "Yes, Sir."

Caulkins: "So, does your Bill give them some preference? Are we going to give preference to an Illinois company?"

Moylan: "Well, they're all... they have to apply for rebates just like everybody else. And it's all designed in categories."

Caulkins: "Well, I think we ought to be helping our own industry here..."

Moylan: "I agree with you a hundred percent."

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Caulkins: "...if we're using taxpayer money."

Moylan: "I agree with you a hundred percent."

Caulkins: "Will you fix that then?"

Moylan: "I'm going to pass this Bill today, and we'll work on it, a... another Bill to make sure we get that... the thing that today is important is that we help our Illinois residents make a good and comfortable living by providing them with a means to make that about. And that's what my Bill is all about, making a green country and green state and helping our residents."

Caulkins: "Thank you."

Moylan: "Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Meier."

Meier: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Rita: "Indicates he will."

Meier: "How many extra IDOT trucks will we have to have because of this Bill?"

Moylan: "I'm not sure. It's not part of this issue."

Meier: "Well, it is because..."

Moylan: "No, I don't agree with that at all."

Meier: "The batteries in these trucks weigh about 30 percent of the load that that IDOT truck would be carrying. So, now we have to have more IDOT trucks out there salting our roads because they'll have smaller loads on them. They're not legally allowed to haul a larger load because of the weight. We'll have to have more drivers. We'll have to have more license on them. And so, there will be a cost to the state of these extra vehicles and the extra employees to drive them. Going green is good. We need to work there, but we have to look at the extra cost as we go and make sure we factor them

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in. And also, remember that the lifespan of a battery when it's 10 or 20 below zero and they're salting roads is a lot shorter than that truck when it's 45 or 50 outside. And we could have workers stranded on the road in conditions and not able even get back to the IDOT yards. So, I believe this Bill isn't quite ready yet until we can address them. Thank you."

Moylan: "I don't agree with that at all."

Speaker Rita: "Leader Gabel."

Gabel: "Speaker, please excuse Leader Evans for the rest of the day."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Blair-Sherlock."

Blair-Sherlock: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Rita: "Indicates he will."

Blair-Sherlock: "Thank you. Isn't it true that electric buses require less maintenance than regular buses?"

Moylan: "Yes... yes, Ma'am. That's correct."

Blair-Sherlock: "And isn't it also true that we have federal funds and are expanding our electrical infrastructure in the State of Illinois?"

Moylan: "Yes, that's correct."

Blair-Sherlock: "And these funds will be available for the school districts to put in the electrical charging stations that they would need?"

Moylan: "Yes, Ma'am."

Blair-Sherlock: "And isn't it also true that the school districts will be saving significant funds on fuel costs?"

Moylan: "That's correct."

Blair-Sherlock: "Thank you. I support this Bill. I urge a 'yes' vote."

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Speaker Rita: "Representative Moylan to close."

Moylan: "For the sakeness of jobs, the green environment, and overall good economy, I really respect and would like an 'aye' vote. And thank you very much, Ladies and Gentlemen. Let's move forward."

Speaker Rita: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4196 pass?' All in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; all opposed say (sic-vote) 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. 68... 69 voting 'yes', 38 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. This Bill, receiving the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Severin."

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

Speaker Rita: "State your point."

Severin: "I'd like to welcome, in the gallery, it's on the Republican side this afternoon, Ewing Grade School. One of their projects they do each year for the eighth grade class, they've done this for many decades, is they come to Springfield. They take tours of the Capitol. They come and spend a couple days in Springfield. So, I'd like to welcome the Ewing... the Ewing Warrior Grade School eighth grade class to Springfield. If you would welcome them, I would appreciate it very much. Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Welcome to Springfield. Next is House Bill 4241, Representative Elik. Out of the record. How about... Representative Elik, how about House Bill 4255? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4255, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. The Bill was read for a second time

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previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Elik."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Elik on the Amendment."

Elik: "The Amendment includes language that Illinois State Police have recommended and becomes the Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Elik moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4255, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Elik."

Elik: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 4255 will allow various emergency service vehicles, including tow trucks, to use green lights in their light bar, along with amber and white lights that they currently use at the scene of emergencies. It is permissive. It is not a mandate. The green light option, again, is for tow trucks at the scene of an incident, but also the Amendment includes some other vehicles recommended by ISP, including state maintenance vehicles, IDOT emergency patrol vehicles, Illinois tollway vehicles, and some municipality highway maintenance vehicles. And that is when they are engaged in a maintenance or emergency service. I do not know of any remaining opposition or concerns with Amendment 2, and I'm happy to take any questions."

Speaker Rita: "Leader McCombie. Representative Cassidy."

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Cassidy: "Thank you. Representative, our analysis says that the Ambulance Association is opposed. Are they still?"

Elik: "They're not. They were opposed to the original Bill. And on Amendment 2, which provided green lights, they were neutral. I have not heard from them since Amendment... since this latest Amendment here."

Cassidy: "Great. Thank you. Appreciate it."

Elik: "Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Elik to close."

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

Speaker Rita: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4255 pass?' All in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; those opposed say (sic-vote) 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. With 107... with 107 voting 'yes', no one voting 'no', no one voting 'present', this Bill, receiving the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader McCombie."

McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. Just a point of personal privilege. I would like to take this time to say happy birthday to Representative Davis, and very glad that he's got some of his family here with him today."

Speaker Rita: "Happy birthday. House Bill 4274, Representative Swanson. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4274, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Swanson."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Swanson on the Amendment."

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Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is Amendment is drafted with the Illinois Department of Public Health, and it... it provides a list of requirements for the Illinois Department of Public Health to draw up policy and plans to address a school nurse or designated representative to remove a tick from a child in school."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Swanson moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Rita: "Third Reading. And read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4274, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Swanson."

Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we see more and more ticks in Illinois and we see more and more cases of Lyme disease, we want to address the concern of a young child in school being attacked by a tick and coming down with Lyme disease. So, what this does, it gives the schools... protects the school nurses from any liabilities. It also addresses the Illinois Department of Public Health to draw up plans and policies to help school districts to adopt, as their school boards, as their policy for the school, to remove a tick."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Rita: "Indicates he will."



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Stuart: "Thank you. And thank you, Representative Swanson. And you and I have had lots of talks about ticks. Three committee hearings on this alone. And I think we all... we all probably learned more about ticks than we wanted to, but probably a lot of the information that we do need to know about ticks. As we've talked about in that committee... and you and I have had a lot of conversations outside of that as well, too. I know that you're aware of the concerns I have with this Bill, things that I think that we could do differently than what's in this Bill to help move this forward and bring attention and the information that people do need to know about ticks. I've shared with you that I have a family member affected with a tick-borne disease. So, I'm very, very much concerned about this issue. I also spent many years as a summer camp counselor in... in the northeast where ticks have been heavy for a long time. And we got trained on, you know, tick removal and all of that stuff. And we take the precautions, and we use DEET, and we wear the long socks and everything else to protect ourselves from ticks. And I hope everybody learns that information. I have... I have a lot of concerns with this Bill. I don't want to take forever to talk about it. In... in your Bill, do you still have medical language in statute that has to be in the letter that is sent home to parents?"

Swanson: "That language is in there is provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health. When we did our stakeholders meeting, the language that is in this Bill is that language that was provided by the Illinois to public health when working with the... when working with them on Amendment #2."

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Stuart: "So, the... the Illinois Department of Public Health, who are medical professionals and they work with CDC, there... there is currently language about what we medically know about the symptoms of Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, and the percentage of time that a tick bite may lead to Lyme disease and things, but over time, those recommendations have changed. And it's possible that those recommendations will change in the future. And that is this... this medical directives, this medical advice may be different in the future, but we are writing it into law instead of just saying to use what is currently on the IDPH website and... if that ever gets updated."

Swanson: "And that's... that's correct, but this language is very generic, as we talked about in committee. Very generic in the fact that it... it identifies the most common ticks we have here in Illinois. It identifies the most common symptoms to look for in Illinois. And I think these are all the same as Illinois Department of Public Health, as we put this together, are same symptoms that have been around for years and years, as we..."

Stuart: "Can... can I ask you, is the..."

Swanson: "Sure."

Stuart: "...IDPH in favor of your Bill right now?"

Swanson: "IDPH has helped with the... put this Amendment #2 together."

Stuart: "Are they in favor of your Bill, or are they in opposition to your Bill, Representative?"

Swanson: "IDPH is, as far as I understand, when we did the second Amendment, they were neutral."

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Stuart: "But they are not in favor of your Bill?"

Swanson: "They are not in favor..."

Stuart: "Although... so, they provided language, but they are still not..."

Swanson: "They're... they're still hesitant."

Stuart: "...they are still not proponents of your Bill?"

Swanson: "Correct."

Stuart: "And... and in committee, what I understood was they are not in favor of the Bill because you are putting medical language into statute. So, we, as lawmakers, are trying to say what is proper medical language. And also, there are parts of things in your Bill that go against CDC recommendations."

Swanson: "Correct. And as I said in committee, this Body in 2018 went against CDC... CDC guidance when we passed House Bill 4515, the Lauryn Russell Lyme Disease and Protection Act. In that Act, we gave doctors the ability to prescribe antibiotics longer than what CDC recommends."

Stuart: "We gave the doctors the ability to do it as their discretion. So, we left it to the discretion of a medical professional to make the best determination. And if information about what's the best treatment would change, a doctor could change because we just give them the opportunity to do that. That's different than what you're doing here, is putting medical language into statute. And I know we can change statute, but it took us three long committee hearings to just get to this. The process of changing it in statute is slow and deliberate for a reason. And I worry about putting a medical guidance that could change in the future. We are not doctors. I know we have some doctors amongst us, but we

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are not a body of doctors. And we are going to write medical language that will be in law instead of directing, in law, to consult current medical guidance."

Swanson: "And as I said, the language that was provided was by IDPH in this..."

Stuart: "I don't think IDPH gave you the language intending for you to say that this language is codified into law as to what is the mandated letter that gets sent out by every school district. It was a recommendation of this is our current guidelines that would be included now. That would be what's on the IDPH website. And then, if it were to change, we could tell the school districts to always use what's currently on the IDPH website."

Swanson: "And... and that's where we put in the legislation that the Lyme Disease Task Force and IDPH could make those recommendations for changes."

Stuart: "But we are writing those recommendations into law right now that that is the words that must be on the letter. And if that recommendation changes... if we pass this law... I don't know what the effective is. And if we pass it and this becomes law in July, so next year school districts have to write this letter, if it gets updated a month later, they can't change that letter until... give accurate information, the most current accurate information, to parents."

Swanson: "And as I said at the committee hearing, we'll continue the meetings with our stakeholders as the Senator brings this forward in the Senate also. Those..."

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Stuart: "Could your Bill require a school personnel, who is not a medical personnel, to have to remove a tick from the body of a child?"

Swanson: "After they receive the training, they would be able to remove that tick from a child. I see that no different..."

Stuart: "Would they be able, or are they compelled?"

Swanson: "They may. That's part of the language we changed, that they may. And as I brought up in the..."

Stuart: "Is there anything stopping a school personnel who... who is trained from being able to remove the tick from that child now if they have the permission of the parents?"

Swanson: "The parent must be notified first, prior to the tick being removed, and permission must be received from that parent."

Stuart: "But you may be... we have school nurses. Not all of our schools have nurses on site every day. And I know we have school nurses. I wish we could have more. But a designee who may not be a nurse, who may not be a medical professional will have to remove a tick, possibly a school principal or a school secretary."

Swanson: "No different than a school nurse or school secretary putting a Band-Aid on a child who skinned a knee on the playground."

Stuart: "You're asking them to remove a tick out of a child's body. That's... I'm not asking about Band-Aids."

Swanson: "Right."

Stuart: "And... and, again, I'm frustrated that we are putting medical language into code, and that might not be up to date in a month from now, and we are mandating that that language

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get sent out to parents. And we may not update it in time. And I... I just... I will just go to the Bill. I... we've talked about lots of ideas for how we could make sure that parents and everyone get the information they need, ways that we could put things into protection on things like permission slips, and when they go for their physicals every year to make sure that physicians are teaching parents like they do about inoculations and other things. I think we have alternate ways that we could get this very important information. I want it to be clear. I want as much tick and tick-borne information out there. I... this Bill has problems, and I... I would rather continue to work on that and bring back something better. Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Representative Swanson to close."

Swanson: "Speaker's off, there we go. I'm going to remove the Bill for now, but I want to remind the Body this is about protecting children, and that's what this Bill does. It protects the youngest of our children in our schools by removing a tick. We've all seen and we all know somebody with Lyme disease, and we all see the... the illnesses that they go through. And we passed 4515 in this Body several years ago and follow-on legislation. You all made a difference in Lyme disease. And I'm disappointed to see so many people working against this on the outside of this chamber, who are their responsibility to protect children, but yet they're fighting against this legislation that does just that, protect our children in our schools in removing ticks and protecting them from some of the... the most heinous and worst diseases that

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can overcome a child and have aftereffects throughout their entire life. Thank you."

Speaker Rita: "Mr.. Mr. Clerk, take the Bill out of the record. Leader Hoffman in the Chair."

Speaker Hoffman: "On page 9 of the Calendar, under the Order of Second Reading, appears House Bill 4276, Representative Yang Rohr. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4276, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Yang Rohr."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Yang Rohr on Floor Amendment #2."

Yang Rohr: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment becomes the Bill, and I ask that we discuss it during the regular discussion."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Yang Rohr moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4276. All those in favor indicate by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4276, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Yang Rohr."

Yang Rohr: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 4276 is a transparency Bill. It brings increased transparency to continuing care retirement communities. Almost every single one of us have one of these CCRCs in our districts. For residents going into these communities, a lot

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of times what they have to do is pay an entry fee. That entry fee is usually in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, if not a million dollars or more. Our constituents, our seniors are selling their homes, tapping into their retirement nest eggs to pay these... these entry fees. For these entry fees, a lot of them can be refunded. The problem is that these refunds sometimes are coming in much later than expected. Whereas, in a typical sales process, they... the sales person might say you will get your entry fee refund back within 16 months. What we are finding, a lot of times... what our constituents were finding is that it was taking much longer, two years, three years, five years or more. This Bill essentially makes sure that when a prospective resident is going into a CCRC, that they have data to show what is the actual time that people are experiencing to get their entry fees back. And I really appreciate the support from AARP on this. This is an issue that's important to seniors in our community, and I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

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

Windhorst: "Thank you. What are life care facilities?"

Yang Rohr: "The life care communities, they are for seniors. And what they do is, in exchange for... a typical model is, in exchange for that entry fee, you then have a place to... to age in place. And so, you can start with a more independent living space. And then as you age and if you need more services, you are, I don't know about guaranteed, but you... you have a place



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to... to receive those services, to receive that additional care."

Windhorst: "And it appeared on the underlying Bill there were several opponents. And then with the Amendment, it appears that LeadingAge is still opposed. Do you know what the nature of their opposition?"

Yang Rohr: "Yes. So, in the original Bill, there were some questions about maybe providing... the data being requested was too... too much that would... there was questions about whether it would affect their... their competitiveness. And so, working with LeadingAge, we took a lot of their feedback, we changed a lot of the data that was being required to... to be reported. And... and the Amendment that you see reflects their feedback. While LeadingAge is still an opponent, I will... I think it's important to note that we made a lot of changes to accommodate their requests. And there are other CCRCs that are not a part of LeadingAge that are completely fine with providing the transparency that's asked for."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Frese."

Frese: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Does Sponsor yield?"

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

Frese: "Yeah, we had quite a discussion about your Bill in our committee. And I know that AARP is strongly behind it and that you did do some... some dialoguing with LeadingAge, which led me to believe... I think... we had some opposition to it the first time it came through, and you came back with an Amendment. And then we came on board. Because I was kind of led to believe that LeadingAge was in the conversation, that

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they were now kind of neutral. But as... as you've said, and as I believe, they are not neutral, correct?"

Yang Rohr: "I believe in the committee, at that point, they had not slipped in opposition. We did have discussions with them that morning before... before committee to talk about their... their concerns. So, I..."

Frese: "Okay. Can you help me out with what that conversation was? What... where did that go with LeadingEdge... LeadingAge."

Yang Rohr: "In that conversation, they let me know that while they still had concerns, that they would not be testifying in committee that day over..."

Frese: "Right."

Yang Rohr: "...those concerns because they understood that there was broad support in the... in the Body."

Frese: "Was there, then, discussion with them that perhaps there's still a working... some work that needs to be done as this Bill moves through the process?"

Yang Rohr: "I... I think that they are probably always hopeful. I think the most important things to note here are the original Bill was a very different form of what you see now. There was much more data and financial disclosures and other disclosures required in the original Bill. Because of some of the concerns they had, we made sure to... to change it to something that was, I think, far more palatable... palatable to them. One of the things that I think we should also note as a Body is there is... there are a number of pieces of legislation that are trying to deal with very similar issues. And there are a number of pieces of legislation that have just passed around the country, the most recent one being in

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Arizona, that are, in fact, forcing these CCRCs to return that entry fee money on a... a much tighter time frame. And so, this Bill is not that. This Bill only seeks to provide transparency to these people who are, again, handing over hundreds of thousands of dollars of... of their savings. And so, you know, when... when you're considering this Bill, I think what you need to think... well, not... what everyone should think about is, if you or if your parents or your grandparents are getting ready to hand over this... this giant check, what are the pieces of information, what are the data points that you would want to see to make sure that you are going into this with your eyes wide open? And this Bill is trying to do that."

Frese: "I don't want to jump to conclusions or assume anything, but I'm gathering from your conversation with... with the group that you have listened to them and you've gone about as far as you want to go to take care of their complaints. Is that... could that be accurate? With LeadingAge."

Yang Rohr: "Well, LeadingAge would prefer that we did nothing. And I think, in this case, that's an untenable situation."

Frese: "Okay. And there's no way to meet halfway between? That discussion hasn't happened?"

Yang Rohr: "There had been many discussions already. And this Bill... you know, you can see, kind of, the progression of those discussion in the Amendments of the Bill. From the... from the introduced..."

Frese: "Okay."

Yang Rohr: "...version to what we have now, which is, I... I would contend, meeting them much more than halfway."

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Frese: "They're certainly not saying that the folks don't deserve to have their money back. They're just saying they need a window of time, and you're wanting to shrink that window. Is that..."

Yang Rohr: "No. There's... there's actually nothing that is opining on the window length. The only thing it is asking for in this Bill is to tell these prospective buyers what is that window length. So, right now in the sales process... and this just happened to a family friend who paid \$400 thousand to get into a CCRC. And in that process, they said, you know, when... when you move out or if you pass away, you will get this money back in 16 months. And the reality is, that... that actually can vary pretty considerably. And we just want them... you know, if they're going to say 16 months, we just want them to... to be a little bit more accountable and show a document that shows this is the data, this is what the data actually says. Maybe it's 16 months, maybe it's 12 months, but we... we want to make sure that there is some hard data and not some more vague numbers."

Frese: "Yeah, I remember having... I remember having that discussion. And some of those time frames were expanded because it was during COVID, and COVID put restrictions and restraints on some activities that didn't allow for that quick. Was that not also what we discussed in the committee?"

Yang Rohr: "Yes. There were definitely discussions of that. I think LeadingAge had questions... had concerns that the data would reflect COVID numbers. So, we made sure in the Bill to say that only the most recent calendar year is required in these disclosures. So, if this Bill were to become law, the

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first calendar year that they'd be required to show would be 2024. And, you know, if in fact it is about 16 months on average to get your money back, that would be well past COVID effects."

Frese: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Yang Rohr to close."

Yang Rohr: "Thank you. I ask for the Body's 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4276 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed '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 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Morgan on House Bill 4346. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4346, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Morgan."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Morgan on Floor Amendment #2."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 is some cleanup that we discussed in committee. Specifically, it only changes the duration under which the Department on Aging is supposed to be providing a report to the public. There was discussion in committee about whether or not instead of moving from every quarter to every year, it would be better to move it every six months. That's what this Floor Amendment does."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Morgan moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4346. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Remain... move back to Second Reading, please. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Morgan."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Morgan on Floor Amendment #3."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is an initiative on the... of the Department on Aging. It deals with a variety of different aspects to improve the Community Care Program, many of which we're all familiar with. It deals with training, makes sure that the funding is getting to the health care providers that are providing this critical care, and deals with a variety of aspects about rates. There's no opposition. This was worked very closely through the committee, the association representing those who are involved with the Community Care Program and SEIU. Again, there's no opposition, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Morgan moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 4346. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4346, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Morgan."

Morgan: "My apologies, Mr. Speaker. I did adequately describe the aspects of this legislation. Again, this is an initiative of the Department on Aging. There is no opposition. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "Are there any costs associated with this legislation?"

Morgan: "There are not."

Windhorst: "We... and our analysis indicates there may be something for this program included FY25's budget. Do you know if that's accurate?"

Morgan: "I think it's included in FY25's budget in the sense that this is an ongoing program. I don't believe these changes in any way impact. My understanding from the department, this has no fiscal impact on FY24 or '25. This is an existing program that has no additional fiscal impact."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Morgan to close."

Morgan: "Urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4346 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed.

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Representative Croke on House Bill 4357. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4357, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Croke."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Croke on Floor Amendment #1."

Croke: "Thank you, Speaker. Floor... House Floor Amendment 1 is a gut and replace and becomes the Bill. Happy to have conversations once the Amendment is adopted."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Croke moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4357. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4357, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Croke."

Croke: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 4357 codifies regulations for laser hair removal treatment currently provided for by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation in administrative rulemaking. It basically... it basically would allow laser hair removal consultations, examinations, or procedures authorized by a physician to be formed by medical professionals like a licensed registered nurse or a nurse practitioner in an office or practice setting as long as the physician is available by two-way, real-time



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interactive communication. The Amendment brought the Med Society and the Nurses Association to neutral. And I know of no opposition at this time."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Windhorst."

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

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

Windhorst: "Thank you. You actually answered the question I was going to ask with your last comment. Initially, the State Med Society was opposed and the Amendment brought them to neutral at least?"

Croke: "Yes."

Windhorst: "So, there's no opposition to the Bill at this point?"

Croke: "No. I... I do know that we read.. as it pertains to opposition, I just want to be clear that IDFPR believes the language needs maybe additional clarification, while we believe that it does what it... it should. Those conversations, though, we will not prevent IDFPR from having them in the Senate if they want additional clarifying language, but it would be very technical in nature."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Croke to close."

Croke: "Please vote 'aye'."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4357 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining

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on page 9 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4446, Representative Didech. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4446, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Didech."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Didech on Floor Amendment #2."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment 2 incorporates technical language that was provided by the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Didech moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4446. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4446, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Didech."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4446 amends the dangerous animals provisions of the Criminal Code. It includes language requested by IDNR to clarify which parties are exempt from the provisions of this section. It includes language requested by the Motion Picture Association to ensure that production companies are not negatively impacted by this law. It updates the list of dangerous animals to be responsive to feedback we received from law enforcement and animal control professionals about emerging problems we have

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seen in Illinois and other states. Finally, it clarifies that the liability shield in the Veterinary Medicine and Practice Act is inclusive of treatment provided to the statutorily defined dangerous animals. Thank you for your consideration."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Keicher."

Keicher: "Mr. Speaker, please let the record reflect that Representative Randy Frese is excused for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Hoffman: "The record shall... shall so reflect. Leader McCombie."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

McCombie: "Representative, is there a penalty enhancement on this Bill?"

Didech: "No."

McCombie: "Doesn't create a new offense?"

Didech: "No."

McCombie: "Violation is a Class 3 misdemeanor which may carry a sentence of no more than 30 days in prison, no more than 2 years of probation, and a fine of no more than 1500 per violation each day, and a violation is a separate offense. That's not a penalty enhancement?"

Didech: "Well, that... that's the penalty for the current law. We're not changing that penalty. We are changing the definition of the animals that fall under this law."

McCombie: "Right. Okay, just a technical change in nature. Well, thank you for bringing this very serious piece of legislation forward. We appreciate it."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Windhorst on this question."

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

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

Windhorst: "Thank you. This would make it an offense to keep a serval, caracal, kangaroo, wallaby, any hybrid, intergrade, or cross as a dangerous animal. Is that accurate?"

Didech: "Correct."

Windhorst: "What is a serval?"

Didech: "A serval is a wild African cat. It cannot be domesticated. And in my opinion and in the opinion of animal control professionals and law enforcement, it has no place in a residential neighborhood."

Windhorst: "What is the approximate size of a mature serval?"

Didech: "They... they grow to be about 50 pounds."

Windhorst: "What is a caracal?"

Didech: "Similar to the serval. It is a large, dangerous, wild cat. It likewise grows to be about 40, 50 pounds. Likewise, law enforcement and animal control professionals advise us these are not appropriate in residential neighborhoods."

Windhorst: "You had mentioned that the State Veterinary Society... or State Veterinary Medical Association was opposed initially, and the Amendment brought them to neutral. What did the Amendment do to bring them to neutral?"

Didech: "Correct. So, the Amendment fixed two, what I would call, technical changes. One, there was a mismatch between terms of art we were using, the difference between whether something was approved or licensed, and we fixed that discrepancy. We also clarified in the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act that the liability shield that veterinarians have for treating animals also applies to the treatment of dangerous animals."

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Windhorst: "And to the prior discussion about penalty enhancements, this is a constant, ongoing discussion, not only from Bills... in Bills from this committee, but other committees. When one side offers a Bill like this, it's filling a loophole or covering an area that needs to be covered. When our side presents Bills that we feel, quote/unquote, 'fill loopholes', they aren't called for a vote."

Didech: "I... I mean, I take a little issue to that. We just considered on the floor less than an hour ago a Bill from your side of the aisle that, if government officials don't follow it, the provisions of Lyme disease and the prevention of making sure that ticks are people... are removed from people properly, you know, there's penalties associated with that. So, I... I don't think that's a very accurate representation of what we're doing today."

Windhorst: "Well, as someone who sits on that committee, I would take issue with that statement. In fact, the Leader who brought up the issue has a Bill dealing with DCFS workers that has been repeatedly brought before committee in attempt to get it passed through this Body and the Senate to become law, dealing with, of course, very serious issues with injuries to DCFS workers."

Didech: "And... and I support that Bill."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Bunting."

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

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

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Bunting: "Are you aware that, including several hybrids, you're including to be considered a domestic cat breed for many, many years, that the savannah breed is recognized by the International Cat Association and shown in cat shows across the world?"

Didech: "I... I am familiar with the issues with this Bill in relation to savannah cats. I have had conversations with the individuals from the Savannah Cat Society, and pursuant to their feedback, we are grandfathering in savannah cats. So, people will not be required to surrender savannah cats that they have in Illinois."

Bunting: "Just... just the savannah cat breed or all serval hybrids?"

Didech: "All... all serval hybrids are grandfathered in. Yes."

Bunting: "Currently grandfathered in. Anything from here on out going to be grandfathered as well? Moving from this point..."

Didech: "Well, no, no. What I... let me clarify. What I mean by grandfathered in is that if somebody has it today legally, they would not be required to surrender it. If this Bill were to be signed into law this year, it would go into effect January 1. They would not be able to acquire them after January 1."

Bunting: "Okay. And you have talked to folks from the savannah breed, and they're okay with that?"

Didech: "Yes. Well, I... I don't think they're okay with it. I... I consider this a compromise. I... but I... the original version of the Bill required all of the savannah cat owners to surrender their cats immediately like the other more dangerous animals. I listened to their feedback. I was persuaded that that

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wouldn't be an appropriate thing to do. So, we put into the Bill the grandfather provision, which was responsive to the concerns raised by the savannah cat groups."

Bunting: "So, in your opinion, then, this would not be an example of government overreach?"

Didech: "No, absolutely not. I... I think it is squarely within the bounds of what government should be doing to keep wild, dangerous animals out of our neighborhoods."

Bunting: "Do you know that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife has... has went ahead and passed the rabies vaccine for movement out of... out of the United States?"

Didech: "I don't think I'm familiar with what you're talking about."

Bunting: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Meier."

Meier: "I..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Meier."

Meier: "Okay. I... I listen to this and I wonder about, you know, who makes up their mind what a wild animal is. I hear a lot more about people being bit by dogs than I do about clawed by a kangaroo. Are we going to outlaw dogs next in the State of Illinois because of that? What are... what are we doing? And I know this... this will probably bring be a laugh here, but what are we going to do about Captain Kangaroo that lives in my county at a petting zoo? You know, this seems to be going too far. If people are doing this correctly, and we've had breeders raising them correctly... if you had an animal like this get loose in your town, let your town outlaw it. But why does the rest of the state have to be punished because of it?"

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Captain Kangaroo likes carrots. I don't like carrots, but he lives in my county. You know, the petting zoo has people come from several states to see all their different animals. And he's kind of a featured item, but you want to do away with that. You want to do away with people's livelihoods, their pets, and their family members. And just think about that because, if somebody gets bit by a dog, maybe we should outlaw all dogs in the State of Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Reick."

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

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

Reick: "It was kind of loud over here, I think, when you were discussing this, but I... I want to make sure that I... I heard it correctly. You know, we often have, when we pass a gun Bill or something, we give people 30 days to hand in their weapons and their FOID card and all that kind of stuff, and thereby avoid penalty. Is there similar protection in this Bill that, if it passes, I've got like 30 days to, you know, surrender my kangaroo?"

Didech: "There's no immediate effective date on this Bill. So, if it passes, it will go into effect January 1 of 2025."

Reick: "So, I'll have until, say, January 31 to surrender my kangaroo?"

Didech: "Depending on how it moves through the process, six months or so, you'll have to..."

Reick: "Six months..."

Didech: "...to work through those issues. Yes."

Reick: "...to surrender my kangaroo. Okay. Thank you. I appreciate that. Thank you."



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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Didech to close."

Didech: "Thank you, everybody, for this consideration of this very important Bill. I do want to clarify one thing that was said on the record, and I have good news for Representative Meier. Any animal that's in the possession of a federally licensed handler will be allowed to continue to stay in Illinois. The petting zoos are safe. We are not closing petting zoos in Illinois. But I... this is actually a very serious Bill that was brought to me by law enforcement. I want to explain to everybody exactly the problem that we are trying to solve. November 19, 2023 in Vernon Hills, dog walkers who encountered the serval described the animal as aggressive and unafraid and were chased and cornered by the animals. A police department representative stated, 'This was a stressed and agitated animal that proved extremely difficult to control. The serval frantically attempted to defeat its capture.' September 30, 2023 in Decatur, Illinois, a serval, who had been purchased two weeks earlier, escaped from his owner's apartment after a visitor left the door open. A Macon County sergeant described the animal as aggressive. June 23, 2019 in Bloomington, Illinois, a pet caracal escaped and attacked a woman and a six-year-old daughter as they walked down a sidewalk. The woman and her child were taken to the hospital and treated for puncture wounds from the bites. This is a very important Bill that law enforcement has asked us to pass. It will protect our communities. It will, in fact, bring jobs and economic opportunity to Illinois too because we have carved out the Motion Picture Association producers. They'll be able to film their movies, their TV shows, their

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streaming videos that will have these animals in them right here in Illinois. This is a great Bill. Please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4446 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 67 voting 'yes', 34 voting 'no', 3 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Andrade seeks recognition."

Andrade: "Mr. Speaker, point of information."

Speaker Hoffman: "State your point."

Andrade: "Mr. Speaker, on... on House Bill 303, have any Amendments been adopted?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "For House Bill 303, Floor Amendment 1 was adopted and Floor Amendment... Floor Amendment 1 was adopted and Floor Amendment #3 was adopted."

Andrade: "So, Amendments were adopted. So, now, I have a question, Mr. Speaker. According to House Rule 41..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Andrade, if you would come and speak to the parliamentarian on this. You're not recognized for this purpose."

Andrade: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "Thank you. On page 10 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4471, Representative Ammons. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4471, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. This Bill was read a second time previously. No

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Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4471, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4471 is a Bill that makes the LIHEAP program a permanent program in the State of Illinois to help low-income residents afford their energy assistance. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4471 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's 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 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 11 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4582, Representative Crespo. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4582, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4582, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Crespo."

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Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 4582 is the annual transfer Bill of several special state funds and GRF into the Audit Expense Fund for the Auditor General to conduct audits in Fiscal Year '25, and I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4582 pass?' All in favor signify by voting 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Stava-Murray on House Bill 4585. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4585, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. A fiscal note and a Home Rule note has been requested but not filed at this time."

Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Clerk, please take this Bill out of the record. House Bill 4621, Representative Slaughter. Out of the record. Sorry, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 4622, Representative Didech. Out of the record. Returning that, House Bill 4622... 4622, Representative Didech. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4622, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. This Bill was read a second time previously. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2,

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offered by Representative Didech, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Didech on Floor Amendment #2."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 guts the Bill. It makes it a... a task force that I'll describe on Third Reading."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Didech moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4622. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4622, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Didech."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill creates a task force that'll be housed by the State Board of Education whereby stakeholders will work together to create a process that will provide Legislators with accurate, timely information about how legislation that includes local school mandates will affect school districts across our state. I would ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

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

Windhorst: "Thank you. Initially, the Bill set up a note for local school mandates, and now we're setting up a... the Amendment

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sets up a task force to explore what a note would... would mean.  
Is that accurate?"

Didech: "Correct."

Windhorst: "All right. Well, I... I wasn't able to hop on your last  
Bill, but I'll be supporting this one. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Didech to... do you like carrots?  
Representative Didech to close."

Didech: "I... I got nothing else today. Please... please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4622 pass?'  
All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The  
voting's 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 'yes', 0 voting  
'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the  
Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to  
page 12 of the Calendar, Representative Morgan on House Bill  
4629. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4629, a Bill for an Act concerning  
business. This Bill was read a second time previously.  
Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendments 2 and  
3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is  
offered by Representative Morgan."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Morgan on Floor Amendment #2."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 was just  
additional cleanup and ask for its adoption."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Morgan moves for the adoption of  
Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4629. All those in favor  
signify by saying 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the

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Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Morgan and has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Morgan on Floor Amendment #3."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 3 removes some redundancy in state law and amended the Bill just to accommodate some of the opposition. Ask for its adoption."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Morgan moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 4629. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4629, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Morgan on House Bill 4629."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's an honor to present House Bill 4629. This is a Bill that's going to end the predatory practice of junk fees in Illinois. Junk fees are exactly what they sound like. They're hidden, deceptive, predatory fees that are added by businesses without you knowing. The total price is hidden to you and... without adding any value to the product or the service that you're buying. And they exploit each and every one of us for their extra profit. Junk fees have become so commonplace in the United States and in Illinois, it'd be difficult to name just one industry in which this is happening. In fact, I bet you every single person in

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this chamber could name at least one junk fee you've paid this week. So, junk fees really need to go because they're impacting the average consumer. They're costing the average family over \$3200 a year. Because what happens when you have a junk fee, when you have a deceptive hidden fee in the back end, you pay more money. So, it's enriching corporations while taking more money out of our constituents' pockets. This Bill's going to bring these junk fees to an end here in Illinois. This Bill is a part of a lot of negotiations with a lot of industry, lobbyists, and interests that really wanted to find ways to continue their junk fees. And I appreciate those industries that worked with me to end that practice. And there is still some opposition by some of those industries that wanted to continue to charge their junk fees. But we're going to move forward here in Illinois. Before we get to questions, for purposes of legislative intent, I want to address a couple things. I want to clarify that the intent of this Bill is to cover services not specifically preempted by federal or state law or services that are subject to specific federal or state regulations related to pricing. For example, recently you might've seen in the news the Federal Communications Commission adopted comprehensive rules that require satellite and video television services to display and provide all consumers with a single price, which is really what we're talking about here. That includes... those rules specifically limit the ability of providers separately list charges for services that are sold in a single package. Because the FCC rules are more comprehensive and explicit to that industry, the intention is that providers would follow



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the federal regulations. It would not be subjected to any conflicting or duplicative state law. So, for those of you who want to give your constituents relief from junk fees in Illinois, vote 'yes'. Happy to answer any... Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Windhorst."

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

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

Windhorst: "Thank you. What is the primary intention of this Bill, and what was the impetus behind it?"

Morgan: "So, thank you for that question. This, again, deals with junk fees that really have risen in volume across the State of Illinois across industries over the last few years. Again, everybody in this chamber can name at least one junk fee when they're ordering something online for a delivery and there's an additional service or convenience charge. We saw these... I was at a restaurant a few weeks ago, and I paid an additional fee on the backend on the check. And when I asked what the surcharge was for, they said for increased cost of food. So, they're not putting the cost of the food on the menu. They're charging it on the back end on the check before I could see it, but after I ate the burger. So, that's really what we're getting at. This is disclosure fee, this is transparency. So, when we have transparency, the consumers can make the choice that's best for them. And, Representative Windhorst, this is really at the core of this Bill."

Windhorst: "So, with the Attorney General's Office... and I want to ask... it's about enforcement. With the Attorney General's Office already enforcing strict deceptive practices laws

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under the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, what additional benefits does this Bill offer us?"

Morgan: "That's a great question. Many people in this chamber have heard us work on other Bills dealing with Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Just last year, we amended it with Representative Gong-Gershowitz to make sure that gun manufacturers that are deceptively marketing their bill are held accountable. This creates a new Act, but also explicitly provides the Illinois Attorney General's Office the enforcement powers, while also limiting it to just the Illinois Attorney General's Office."

Windhorst: "So, how would this Bill improve upon the existing enforcement mechanisms without causing undue burden on businesses already compliant with current laws?"

Morgan: "Could you repeat the question?"

Windhorst: "Sure."

Morgan: "Compliant with which laws?"

Windhorst: "With current laws already in existence prior to this one."

Morgan: "Well, so anybody that has a... any industry that already is governed by pricing and disclosure would not be impacted by this Act. The intent and the language itself is very clear about that. So, again, just to be perfectly clear, this law was intended to create transparency around junk fees for industries not already heavily governed. For instance, motor vehicle. It... they have significant rulemaking in Illinois with regards to motor... car sales and how they can display that pricing in the advertising. This would not impact that Act."

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Windhorst: "So, why wasn't an exemption made for the automobile industry given the fact that there already are regulations governing?"

Morgan: "Well, my language right here does exempt any industry that's already governed by state law. So, it is exempted. It's not explicitly carved out because there are dozens, if not more, industries in Illinois that already have pricing and transparency requirements in state law or state rules, or federal law or federal rules. So, instead of listing dozens, if not hundreds, of industries, we created specific language to articulate that. And, again, my legislative intent covers the same."

Windhorst: "So, just to be clear and for my understanding, your belief is motor vehicle sales would not be impacted by House Bill 4629?"

Morgan: "That's correct 'cause, again, they are very, very explicitly governed by their pricing in Illinois rules right now."

Windhorst: "Let's talk about some of the exemptions and carveouts. Can you explain the rationale behind those exemptions?"

Morgan: "Well, again, Representative, we don't have exemptions for industries. What we do is we talked about what are we getting at here and what types of activities are governed, but we did not exempt any industry. What we did was we tried to talk about the... the display pricing and what we're trying to get to. We used the Illinois Sales Price Ad Act, which was negotiated a few years ago in Illinois, as a baseline for this. But, again, there's no specific industry exemptions here."

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Windhorst: "Aren't there limitations in the Act relating to the wholesale clubs, which does not make it applicable to them? So, I... if that's true, I'd consider that an exemption."

Morgan: "So, there are references. Again, it's not just the... wholesale club pricing. The Retail Merchants also, again, are governed by the Sales Price Ad Act. So, what we did was... and that was what really Amendment 3 was about, where we removed a lot of the redundant sections that were actually verbatim in other sections of law in Illinois. So, that was... that was an existing law. So, that really, arguably, that's also redundant, but it's not a carveout. That is existing in Illinois law."

Windhorst: "So, we... as you've, I believe, alluded to in your opening remarks, there are a list of opponents to the Bill. The... I got Illinois Credit Union League, the Bankers Association, Chicagoland Chamber, Community Bankers, Illinois Chamber, NFIB. They have all expressed opposition. I know you'd mentioned some of that in your opening remarks. Just... I guess before we conclude..."

Morgan: "Well... and also just to clarify, the Community Bankers, my understanding is that they are neutral."

Windhorst: "They moved to neutral? Okay. So, I think most of us have agreed the intent behind this is commendable, but whether it's practical and actually workable, I think you'll see disagreement on our side. So, thank you."

Morgan: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Chair recognizes Representative Stuart."

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

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

Stuart: "And I apologize, there's been a lot of discussion already and I... I was sidetracked for a minute. So, if I'm asking a redundant question, I apologize, Representative. Is it your intent to... for some more legislative intent. Is it your intent to include fees authorized under the Motor Vehicle Retail Installment Sales Act in the definition of total price?"

Morgan: "That's a great question. That is similar to what we were just discussing, but just to clarify, yes. Existing fee display advertisement requirements that are in Illinois law already, which it would include the Motor Vehicle Retail Installments Sales Act, would not be impacted by this legislation, including those such as what you just mentioned."

Stuart: "Thank you. And then just one more. Is it your intent to include fees that are excluded from the advertised price under the Attorney General's motor vehicle advertising rules in the definition of total price?"

Morgan: "Another good question. My answer would be the same, that this does not impact and it does not usurp existing state laws or rules, including what you just referenced."

Stuart: "Thank you very much for clarifying."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Walker."

Walker: "Thank you, Representative. Thank you for bringing forth this Bill. I like it in concept. I just want to make sure to point out and ask about the financial industry where there are probably more state and federal regulations on pricing transparency and pricing structures and disclosure to the consumer as well as anti-fraud laws of any industry we have."

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In your estimation, would they be likely exempt from much of this Bill?"

Morgan: "What I would say is that the financial services industry has not done a good enough job with regards to their transparency in pricing. And much of that is governed under federal law and federal regulation. There's also ongoing litigation in existing efforts by the... by the federal government to rein some of that in. So, while I do think new reforms are necessary, I also have to recognize the limits of state law in the industries in which we can impact. Though I would be happy to work with you on additional reforms that we could make in the future on that industry."

Walker: "Well, I certainly look forward to that. We're in the midst of redoing our banking Acts as we speak and just finished the new rules for CRA this week in JCAR. And I... I think we will find that much of our concerns are covered as... already, but I'd be happy to go through it with you."

Morgan: "I look forward to spending that time with you."

Walker: "Thanks."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Weber."

Weber: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Does the Sponsor yield?"

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

Weber: "Thank you, Representative. I agree with this Bill in many ways. However, I did have staff check on the Community Bankers, and from what we understand, they are still opposed. This... that a recent Amendment did not move... remove their opposition. And I'm still trying to figure out, also, if this does not affect the automobile dealers, why they still have opposition. Do you... do you understand why?"

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Morgan: "Yeah, you know, that's a really good point. So, why are there industries filing in opposition when they're not going to be impacted by this Bill? And I think the only rational explanation is they're really afraid that they can't charge junk fees anymore, right? So, the Community Bankers... so, again, on the Community Bankers side, I can only go by what they communicate to me personally. My understanding is, in fact, that they said that they are neutral. I'm going to go on their word. And I understand that you talked to them as well. But for any industry that's already heavily governed, what is it that they're concerned about? And we had this discussion in committee a little bit."

Weber: "Right."

Morgan: "But I really think they have to answer to you and to your constituents. What are they afraid of with price disclosure and transparency? Because they continue to file in opposition. And that, I think, alludes to Representative Walker's point, which is there clearly is more that we could do. So, I'm proud of this Bill. I'm going to ask for an 'aye' vote, and there's more that we can do to protect consumers."

Weber: "Thank you, Representative. And to the Bill. I think the real big problem is, and we didn't bring this up in committee, that it's called the junk bill and there is absolutely no clear definition of what a junk bill is. When an industry is trying to look how to not... how to abide and stay within the law, you know, there has to be clear guidelines set for them to be able to not violate the... you know, the law. So, you know, I think that's really the problem with this. And I think it still needs work. I do appreciate the work that

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Representative Morgan has done to remove some of the opposition. I think there can be more work done to remove what's left. So, thank you very much."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Morgan to close."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One last point, just in response to that last comment. For anyone who's curious what a junk fee is, if you go into the Bill, there's a definition. Definition of total price. Read the definition. That's how you will determine what a junk fee is. So, I encourage you to vote for this Bill. There's not a lot that we can do with international and national inflation, but you know what we can do is we can end the practice of junk fees right now in Illinois. Vote 'yes'."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4629 pass?' All those 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's 71 voting 'yes', 35 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Ann Williams on House Bill 4710. Out of the record. House Bill 4722, Representative Tarver. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4722, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. This Bill was read a second time previously. No... no Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Tarver, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Tarver on Floor Amendment #1."



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Tarver: "Floor Amendment #1 is... there were a few things that were discussed in committee that were of concern. The overall Bill is intended to stop removing police officers from the street to come and write a ticket when people block driveways in the City of Chicago and for individuals not to have to wait for several hours a day for someone to remove their vehicle. So, it would for a... a private vehicle to tow... I mean, a tow... a tow truck to tow a private vehicle from their residence. And the Amendment just makes sure that there was a requirement for signage and postage. And then also that the City of Chicago, 'cause it... it applies to municipalities of 2 million or more, would have to... the vendor would have to be selected by the City of Chicago if they were going to tow the vehicle. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hoffman: "See... on the Amendment, Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "I'll wait till Third Reading. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Tarver moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4722. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4722, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Tarver on House Bill 4722."

Tarver: "Everything remains the same that I just said about the Amendment. It's the same Bill. I'm happy to answer any questions."

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Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, you've covered this, I believe. But just for clarity's sake, the Amendment that was adopted makes this applicable only to the City of Chicago. Is that accurate?"

Tarver: "Unless there's another city in Illinois that has at least 2 million people, it's just the City of Chicago."

Windhorst: "Well, there is a Metropolis, but it only has about 5 thousand. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Tarver to close."

Tarver: "I urge an 'aye' vote. Thanks."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4722 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4762, Representative Gong-Gershowitz. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4762, a Bill for an Act concerning business. This Bill was read a second time previously. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendments 2 and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Gong-Gershowitz."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz on Floor Amendment #2."

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Gong-Gershowitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4762 protects individuals from unknowingly signing away their right to their name, image, voice, or likeness unless they've been represented by counsel or through a collective bargaining agreement. Unlike other contracts where we do not necessarily require counsel..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative, I apologize. We're on Floor Amendment #2. We have to adopt Floor Amendment 2 and 3 and then... then we'll go to Third Readings."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Yeah, sorry. Can I adopt Floor Amendment 2 and present my Bill as amended?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4762. All those in favor signify by voting... by saying 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Gong-Gershowitz."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz on Floor Amendment #3."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Speaker, it's going to be even better the second time around. As I..."

Speaker Hoffman: "We need to... we need to adopt Floor Amendment #3. Do you want to adopt the Floor Amendment #3?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "Yeah, let's... let's do that."

Speaker Hoffman: "Then we'll get you on the third time around."

Gong-Gershowitz: "All right."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 4762. All those

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in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4762, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz on... on House Bill 4762."

Gong-Gershowitz: "All right, third time is the charm. As I was saying, House Bill 4762 protects individuals from unconscionable contracts. And as I was saying, we don't necessarily require representation by counsel or collective bargaining agreement for every single contract. This is so fundamental to identity, somebody's name, their voice, their face. You only have one face. You only have one voice. And so, what this Bill does is ensures that you can't unknowingly sign away your right to control your very identity. I've worked on this Bill with SAG-AFTRA. We put in... one of the Amendments includes language from the MPA that I think makes the Bill a better Bill. Happy to answer questions and would appreciate the support of the Body."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicated she'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, you just mentioned the opposition of the Motion Picture Association. And the Amendment removes that opposition. What does the Amendment do to remove their opposition?"

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Gong-Gershowitz: "Yeah, thank you. What we did was we clarified the definition of digital replica and inserted language that includes that the digital replica appears so realistic that a reasonable observer would believe it is a performance by the individual being portrayed and no other individual. Just to clarify that what we're talking about here is something that would appear to a reasonable person to be an actual performance by that individual."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz to close."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4762 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to House Bill 4783, Representative du Buclet. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4783, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative du Buclet, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative du Buclet on Floor Amendment #1."

du Buclet: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to adopt House Floor Amendment #1 and debate the Bill on Third Reading."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative du Buclet moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4783. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment's adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4783, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative du Buclet."

du Buclet: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. House Bill 4783 is an initiative of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. It seeks to raise the districts noncompetitive bid threshold from 40 thousand, which it's currently been for many years, to 60 thousand, and for emergency matters, from 50 thousand to 100 thousand. House Bill 4783 has... we've had extensive negotiations in committee resulting in House Floor Amendment 1. Both House Bill 4783 and House Floor Amendment 1 passed out of committee unanimously. And I'm happy to answer any questions and request an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Ugaste."

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

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

Ugaste: "Representative, first, I want to thank you for working with me on this Bill. I greatly appreciate it. Just for the chamber's knowledge, you... you had initially indicated that for the regular bidding, you were looking for a higher amount. And with working with me, you agreed to lower it to somewhat

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just above where inflation would've taken us as of this date.  
Is that correct?"

du Buclet: "Correct. That's correct."

Ugaste: "Okay. So, thank you very much. To the Bill. The Sponsor's been very cooperative, as has the Water Reclamation District, in working with me on this in bringing the amount to an amount I believe is fair for a noncompetitive bid in both the regular situation as well as an emergency situation. So, I will urge an 'aye' vote of the chamber. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative du Buclet to close."

du Buclet: "Thank you so much for your support, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4783 pass?' All those 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 97 voting 'yes', 10 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 14 of the Calendar, there's House Bill 4838, Representative Faver Dias. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3848, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Faver Dias, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Faver Dias on Floor Amendment #1."

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Faver Dias: "Amendment 1 adds Senate consent back into the process and brings everyone to neutral."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Faver Dias moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4838. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4838, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Faver Dias on House Bill 4838."

Faver Dias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4838 is an initiative of the Illinois State Museum, and it seeks to update statute to be reflective of the museum's work across the field nationally and their current activities and perceived scope. This Bill provides clarity to the roles of the State Museum, State Museum Society, and State Museum Board. The Bill also changes the governing board of the museum to an advisory board with Senate consent. The State Museum has evolved to become a place of knowledge and learning in addition to a research museum. Additional language is... is changed to make the museum more collaborative and inclusive. The Bill will provide clearer direction for the museum, showing the museum's dedication to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatry Act... Repatriation Act and tribal relations. Finally, this Bill codifies in statute that the ISM will remain fee free, making it accessible for all people. I would encourage an 'aye' vote."



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Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4838 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; 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 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining on page 14 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4848, Leader Keicher. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4848, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Keicher, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Keicher on Floor Amendment #1."

Keicher: "Thank you. Floor Amendment #1 modifies the underlying Bill so that we remove concerns from both IDOT and Mid-West Truckers Organization to make it an easier implementable project."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Keicher moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4848. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4848, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Keicher on House Bill 4848."

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Keicher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, I know many of us have had conversations about this Bill. I've had a lot of my peers ask questions about it. What this Bill does at its core is it seeks to help remedy the situation where we have roadside waste that's been blown out of waste hauling semi-tractor trailers as they go from a transfer station to the waste site. This increases, not the fines, but it changes the way the fines can be assessed to \$150 to both the driver and the firm that operates the truck in the event that they're found to be littering. And it allows local law enforcement to actually make the stop and provides a 50 percent share between the county and the law enforcement agency that cites for the violation. I can go into as much detail as anybody wants, but that's the heart of the Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4848 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; 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 103 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Gong-Gershowitz on House Bill 4875. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4875, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. This Bill was read a second time previously... previously. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Gong-Gershowitz, has been approved for consideration."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz on Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4875."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment 2 is a gut and replace. So, I'd like to adopt the Amendment if I could, please. And then I'd discuss the Bill as amended."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz moves for adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4875. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4875, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz on House Bill 4875."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4875 modernizes Illinois' existing right of publicity statute for the AI era. Alongside the wave of innovation brought by artificial intelligence, challenges have emerged from musicians and song writers across Illinois, and none is more pressing than the rapid growth of digital replicas that impersonate a creator's distinct voice and likeness without their permission. With just a few clicks fake Drake, fake Chance the Rapper, or fake Taylor Swift recordings can flood the airwaves online without their permission. Twenty-four states, including Illinois, have established a right to publicity as a state-based property right to protect one's image, voice, and likeness. Tennessee just modernized its

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right to publicity statute to include digital replicas, and it's time that Illinois does the same. The viral fake Drake song that was released last year from an anonymous producer on music streaming platforms is not a one-off. Digital cloning represents a threat to human artistry and artist rights in Illinois. House Bill 4875 is a balanced approach to incorporate critical safeguards and enforcement mechanisms to ensure an artist identity is not misappropriated. I want to thank the MPA, the Software Alliance, Google, TechNet, the ACLU, and others who have come to the table to make this a better Bill. We are working on finalizing agreed language that will be added in the Senate. I'm confident that we can protect the artists whose creative talent is at the very heart of the movie magic, songs and soundtracks of our lives that make us all fans, while at the same time ensure that liability attaches only to the bad actors whose unauthorized use of another person's voice, image, or likeness infringes the rights of artists. Happy to answer questions."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Ugaste."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Ugaste: "Thank you. Chairwoman Gong-Gershowitz, appreciate all your work on this Bill. I support the concept with you. I have followed this Bill with you, and you've worked closely with me as you've negotiated it and brought various groups to... to either be neutral or support the Bill. I know, though, that with this last Amendment, while you were working with some groups, another group all of a sudden took notice of it. So, I... I want to be supportive of it and I look forward to

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being supportive of it eventually, but for right now, I... I have a question I'd like to ask of you and to get a commitment for... from you. Speaker, is there any way we could get a little help getting quiet in this chamber? Thank you. Appreciate it. Representative, do I have your commitment that the subsequent Amendment or Amendments will make clear that the Internet service providers will not be held liable under the changes being proposed to this Act if that Internet service provider does not have direct knowledge of the unauthorized activity and does not have... or does not receive a financial benefit directly attributable to the unauthorized activity?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "Yes."

Ugaste: "Okay. Thank you very much. With that, I... as I stated earlier, I know you've worked hard on this. I am sure you will continue that same pursuit and will finally bring back a Bill I can support in full. Until that time, I won't be voting for it, but I greatly appreciate your work and what you're trying to do here. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Reick."

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

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

Reick: "Representative, a lot of this art work, this... this AI digital stuff is, of course, going to cross state lines as it's transmitted. Wouldn't this... and I'm not criticizing your Bill. What I'm... I'm just very curious. Wouldn't this be a better subject for federal legislation that would allow for protections across state lines, such as we have in copyright and trademark and patent law, rather than a state-by-state solution?"

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Gong-Gershowitz: "Well, I think it's important to note that Illinois is one of 24 states that already has a right to publicity, and that is because copyright law does not protect somebody's voice. You can't copyright your voice, but it is so inherent to who you are as a human being that we have long protected an artist's right to protect their... their voice from misappropriation and infringement. So, this works side by side with copyright law to ensure that artists can continue to thrive here in Illinois. We have one of the most fast growing and vibrant recording industries and movie industries in... in the country. And we think this protects the people that make Illinois the place to do that work."

Reick: "Okay. I understand that. Now, let's say I decide I want to cut an album and, baby, I can sing. But the... let's say somebody in another state, one... let's use a state that does have the kind of protections that we're talking about... decides to appropriate my... my talents and do something. Where's the cause of action arise?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "I'm not sure I understand your question. Are you just saying that if an artist puts... like the fake Drake situation. An artist... an artist's voice is misappropriated..."

Reick: "Yeah."

Gong-Gershowitz: "...and that use is infringing on the right of publicity, as amended. You're asking where that cause of action would arise?"

Reick: "Yeah. An artist who lives in Illinois produces artwork and then somebody from another state appropriates that and does something via AI, I think they would have a cause of action, but where would that cause of action arise?"

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Gong-Gershowitz: "The venue would be the same as any other cause of action. There's no special venue rules for this cause of action. You would need to show the same connection and you would need to meet venue the same way here as you would under the existing right to publicity statute."

Reick: "I guess... I guess that's why I'm saying that a piece... piecemeal solution to this doesn't appear to me to be as attractive as one that could be... could be done nationwide or where there would be definite rules that deal with this. I... I'm not a... you know, I have a problem with your Bill to that extent, to the effect that what I think we're doing is, yeah, we're protecting Illinois artists, and that's... that's great. And I think AI is the spawn of the devil, but the fact is, is that I want to know, if I'm a artist, that I can go to another... 'cause usually venue rises in the... in the defendant's place... where the defendant arises... resides. What... I just have a problem with extending Illinois law beyond jurisdictional boundaries when possibly the offense takes place some place outside of jurisdictional boundaries."

Gong-Gershowitz: "As... as I said, the same rules regarding venue for this cause of action would apply the same way it applies to any civil cause of action arising under Illinois law. I don't think we want to foreclose our courts to Illinois artists. I think it's important to note to that Illinois supports... Illinois... the Illinois recording industry, the music industry supports nearly 65 thousand jobs, is home to 53 thousand songwriters. Some of the greatest names in music have come from this state, most recently Chance the Rapper, Jennifer Hudson. I... I don't know about you, but I'm not

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willing to wait to see if Congress is going to act to protect these artists' livelihood and their very identity from the misappropriation by somebody who hasn't put the work in that they have to... to make the music that has... so I identified them with who they are."

Reick: "Yeah. You're... you're going to get no argument from me on the intent, please understand that. But I just have a real problem with the... with what's going to go on here with regard to the piecemeal attitude or the... not attitude, but the piecemeal makeup of this sort of thing. So, I think I'm going to reflect the... the vote of my... of my colleague who spoke previously. Thank you very much."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz to close."

Gong-Gershowitz: "I'm going to close with a quote from the 9th Circuit's case in *Midler v. Ford Motor Company*. 'A voice is as distinctive and personal as a face. The human voice is one of the most palpable ways identity is manifested. The singer manifests herself in the song. To impersonate her voice is to pirate her identity.' This Bill will protect Illinois artists from exactly that in the digital age. Vote 'yes'."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4875 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's 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's 79 voting 'yes', 24 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining on page 14 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4891, Representative Croke. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."



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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4891, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Croke, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Croke on Floor Amendment #1."

Croke: "Thank you, Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 removes the opposition and brings the bankers, Synchrony Financial, and multiple dental associations to neutral."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Croke moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4891. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4891, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Croke."

Croke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm just going to give a kind of overbill of what the Bill does since it's a little bit technical. But this is basically some additional regulation over deferred interest and medical credit cards in dental offices. So, we had, myself and the proponents who helped push this Bill, had a constituent reach out where there was a lot of miscommunication and... and, unfortunately, there wasn't a lot of clarity that the individual was entering into a third-party agreement with a financial institution when they signed up for financing within their dental office. This is not meant to be an attack on either the financial product

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or the dental industry. I'd actually... it's just meant to provide some more guidelines around what dentists can do when they're signing up someone for... for third-party financing. It does not eliminate the financial product. Many of you know that that is not something that I like to do. I do want to make sure that there are financing options for people, especially when it comes to paying for the care that they may need. For dentists, unfortunately, the insurance options are not there, so many people do rely on these care credit or credit cards. Some of the specifics that the Bill does, it... no longer could a dentist actually submit the form on the patient's behalf, the financing form. They cannot enter the information on behalf of the patient. They cannot offer the product in a treatment area or when the patient is under any type of anesthesia. I am, again, not claiming that these are something that was a widespread situation when it comes to offering financing under those certain circumstances, but we just felt like additional regulations and clarity were important."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Davidsmeyer."

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

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

Davidsmeyer: "So... so, first, I want to say thank you for all the work that you did to change this from its original Bill because I think... I think the original Bill was trying to end this. And I know there's a lot of people out there that need to have options. And I think... I really appreciate you saying that in your opening comments, that you want to make sure that there are still these... the opportunity to have this as

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an option to fund your health care, whatever it may be. And I'm... I'm just going to go back to my... my concern, as... as I stated in committee. I just want everybody to understand that the testimony of the individuals that brought this forward, they specifically said this is a start to getting rid of deferred interest. And deferred interest is things like... like this where... where you... you get a credit card and you have six months before any interest will be incurred. So, if you pay it off in that six months, you don't ever pay any interest. Same thing if... if you go to Home Depot and you a new refrigerator and they have a credit card that you can sign up for, you can defer that interest. Now, I'm not saying this Bill does that. I'm worried that this is a first step towards going after that, which is specifically what the people who testified in committee said this... this was a first step. I don't... I hope that this is not, and I don't believe that this is Representative Croke's goal. I'm not saying that it's her goal. It is the goal of the people who testified. So, I don't want to put words in her mouth because I think this... she's doing this for the right reason. But I want... I want people to pay attention because, you know, two years down the line, or three years, or four years down the line, I want people to understand why this Bill happened so we don't go after every other form of deferred... deferred interest payment. So, Representative Croke, I really do appreciate your work on this. Thank you so much, and good luck on... on the Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Croke to close."

Croke: "Thank you. Just to respond to Leader Davidsmeyer. Obviously, as we've spoken about, I really do not... I do not

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want to eliminate this financial product. Again, this is just about providing the consumer clarity that they are not entering into a financing agreement with their dental provider or their dentist office, but they are indeed entering into a financial agreement with a third-party vendor. I... I can only speak to this Bill. I do... I will promise you again that this is a very specific Bill that deals specifically with dental practices. I do not plan on bringing any additional legislation, but I understand the concerns. And I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4891 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there's 71 voting 'yes', 35 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Keicher seeks recognition. House Bill 4895, Representative Yang Rohr. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4895, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Yang Rohr, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Yang Rohr on Floor Amendment #2."

Yang Rohr: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment becomes the Bill, and I ask for its adoption and for us to discuss it subsequently."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Yang Rohr moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4895. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4895, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Yang Rohr."

Yang Rohr: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4894 (sic-4895), we worked very closely ISBE on. It recognizes and points to the various places in the School Code where we are required to cover the topic of climate change. And given those various areas, there was... we recognized... ISBE recognized that there is a real hole and real need for professional development to help train our educators on how to teach about climate change. And so, this Bill allows ISBE to create those professional learning materials, subject to appropriation. And I thank you and ask for its adoption... or and its passage."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, are these standards already in our... in law required for educational standards?"

Yang Rohr: "Yes. They are a part of the Next Generation Science Standards and... which are standards that have been adopted by 44 states around the country."

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Windhorst: "And what would this Bill do beyond those standards? Why is it necessary?"

Yang Rohr: "The new part of this Bill would be to allow ISBE to create those professional development materials, again, subject to appropriation."

Windhorst: "And do we have an idea what the cost would be if appropriation were to occur?"

Yang Rohr: "The estimate is \$300 thousand, a one-time spend. And looking into that issue, there are... there appear to be a number of federal fund programs available to... to fund that, potentially."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Keicher."

Keicher: "Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Keicher: "Representative, is this intended to be... I was a little confused on how you were explaining this. Is this intended to be instruction for the educators or the students that are in the classroom?"

Yang Rohr: "This is intended to allow ISBE to create those professional development materials for educators."

Keicher: "Okay. So, this would be on the teachers' day that they're... they're learning about it. Does it speak... or what's your expectation of how that translates into the classroom?"

Yang Rohr: "The... the hope is, with these materials, with, you know, going to... to more professional or other... other resources that the teachers, that our educators will be more and... and better equipped to teach these materials."

Keicher: "Okay. I... I'm going to go to the Bill, if I can."

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Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

Keicher: "We continue to have conversations with educators. I'm sure all of us in this chamber have talked to teachers in their district and principals in their district. And the continuing narrative that we hear is let us do the work we were trained to do. I trust that our local districts that feel that this is important would incorporate it into the curriculum that they have. But we continue to pass cost-consequential programs and changes onto our local units of government, and we continue to modify our education curriculum and reduce the core areas that our students need to learn to be successful. And while I appreciate the Sponsor's want to make sure that this is paid attention to, I think we've got to be careful. And so, I'm going to be a 'no' vote on this because of the level of the mandates that we continue to pass to our education system. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Swanson."

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

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

Swanson: "Thank you. As we've introduced the new science standards, are you uncomfortable with what's been developed that we need to add to them? Is that why we're bringing this Bill forward?"

Yang Rohr: "We're bringing the Bill forward because ISBE identified the gap in... in educators being able to teach this material. And so, given that gap, we want to make sure that ISBE is able to develop the materials necessary to... to make sure our educators can... can teach the materials."

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Swanson: "So, we need legislation to tell ISBE to fill the gap? If they've identified it, won't they fill it themselves?"

Yang Rohr: "It... it allows them to fill that gap, and it provides the resources to... to do so. Some of those... some of things that they would need to do, for example, are working on professional development series. It allows for stipends to be paid to educators to... to learn and then teach the materials themselves. It also allows for content development for guidance documentation, for technology, and for licensing rights."

Swanson: "So, that language was not in the initial Bill to direct the school or to direct ISBE to develop those new standards?"

Yang Rohr: "I'm sorry. Representative, can... can you repeat the question?"

Swanson: "Sure. So, those things you just mentioned were not in the original legislation to direct ISBE to develop those materials, those training aids, those things that now we're just discovering we need to have more legislation to do?"

Yang Rohr: "In my conversations and workings with ISBE, yes, they would like this legislation to allow them to create these materials."

Swanson: "And I... I heard, but what'd you estimate the cost to be?"

Yang Rohr: "ISBE's estimated cost was \$300 thousand."

Swanson: "And..."

Yang Rohr: "And that is a... a one-time cost."

Swanson: "That's a one-time cost. But there's going to be cost every year as new materials are developed, new training required."



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Yang Rohr: "Well, what... what's contemplated here is that one-time cost, and the plan is for those materials to be recorded and published so that they are available widely."

Swanson: "And what's the plan for that \$300 thousand?"

Yang Rohr: "So, I... I listed some of those areas. So, professional development materials, content development, guidance documentation, technology licensing fees."

Swanson: "But this is subject to appropriation?"

Yang Rohr: "This is subject to appropriation. And, again, I think there's a lot... we have identified, potentially, a few sources of federal funds."

Swanson: "But I still go back to those science standards have been developed, legislation directed. Are those new standards, are they available online for us to review, or where do we go see that?"

Yang Rohr: "The... the language in the Bill is pointing to various places in School Code that already exist. So, there are no new standards being introduced here."

Swanson: "Okay. Okay. Well, I'm... I'm of the... the view that we've already got the... those new science standards out there that I think we should let them fall into place first before we introduce any legislation to... and that's going to be costly before we move forward. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "The Chair is prepared to implement a two-minute timer. There are several individuals seeking recognition on this Bill. Representative Ugaste."

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

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

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Ugaste: "Representative, I looked at the original Bill and I... I've looked at the Amendment. The... Amendment #2 seems to be much shorter than the original Bill. Does this completely replace the original Bill?"

Yang Rohr: "It does. It is a total replacement of the original Bill."

Ugaste: "Okay. And it's, though, your intention to highlight or instruct ISBE that they need to come up with these course materials to teach climate change in our schools, or just... what... what's the underlying intent?"

Yang Rohr: "The intent, the... the new part of what will be required, will be for ISBE... to allow ISBE to create the materials to teach... to create materials to teach the standards that are already in School Code."

Ugaste: "Okay. Is there anything in the Bill that will prevent ISBE from including materials, such as what I learned when I was in school, that we've already... the planet's already gone through two ice ages, where ice has covered much of the planet and then receded? Is there anything there that would do that?"

Yang Rohr: "I'm sorry, Representative, can you... can you just ask that one more time?"

Ugaste: "Sure. I asked is there anything in your Bill that would prevent ISBE from teaching what I learned when I was young, that our planet has been through two ice ages at some point, where ice has covered much of the planet and receded again, and the climate changed drastically during that period?"

Yang Rohr: "There is nothing to prevent ISBE from creating materials along those lines."

Ugaste: "Okay, thank you. To the Bill."

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Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

Ugaste: "As one of our former Representatives on our side of the aisle had mentioned, I think we are starting to impose a little too much of what we believe the educators should be teaching our kids rather than letting the educators, the people we're told are the professionals, decide to teach the kids and allowing it up to local school boards to decide what their kids need best to succeed. Instead of allowing educators to educate, we instead are interjecting political ideology onto our schools and our schoolchildren and asking that to be taught. I'd rather them reach their levels in math and reading and then we start worrying about things like this. I vote... I will be voting 'no'."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Niemerg."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Niemerg: "Representative, I had many questions in committee and I want to thank you for... for answering those, but I just have a couple more. So, ISBE is set to adopt this material to be taught in schools. Is that correct?"

Yang Rohr: "The topic of climate change is already within our School Code in various areas. And so, this would allow ISBE to create those professional development materials to help educators teach about those topics."

Niemerg: "So, they are compiling the material? They're... they're drafting the material to get to the schools to be taught?"

Yang Rohr: "It is professional development material. And, Representative, in our discussion in committee, I know there was a lot of talk about how that is implemented at the local

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level. And so, again, this is an ISBE-directed legislation. And so, local school boards, I want... want to assure you and the Body, they still have complete control over how those learning standards are taught. They have complete control over curriculum decisions, which includes how, what, what length of time is expended on these topics."

Niemerg: "Okay. So, if it's already being taught in the schools and all ISBE is doing is packaging this material and it... but if it's already being taught in the schools, then why do we need this Bill?"

Yang Rohr: "Well, I think ISBE recognized that there are ways... there are always ways to... to improve, get better, and this was one of the areas where they saw that there could be improvement. And there are holes in professional development opportunities, and this is trying to fill... to one of those holes."

Niemerg: "Okay. Well, to the Bill. I'm hoping that the opposition to, you know, so-called man-made global warming or climate change, whatever key word that we're using today, if this is going to be taught in schools, then there needs to be the opposition. There needs to be the folks that have done the work, that have shown that the science on man-made global warming, climate change, whatever you want to call it, is false. We can't be teaching our kids one side of a political indoctrination in schools without having it be balanced. And I'll vote 'no'. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative West."

West: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

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West: "I received an email from the executive director of Severson Dells Nature Center thanking me for jumping on this Bill, and she was so excited she gave me some information. And I want to thank the Sponsor for bringing this Bill forward. She mentioned to me that, according to the Columbia Science School, in the United States, more than 86 percent of teachers and 84 percent of parents support climate change education in schools. Progress is being made in some states, but on the whole, students are not learning enough about climate science quickly enough to give them the knowledge and the tools they will need to cope with the impacts of climate change. She goes on to mention to me the one thing that stuck out is that, according to Earthdata.org, by teaching climate education to students across all subjects and grade levels, we help children develop their green muscle memory, the state of mind where individual subconsciously make environmentally-friendly choices can have a significant impact on their future for our planet. Educating the next generation is... is crucial for fighting the climate and plastic crisis while building a more sustainable society. So, again, to the Representative, thank you for bringing this forward. There's nothing partisan or political about this. This is a good, straightforward Bill. Please vote 'aye'."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Reick."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Reick: "Representative, a few moments ago, you said there are holes in the means by which this is being portrayed. You kind of swerved into something there that you need to... you need to

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help me with. What kind of holes exist in this whole thing? I mean, climate is climate. It's been changing for billions of years. That's why we have oil at the North Pole. My question is, what kind of holes are you anticipating that would add to the... to the body of knowledge of climatology?"

Yang Rohr: "Representative, thank you for the question. I think what ISBE recognized, and as a lot of our colleagues recognize here, is that our educators have much on their plate. We... we do require and expect a lot of them, and as a result, when we have... have these... these mandates, when we have these learning standards, sometimes educators can... can benefit from... from coaching, from more materials, from all... all kinds of supports. This is just another option for them. And again..."

Reick: "So, what you're saying is we're going to add more things to their plate, because they've already got so many things on their plate. You didn't answer my question. What kind of holes exist in the curriculum such that, or in the pedagogy of climate science and climate education, that holes need to be filled by ISBE?"

Yang Rohr: "Representative, there is just so much material available. And the science, of course, continues to... to update, and we want to make sure that our educators have the materials to meet the learning standards that we have already set."

Reick: "To the Bill. I think that what we're doing here is merely injecting certain things in... we can't swing a dead cat without finding somebody discussing climate this, climate that. I do believe that this is not a proper subject for ISBE to be instructing teachers and... and educators more and more about

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things that you might consider to be an evolving thing. But the fact is, is that evolution is a natural event. What you... what you say is causing that evolution, I believe and I fear, will creep into the... into the curriculum, and thus further confuse rather than enlighten our children about what is the true nature of climate on this planet. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ford. Representative Ford."

Ford: "To the Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

Ford: "I just want to thank the Sponsor because one of the great opportunities of being down here is meeting constituents and people lobbying for Bills. Well, this Bill... I had the opportunity to meet some college students that came down and lobbied the Bill, and I learned a lot from them. And they asked for this Bill to pass. And so, I'm urging an 'aye' vote because the students at our universities asked us to help them learn more about climate change. So, a vote 'no' means that you're going to tell the students that's asking to learn more about an issue, I think, is uncertainly wrong. So, I urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Johnson."

Johnson: "To the Bill. I... I would just like to point out that this chamber is made up of a... a large cross-section of people across all different sectors. I would like to thank the Sponsor for this Bill and remind the chamber that if we actually had 118 scientists sitting in this chamber, that 114 of them would accept the reality of climate change. And also, I thank the Sponsor. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative McLaughlin."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

McLaughlin: "Quick question. Will this implementation... do you have an expectation that it will improve the educational proficiency of the students in Illinois?"

Yang Rohr: "I think that if we give our educators the supports that they need to carry out these learning standards, I think that will absolutely be a... a factor in helping our... our students excel and succeed."

McLaughlin: "So, the current proficiency standards of reading and writing is about 36 percent for our students who are graduating. Are... are you aware of that statistic?"

Yang Rohr: "I am aware of, you know, like... like you, I'm in many of these committees listening and hearing these statistics. I think, in Illinois, one of the most interesting things that I've learned being in those committees is Illinois has the fourth highest standards in reading and math proficiency. And I know that ISBE has... has much on... on this and has many plans to... to cover this. But I think what you would find is, if we... you know, because of such high standards, you do get numbers that are not apples-to-apples when you look at, I think, the states that... that I have heard others on your side cite. I am so glad that ISBE, with its new leadership, is taking a look at some of those standards and... and look forward to... to working with the whole Body to... to make sure that we keep very high standards, but also give you the apples-to-apples statistics that will help you maybe understand the material a little better."



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McLaughlin: "As far as sides, there aren't any sides when our children have proficiency levels of..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative, your time is up. Would you like Representative Jacobs to give you time?"

McLaughlin: "Yes, please. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Jacobs gives you two minutes. It'd be nice if we went to the Bill. We debated this."

McLaughlin: "Final question. To the Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It would be nice if we actually stop being proficiency deniers in this chamber. There are no sides to our children in Illinois not being able to read and write. Climate change or whatever your political aspect on that is, if we don't start addressing our educational failures in this industrial educational Illinois complex that we've constructed and start understanding, no matter what our position is, that Bills like this will not increase a child's ability to read or write, fill out a job application or understand it. We should get a lot more serious, not about our educators, but about our children's futures. So, for that reason and so many more, please stop being proficiency deniers and understand our children need actual help in reading and writing and mathematics. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Schmidt."

Schmidt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

Schmidt: "We need to teach our children how to think, not what to think. This Bill is teaching them what to think. Science is always changing. Please vote 'no'."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Yang Rohr to close."

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Yang Rohr: "Thank you for the Body's debate on this. Again, this Bill is a Bill to help support our educators, to make sure that they have the materials they need to do their jobs. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4895 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 70 voting 'yes', 37 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader McCombie, for what reason do you arise?"

McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. Just a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

McCombie: "I have another birthday. We have one of our ILSIP intern's, Claire Bolin, birthday today. And I just wanted to say thank you for everything that you do for us and our research and appropriations. We appreciate you. Happy birthday."

Speaker Hoffman: "Remaining on page 14 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4903, Representative Faver Dias. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4903, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Faver Dias."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Faver Dias on Floor Amendment #2."

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Faver Dias: "Amendment 2 brings ISBE to neutral."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Faver Dias moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4903. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4903, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Faver Dias on House Bill 4903."

Faver Dias: "House Bill 4903 seeks to direct ISBE to compile needed and important resources in collaboration with key stakeholders and IDPH to provide resources for our public schools to address indoor... the indoor air quality issues that exist in about 87 percent of our public schools. There is no known opposition, and I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4903 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting's 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 100 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 15 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4914, Representative Didech. Out of the record. House Bill 4951, Representative Ford. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4951, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. The Bill was read for a second time previously."

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Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #1...  
Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Ford."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ford on Floor Amendment #2."

Ford: "Floor Amendment #2 becomes the Bill. It's gut and  
replacement, and it brings it to agreement."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ford moves for the adoption of  
Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4951. All those in favor say  
'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the  
'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further  
Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4951, a Bill for an Act concerning  
revenue. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ford."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I move for  
the passage of House Bill 4951. It is an agreement between  
the Chicago Park Districts. It's only for Chicago Park  
Districts. And what it does, it states that if there are  
special events in community parks, 10 percent of the fees  
charged for application will go to the park where the event  
is hosted. There is no opposition to the Bill. I move for the  
passage of House Bill 4951."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, initially 55 percent was  
going to be used for that purpose. Is that... the purpose you  
outlined. Is that correct?"

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Ford: "Representative, I hate that you had to remind me that I got beat down..."

Windhorst: "Sorry."

Ford: "...but, yes, that's what we wanted."

Windhorst: "The Amendment changed that to 10 percent."

Ford: "That's right."

Windhorst: "Is that correct? Is there any known opposition to your Bill?"

Ford: "Well, I'm pretty much almost in opposition because I didn't get 55 percent, but I'm going to accept 10 percent."

Windhorst: "Are you going to vote 'no' on the Bill, then, or will you be voting 'yes'?"

Ford: "I'm considering voting 'green'."

Windhorst: "Okay. Thank you."

Ford: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Keicher."

Keicher: "Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Keicher: "Representative, thank you. I just want to clarify for folks on this side, this is not a tax rate change or increase, correct?"

Ford: "That's correct."

Keicher: "Yeah, all it does is it alters how that is shared among the bodies that involve... are involved in the park district, correct?"

Ford: "That's right."

Keicher: "No tax increase. We like that. Thank you."

Ford: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ford to close."

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Ford: "I'm glad that the Republicans like this Bill. Please vote 'aye'."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4951 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; 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 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Johnson on House Bill 4954. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4954, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill has been read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Johnson."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Johnson on Floor Amendment #1."

Johnson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 1 simply is an agreement reached with the... the Illinois Trial Lawyers on the cause of immunity, both for the rescue team and for the individuals within the mine."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Johnson moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4954. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4954, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Johnson on House Bill 4954."

Johnson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4954 amends the Coal Mining Act to reflect the current practices of the State of Illinois, specifically the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Office of Mines and Minerals and coal mine operators in our coal mine rescue stations, and continue to provide rescue stations, equipment for these stations, qualified mine rescue teams, and the supervision of these teams."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking opposition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4954 pass?' All those 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 100... 108 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Scherer on House Bill 4955. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4955, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #2 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Scherer."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Scherer on Floor Amendment #3."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment becomes the Bill. I'd like to discuss it on Third."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Scherer moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 4955. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4955, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Scherer on House Bill 4955."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4955, House Amendment 3, just simply states that you cannot administer any additional test for children beyond what the U.S. Department of Education requires for our funding reimbursements from them. Last year, we passed a Resolution that was entitled More Teaching, Less Testing, and this is something that grew out of that. I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. With... the Bill, as amended, will limit the ability of standardized testing in areas of English, language arts, mathematics, and science in grades K-6 to those required by federal law?"

Scherer: "Yes. That way we don't lose out of any funding from the federal government, like, you know, chapter reading funding or anything like that."

Windhorst: "Before the Amendment, the State Board of Education was opposed. What is their position with the Amendment? Are they still opposed or have they changed?"

Scherer: "Well, you know, after the regular Bill, they wanted me to change the language because it was just, you know, no more additional testing. And they asked me to make it more narrow



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so it lined up with what we had to have for federal funding.  
So, I... I really can't answer that for them."

Windhorst: "And is it... will there be any financial impact with  
this change? Will there result in any savings or costs?"

Scherer: "You're right. That was another thing they mentioned.  
No, there will not be any, and that was another thing that I  
added on the Amendment, was they wanted to make sure that  
they didn't have to produce tests their selves. So, no, they  
won't have to. Now, if they decide they want to give schools  
money to do extra testing, it's just that they can't require  
schools to do this."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Scherer: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Keicher.  
Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to go back to the analysis  
on here. This change of assessment requirement for  
kindergarten students would impact the Black Caucus  
educational pillar. Is that correct?"

Scherer: "My understanding is that any testing... and we did discuss  
this. Any testing that's already going, it's only from this  
point forward, from the moment it becomes law, going forward.  
So, things that were in the Black pillar about, you know,  
like preschool testing."

Ammons: "The analysis says that House Committee Amendment #2 would  
remove the kindergarten individual development survey,  
correct?"

Scherer: "Could you repeat that, please?"

Ammons: "Yes, Ma'am. House Committee Amendment #2 would remove..."

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Scherer: "We're on Amendment 3."

Ammons: "Did you adopt #2?"

Scherer: "Amendment 3 replaced everything after the enacting clause."

Ammons: "So, House Committee Amendment #2 is not a part of this Bill as of now to remove the kindergarten assessment?"

Scherer: "That's correct."

Ammons: "Thank you. The other question I have is, how will schools measure performance of students or the lack of performance of students without assessments?"

Scherer: "Oh, they can do any kind of assessments they want. This is just the standardized state test that they publish on the front page of the newspaper."

Ammons: "Thank you for clarifying."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Scherer to close."

Scherer: "I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote. This is something we really need and I've been working on for many years for our students."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4955 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's 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 81 voting 'yes', 22 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining on page 15 of the Calendar, Representative Cassidy on House Bill 4959. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4959, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill was read a second time previously. No

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Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Cassidy."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Cassidy on Floor Amendment #1."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to adopt Amendment 1 and then debate the Bill on Third, please."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Cassidy moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4959. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment's adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4959, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative... Representative Cassidy on House Bill 4959."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 4959 is an initiative of the Illinois Arts Alliance, which will establish a Creative Economy Task Force within the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The Bill is subject to appropriation, but it's important that we recognize the impact of... of the arts on our economy. The... the ability to support that... those... that sector is... is critical, and this will give us an opportunity to explore the best ways to do so. And I ask for your support."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4959 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. Ope. Hold on. I didn't say the voting is open. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted

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who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, 97 voting 'yes', 8 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Crespo, I apologize. I didn't see your light. And I tried to stop it, but... Leader Hammond on House Bill 5000. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5000, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No... no Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Hammond."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative... Leader Hammond on Floor Amendment #2."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to adopt the Amendment and hold the Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Hammond moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5000. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment's adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments, but two notes have been requested and have not yet been filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to move to rule the note inapplicable."

Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Clerk, what notes are they?"

Clerk Bolin: "A fiscal note has been requested and a racial impact note has been requested."

Speaker Hoffman: "Out of the record. Representative Fritts on House Bill 5011. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5011, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Fritts."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Fritts on Floor Amendment #1."

Fritts: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 1 is the negotiated language between the Township Officials of Illinois and the Comptroller's Office. I move for its adoption."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Fritts moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5011. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Fritts."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Fritts on Floor Amendment #2."

Fritts: "Thank you, Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 is a technical change needed for smooth implementation by the Comptroller's Office. I move for its adoption."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Fritts moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5011. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5011, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Fritts on House Bill 5011."

Fritts: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, House Bill 5011 is an initiative of the Township Officials of Illinois that seeks to clean up issues with regards to township audit requirements. We have worked diligently with the Comptroller's Office to come up with an agreed Bill that will save townships and taxpayers money while maintaining fiscal transparency. This is an agreed bipartisan Bill that passed committee unanimously. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5011 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting's 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 'yes'... 108 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 16 of the Calendar, Representative Blair-Sherlock, appears House Bill 5020. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5020, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Blair-Sherlock."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Blair-Sherlock on Floor Amendment #2."

Blair-Sherlock: "That Amendment went through committee. It was approved by the committee. So..."

Speaker Hoffman: "We need to adopt Floor Amendment #2."

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Blair-Sherlock: "I guess I need to amend it on the floor too."

Speaker Hoffman: "Do you wish to adopt the Amendment?"

Blair-Sherlock: "Yes, please."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Blair-Sherlock moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5020. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5020, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Blair-Sherlock on House Bill 5020."

Blair-Sherlock: "Okay, now I can start presenting? Okay, thank you. I'm still kind of new at this. Okay. So, this Bill prioritizes local community college partnerships, but under current law, high schools can use private for-profit and out-of-state institutions with very little oversight. This Bill, as amended, codifies community colleges' right of first refusal to prioritize local partnerships, limits out-of-state providers beyond what is currently in the statute, prohibits partnerships with for-profit institutions, and requires all dual credit partnerships to follow the same quality standards that changes the college with... while maintaining rigorous standards. The Amendment codifies the HLC's previous definition for fully-qualified instructors. This Amendment expands access for students who have been unable to take dual credit while protecting local partnerships. We've worked for

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months with stakeholders from across the education spectrum to produce this Bill, and I believe that it's a good Bill. And I'm open for any questions."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Stuart."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Stuart: "Thank you. I just have a couple of questions that I want to go through with you. This Bill has gone through a lot of iterations, and it had a lot of, kind of, interest and drama behind it. So, I... the Bill has substantially changed to remove much of that. So, I just want to make sure that we make that clear. We went through this in committee, and I think Members, especially Members across the aisle, found this very helpful. So, I just thought it'd be a good opportunity to go through... through this again. So, my first question is, do any provisions of this legislation reduce the credentials needed for high school teachers who teach dual credit?"

Blair-Sherlock: "No. Nothing in this legislation reduces the credentials needed to go for high school teachers to teach dual credit."

Stuart: "In your legislation, would out-of-state institutions be considered alternative providers?"

Blair-Sherlock: "Yes."

Stuart: "And my understanding is House Bill 5020 requires partnership agreements with alternative providers to comply with Section 16, items 1 through 12. So, as a result, do partnership agreements with out-of-state institutions also have to comply with Section 16, items 1 through 12?"

Blair-Sherlock: "Yes."



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Stuart: "Does anything in House Bill 5020 allow a school district to lower instructor credential requirements by using an out-of-state provider?"

Blair-Sherlock: "Absolutely not."

Stuart: "Section 17 places new requirements on school districts prior to entering into agreements with an out-of-state institution, and it requires that the IBHE publish a list on its website of all dual credit agreements between districts and out-of-state or private institutions. Existing agreements are grandfathered from the new requirements in Section 17. Are they also grandfathered from being listed on the IBHE website?"

Blair-Sherlock: "No. All agreements between the districts and out-of-state providers will be listed on the IBHE website, including those now in place and those entered after the legislation."

Stuart: "Does this legislation encourage school districts to shop around to different higher education institutions to provide dual credit?"

Blair-Sherlock: "No. In fact, it's the opposite. This Bill requires school districts to work with their local community colleges first to attempt to offer the dual credit courses. If that isn't possible, the local community college can refuse. And then the school district has the opportunity to work with other alternative higher education entities via partnership agreement. And all alternative providers must follow the same rigorous standards that's set forth in Section 16, items 1 through 12. There's also a part of the Bill that says that if the high school goes with an alternate provider,

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the community college can reconsider the dual credit a year later and try and work something out with the high school to bring it back to the community college."

Stuart: "Thank you. Just a couple more. Thank you, everyone, for bearing with me."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Stuart, Representative Williams gives you two minutes."

Stuart: "Thank you. The Bill introduces an appeal process where a high school can appeal to the ICCB if an instructor's qualifications are disapproved. What purpose does the appeals process serve?"

Blair-Sherlock: "Give me one second."

Stuart: "My understanding is that it seeks to expand access to students by allowing the ICCB to resolve instructor credential disputes. Would you agree?"

Blair-Sherlock: "I absolutely agree. Currently, an instructor could be approved at one community college and disapproved at a neighboring community college. This limits the course options for students in the appeals process introduced by this Amendment, will resolve local partnership disputes while maintaining rigorous instructor standards."

Stuart: "In your Bill, there's a dual credit instructor quality framework. I believe it does two things. It provides a standard criteria for evaluating equivalent experience for CTE, that's career technical education instructors."

Blair-Sherlock: "Right."

Stuart: "Under current law, the equivalent experience needed to be fully qualified for CTE is undefined by Illinois law or the Higher Learning Commission."

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Blair-Sherlock: "Right."

Stuart: "And it also will define the appropriate graduate coursework for instructors to teach the Illinois articulation initiative courses to..."

Blair-Sherlock: "That's correct."

Stuart: "...ensure instructors are highly qualified and those standards are shared across all institutions. Do you agree with that statement?"

Blair-Sherlock: "Absolutely."

Stuart: "And then one... one more very briefly. Why does the Bill eliminate the sunset provision for the professional development plans?"

Blair-Sherlock: "Okay, because PDPs are an innovative solution to allow more teachers to teach dual credit while they pursue the necessary credentials to be qualified. As we know with the teacher shortage, it's an ongoing challenge in Illinois, and PDPs grant districts the flexibilities they need to scale up dual credit programs with available teachers and guide teachers towards coursework and degrees that will allow them to teach dual credit. PDPs are important in high-poverty schools, which are twice as likely to have novice teachers than low-poverty schools according to the Illinois Report Card database."

Stuart: "Thank you, Representative. You put a lot of work into this, and I appreciate all of that. Those answers to those questions clarify all of the concerns that have been brought to me by community college instructors and others that seem to be confused as the Bill has been developed. Thank you very much for clarifying."

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Blair-Sherlock: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking further recognition, Representative Blair-Sherlock to close."

Blair-Sherlock: "Oh, thank you. I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5020 pass?' All those 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 105 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Mason, House Bill 5034. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5034, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Mason."

Speaker Hoffman: "Out of the record. House Bill 5047, Representative Costa Howard. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5047, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Costa Howard."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Costa Howard on Floor Amendment #2."

Costa Howard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd ask that we adopt Floor Amendment 2 and... because it basically becomes the Bill and debate the Bill on the floor."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Costa Howard moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5047. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5047, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Costa Howard on House Bill 5047."

Costa Howard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Each and every one of us in this Body has received calls over the last several years in our office regarding the delay in licensing and license renewals, particularly for our nurse practitioners. While IDFPR continues to work on updating software so our applicants and our renewals won't have to use the arcane paper and postal service for their applications, we need to find more ways to address this issue. House Bill 54... 5047 is a step in that right direction. The Bill creates an automatic licensing program for advanced practice registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and registered nurses within IDFPR who graduate from an approved program, passed a background check, and passed the necessary licensing exam. The nurse license... the Nurse Practice Act is amended by... amends the definition of full practice authority pending for APRNs. It changes the language for direct supervision and replaces it... excuse me, direct supervision language is also removed for directive language. And we're extending the license pending nurses from three months to six months for our LPNs and RNs. This Bill is

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supported by the ANA Illinois, Illinois Nurses Association, Illinois Hospital Association, HCCI, and Homecare Association."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5047 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Ness, for what reason do you arise?"

Ness: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the... can you let the record reflect that I meant to vote 'yes' on House Bill 5020?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Record will so reflect. House Bill 5023, Representative Olickal. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5023, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Olickal, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Olickal on Floor Amendment #3."

Olickal: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Amendment #3 is a gut and replace that becomes the Bill. I move to adopt it. I'm happy to debate it on Third."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Olickal moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 5023. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5023, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Olickal."

Olickal: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5023 makes additional clarifications to ensure consistency with the Court Record and Document Accessibility Act passed last year, particularly focusing on areas previously not covered like the Eviction Act. This Act made clarifying changes to several statutes to align them with Illinois Supreme Court Rule 8, providing standard definitions for access to case information and documents. Again, although the Court Record and Document Accessibility Act was comprehensive, it did not cover statutes like the Eviction Act. It also defines impound to align with Supreme Court Rule 8 in the Court Record Document Act and revises the statute to impounding rather than sealing for evictions, providing greater access for both parties to eviction actions. The Bill has no known opponents. I urge an 'aye' vote and happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "There were changes to definitions for the terms expungement or expunge and seal. What was the reason for those definition changes?"

Olickal: "So, the Bill doesn't substantively change the law in any of those areas. It just... it provides important clarification as a mandate of the Supreme Court by Rule 8."

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Windhorst: "So, it's designed to bring the statute in line with Supreme Court rule?"

Olickal: "Yes."

Windhorst: "With regard to impoundment or impounded files, does this Bill change the types of files that are impounded or would be subject to impoundment?"

Olickal: "I... no, I don't believe so. It just... eviction actions are now, instead of being sealed, are impounded."

Windhorst: "And what is the difference between being sealed and impounded?"

Olickal: "Impounded, both parties have access to the... to the record."

Windhorst: "By both... both parties to that... that action that occurred, the eviction action?"

Olickal: "Part of the eviction action, yes."

Windhorst: "And sealing would limit access?"

Olickal: "Yes. Yeah."

Windhorst: "And it... we have an analysis that the... the realtors were... had not weighed in. Have they expressed any position to you on..."

Olickal: "They... they are neutral."

Windhorst: "They are neutral. Has the State Bar Association provided a position?"

Olickal: "This is an initiative of the Chicago Bar Association."

Windhorst: "What about the state?"

Olickal: "The State Bar Association has not."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Olickal to close."

Olickal: "I urge an 'aye' vote."



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Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5023 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The voting's 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 103 voting 'yes', 3 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5069, Leader Rita. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5069, a Bill for an Act concerning health. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Rita."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Rita on Floor Amendment #1."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Floor Amendment #1 would... what it does is takes the opposition of the Petroleum Marketers and the Retail Merchants off, where it puts the onus on the distributors and manufacturers rather than on the retailers or small businesses. It protects the small business that they wouldn't be liable for selling illegal vape products."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Rita moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5069. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendments are adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5069, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Rita. Out of the record. Moving to page 17 of the Calendar... Calendar appears House Bill 5164, Representative Olickal. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5164, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #2 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Olickal."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Olickal."

Olickal: "I... I move to adopt House Amendment 2, which removes the fee cap..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Olickal, we're on Floor Amendment #3."

Olickal: "Floor Amendment 3, which removes the fee cap for filing... court filings."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Olickal moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 5164. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5164, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Olickal."

Olickal: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5164 proposes crucial reforms to modernize name change laws primarily by... and aiming to enhance safety for various vulnerable groups. This Bill seeks to address the privacy concerns associated with current name change process by implementing pre-provision. House Bill

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5164 repeals the requirement for individuals to publish their name in a newspaper, a mandate that is both costly and outdated. The elimination of the publication requirement simplifies judicial proceedings by removing the obligation for publication. The Bill also introduces protection for individuals by allowing them to request the impoundment of their name. This measure ensures that these records are kept private if public disclosure poses a risk to their health or safety. This is particularly important for groups such as adoptees, survivors of various forms of intimate partner violence, transgender people, and refugees for whom public disclosure of their name change could be harmful. Twenty-four states do not require publication. And, again, this is about safety of... of our vulnerable groups. And I'm happy to answer any questions, but urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader... or, Representative Ugaste."

Ugaste: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

Ugaste: "A number of years... it's my understanding that a number of years ago many of the safeguards that this Bill will remove were negotiated with a prior Representative and put in place for reasons that are needed within the state, both for public safety as well as for businesses trying to do business within the State of Illinois. The... in the Bill itself, while it may have some... some good intentions built into it, is also going to be subject to those who would take advantage of its clauses and is not the way we should deal with people who want to change their name within Illinois because it will not allow

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those who might be owed money or law enforcement, in all cases, to easily find those who are trying to elude them. Therefore, I'm not going to support the Bill, whether the underlying intentions are good or not, only because of the unintended consequences it may cause."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Olickal to close."

Olickal: "I will clarify. I've spoken to law enforcement. They have no opposition to this Bill. This is about removing an archaic barrier that... that is very dangerous to groups that are extremely vulnerable to these publication requirements. And so, I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5164 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. Voting's 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 67 voting 'yes', 39 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 17 of the Calendar appears House Bill 5142, Leader Gabel. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5142, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #5 is offered by Representative Gabel."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Gabel on Floor Amendment #5."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment 5 addresses some issues that were brought up in committee, and it also brings the insurance... Insurance Association to neutral. It clarifies that home births have the same cost-sharing as hospital

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births. It limits no cost-sharing to 16 prenatal doula visits and 16 postpartum visits, costing up to \$8 thousand, and clarifies that lactation consultants and lactation specialists are covered by commercial insurance."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #5 to House Bill 5142. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is... Amendments are adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments, but several notes have been requested by the Sponsor and have not been filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Gabel on the notes."

Gabel: "I move to call the notes inapplicable."

Speaker Hoffman: "Could you withdraw the notes?"

Gabel: "Oh, I withdraw the notes."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Gabel moves to withdraw the notes. The notes are withdrawn. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5142, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you. This Bill is part of the Governor's birth equity initiative that he unveiled in his State of the State Address. The birth equity initiative is focused on reducing the disparities that make Black women three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes within the first year of life than white women. Requiring insurers to provide coverage for critical birth services encourages both community and

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hospital-based care that saves lives. Last year, we passed a Bill to increase access to birth workers by requiring medical coverage before, during, and for one year after pregnancy. Birth workers include doulas, midwives, and lactation consultants. Now, we are creating parity by requiring private insurers regulated by the state should do the same. Birth workers include midwives, doulas, lactation consultants. And postpartum care includes a number of items like breast pumps, related supplies as recommended by a lactation consultant. And then home... this postpartum care also includes home births and necessary equipment covered. The medical... I was just going to say, these... these services are covered under Medicaid, and this would just create equity."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. There was a fiscal note requested on the Bill, which we did receive. Do you recall what the fiscal impact is?"

Gabel: "It says \$260 thousand."

Windhorst: "Thank you. And this... the Bill you have, the... what's included is home births, home visits, and support during labor, abortion, or miscarriage. Do I have that correct?"

Gabel: "Correct."

Windhorst: "And I've... and the conversations I've heard around the Bill, I think most everyone is in support of almost everything in this Bill except for the inclusion of abortion. So, if there are 'no' votes on our side, that will be reflected in that concern. Thank you."

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Gabel: "Thank you. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Haas."

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

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

Haas: "So, just to clarify, too, some plans are left out of this, such as high-deductible plans, ERISA, state group health insurance, municipalities, and police and fire plans, correct?"

Gabel: "State group health is included."

Haas: "Okay. So..."

Gabel: "Not in this Bill, but it's included by reference."

Haas: "All the others that I listed, though, are excluded?"

Gabel: "ERISA, yes. And high deductibles."

Haas: "And municipalities and police and fire?"

Gabel: "They... they are included."

Haas: "Included?"

Gabel: "Yes."

Haas: "I recall from our discussion in committee yesterday that they were excluded."

Gabel: "They... they are included also by reference through statute."

Haas: "Okay. I recall our conversation in committee was that they were excluded. Maximum cap is being set at 8 thousand per occurrence as well?"

Gabel: "For total for doula care."

Haas: "Okay. So, we are setting a cap for each pregnancy and postpartum care?"

Gabel: "For doula services. Correct."

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Haas: "Okay. And... and just to be clear, this does include coverage for doula services in assisting with pregnancy termination or abortion care?"

Gabel: "It does."

Haas: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Davidsmeyer."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Davidsmeyer: "I see in our analysis it... it talks about licensed certified professional midwives, but it does not say anything about certified nurse midwives. Are they not included in this? I mean, nurses have... nurse midwives have a higher level of training, actual medical training, whereas certified licensed midwives do not have that."

Gabel: "They are already covered by insurance."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. I... I continue to have concern about some of the lower levels of care being covered and... and pushed. I have concerns about professional midwives that don't have the nurse... nurse training. So, for that reason, I will be a 'no'. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Gabel to close."

Gabel: "I would appreciate an 'aye' vote. Help me save women's lives and babies' lives. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5142 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; 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 72 voting 'yes', 37 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a



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Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 16 of the Calendar appears House Bill 5070, Representative Slaughter. (unintelligible) record. Page 17 of the Calendar, Representative LaPointe, House Bill 5094. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5094, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative LaPointe."

Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Clerk, #2 or #1?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative LaPointe."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative LaPointe on Floor Amendment #2."

LaPointe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 swaps out the language of work group for the language of task force related to administrative burdens for behavioral health Medicaid providers."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative LaPointe moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5094. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5094, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative LaPointe on House Bill 5094."

LaPointe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HB5094 creates something really fun called an Administrative Burden Working Group. And this

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will be housed in the Office of the Chief Behavioral Health Officer in the State of Illinois. And the purpose of the work group is to dig deep and to look hard at the administrative burden that our behavioral health Medicaid providers face, which, frankly, really hold them back and keep them from providing care to our low-income population across Illinois."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall this fun Bill pass?' All those in favor say... signify by voting 'yes'; all opposed 'no'. The voting's 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 a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5138, Leader Meier. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5138, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Meier."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Meier on Floor Amendment #1."

Meier: "Yes. This Bill was brought to me by our... a lot of our city managers in our area. They've been asked to go and pay for studies that have already been done by IDOT. I would think that, you know, in Illinois, we would want to keep our costs down to our taxpayers. Why should another study have to be performed if we already have it? So, I took IDOT's language to get Amendment 1, and I took them off as being opposed to it, I believe, when I did it. So, it's a good Bill."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Meier moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5138. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5138, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Meier."

Meier: "Like I said before, I believe it's a good Bill, cutting down costs to our taxpayers by not having to duplicate studies. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5138 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 17 of the Calendar appears House Bill 5174, Representative Haas. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5174, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5174, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Haas."

Haas: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5174 would allow sheriff's officers to work for 999 hours as opposed to 599 before impacting their pension. It would allow them to work as school security guards. So, I would answer any questions and support an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5174 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; 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 a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 18 of the Calendar appears House Bill 5229, Representative Croke. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5229, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Croke."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Croke on Floor Amendment #1."

Croke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment becomes the Bill and becomes the lottery omnibus."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Croke moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5229. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the

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Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5229, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Croke."

Croke: "Thank you, Mr... Mr. Speaker. So, as I mentioned, the Bill becomes the lottery omnibus Bill. It includes... it's a group of four different Bills that we heard in committee. The first is just a general lottery log cleanup Bill. The other pertains to rules and play instructions and placard requirements. Specifically, the Bill eliminates duplicate annual reporting requirements and removes requirements for retailers. The... we also added retail employment eligibility. So, the Bill permits retailers to allow employees convicted of a felony to work at a lottery retailer and sell lottery products. We did make sure, though, that that excludes and it had... with the exception of some felonies that pertain to various financial crimes like fraud. And then it also includes a cleanup to prize payments. The proposal allows the department to pay all validated prizes and allows retailers to pay prizes equal to \$600. Happy to ask any questions... answer any questions, excuse me."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Windhorst: "I believe you mentioned this, but this Bill, with the Amendment, is a combination of, I believe, three of four other

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Bills that were in existence, being consolidated to... to an omnibus. Is that correct?"

Croke: "Yeah, it's a... a consolidation of four different Bills."

Windhorst: "And there was some removal of language that... or the Bill includes removal of some, basically, would be considered obsolete language under the lottery law."

Croke: "Yes, exactly."

Windhorst: "And that's... what are those things that are being removed that... that is no longer applicable?"

Croke: "So, for that specific component... so, that was actually the underlying Bill, the House Bill 5229. So, first, it removes pilot in... in various references from the Internet program. Previous pilot references were removed in FY19, and those... the existing words were just missed. So, they went back and... and removed them. It eliminates outdated language relating to the selection of the lottery's first private manager and successor private manager. It details a specific date and timelines that were germane to the first private manager solicitation in 2010 were removed. It revises language to comply with the updated Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act requirements, changing the current requirement of 20 percent to match the new statutory requirement of 30 percent. This language will align future private managers with BEP aspirational goals without additional legislation. And then it also revises language to comply with updated small purchase thresholds in the Procurement Code. This increases the small purchase threshold from 50 thousand to 100 thousand. This language will align future private managers with Procurement

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Code changes to small purchases without additional legislation."

Windhorst: "Is there any change in the duties involving the Treasurer moving those duties to... to the Department of the Lottery?"

Croke: "One moment. No."

Windhorst: "We had a... a note that there was a... some contractual powers that are being moved from the State Treasurer to the Department of Lottery, with the Treasurer continuing to act as a legal agent for the lottery. Is that... is that correct?"

Croke: "Actually, I believe you do have that correct, Leader. I apologize."

Windhorst: "Is there anything in the Bill that expands gaming or access to the lottery?"

Croke: "No. I... I know that there was, I even hate to say it on the floor, there was an initial Bill that was... we were looking at. However, that is not, as it pertains to e-instance, but that is not included in this legislation."

Windhorst: "And anything that would increase taxes or fees as it relates to gaming?"

Croke: "No."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking further recognition, Representative Croke to close."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5229 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the

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record. On this question, there are 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining on page 18 of the Calendar appears House Bill 5239, Representative Cassidy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5239, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Cassidy."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Cassidy on Floor Amendment #1."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to adopt the Amendment and debate the Bill on Third, please."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Cassidy moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5239. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5239, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Cassidy on House Bill 5239."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 5239 represents another update to our shield law. As we've discussed previously, we are constantly having to keep up with the different ways that states that are seeking to prevent access to... to lawful health care might interfere with our ability to provide that care. And this is just another



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trailer Bill to that effect. Happy to have your... answer questions."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you. To the Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

Windhorst: "I just... this is another example of Bills we've passed recently, I think, under the same series that the Sponsor has mentioned, where we see divisions among our states and our laws. And we're... we're beginning to see additional divisions with Bills, such as this one, where one state is not going to cooperate with another state or assist another state. This division is just going to continue to further broaden amongst, not only us individually, but amongst the states. And I think it's the wrong direction for us to take. If a state has a lawful reason to request information in its state's law, it should be able to make that request of our state. And the same will apply to us when we make those requests of other states when maybe something is legal in that state that's illegal here and we want that information. So, I think we need to be very careful heading down this road. And I would encourage a 'no' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Cassidy to close."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5239 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; 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 72 voting 'yes', 37 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a

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Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Returning to page 2 of the Calendar appears House Bill 303, Representative Croke. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 303, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill has been read a second time previously. Floor Amendments 1 and 3 have been adopted. A fiscal note has been filed and a racial impact note has been filed. Several notes have been filed... requested by Representative Costa Howard and have not been filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Costa Howard."

Costa Howard: "Mr. Speaker, I withdraw the notes that I... that are on the Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Costa Howard has moved to withdraw the notes. The... the notes are withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 303, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Croke on House Bill 303."

Croke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 303 extends the moratorium on all school closures as well as significant changes to Chicago's selective admission public schools until a fully-elected school board in February of 2027. It would prevent the unelected school board from disproportionately decreasing the funding for selective admission schools or changing the admission standards to these schools. The General Assembly voted for an elected school board. Therefore, I believe, in this instance, it is our duty to

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prevent an unelected body from circumventing democracy until the elected board is in place. Parents and Chicago voters deserve to have a voice when decisions are being made that would cause potential irreparable and irreversible damage to their schools. Democracy is not convenient. I know we all know this in this Body, but that does not mean we circumvent it. I'm happy to answer any questions from the... from the Body. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Stephens."

Stephens: "Sponsor yield?"

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

Stephens: "Representative, I... I appreciate you bringing this forward. Just want to make sure no schools will be closed until the elected school board is in place that is duly elected by the people and they will be responsible to the people that elect them, correct?"

Croke: "That is correct."

Stephens: "This provides anything to maybe open a new school, or is there any... any provision at all that affects that?"

Croke: "It would not prevent the opening of a new school."

Stephens: "Okay. Thank you. Your tenacity should be noted on this, and thank you for bringing this forward. I think this is a great Bill and hopefully everybody can vote in favor of this. Thank you."

Croke: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Jiménez."

Jiménez: "Thank you. Yesterday, the Chicago school board spoke at a committee meeting. And they shared with this Body that they felt that this would have a disproportionate impact on low-

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income students in the City of Chicago. Can you provide an analysis or your prospective on how this would impact low-income schools and low-income students in the City of Chicago?"

Croke: "Thank you, Representative Jiménez. So, on a request from CPS originally, I included language that specifically said that this would not disproportion... the disproportionate decrease language was from CPS. So, to avoid any extra burden to neighborhood schools, that was the... that was the purpose of that language. I... I appreciate the conversation that is being had about the selective enrollment, selective admissions and... and public schools and what we need to be doing in the city. I think that by no means does this Bill say that selective enrollment is perfect, or that a magnet school is perfect, or that the system is perfect. However, these are very significant large changes that are being made by a appointed and unelected school board that has no accountability to the parents of Chicago or the voters of Chicago, and we passed an elected school board. So, I think this is very much in line with what this Body has been doing over the past few years to ensure that there is democracy within the City of Chicago and within our public schools."

Jiménez: "The... this Body passed an elected school board on a timeline. And so, I think it's interesting that we are now disregarding that timeline and calling the appointed school board unelected, which is has been for many decades and hundreds of years, right? But only today are we concerned. I'd like to know why we're calling them the unelected school board when this Body did create a timeline. And so, the City

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of Chicago actually did speak when they... they voted for the current mayor. The City of Chicago did speak when the city... when the mayor of Chicago appointed the current school board. And I believe that those people deserve a voice, people like my five-year-old son. My five-year-old son goes to a neighborhood school in the West Side of Chicago that is 100 percent low-income school. It doesn't happen to be a selective enrollment school, maybe one day he'll be there. It doesn't happen to be a selective enrollment school, but it does happen to be a school full of 800 children that are just as deserving as anybody else. He happens to be a school that also has a lot of need, has a lot of need when it comes to the low opportunity index that was just created by the school board. And why did that school board create that index? Because it recognized that there is an inherent disparity in the way that our schools have been treated. And I'd like to thank this Body because this Body also made that decision when it went towards the EFB. This Body also recognized that we need to do better when it comes to ensuring that all schools have what they need, the resources they need. And the City of Chicago school board... I went to my local school council meeting. I don't know if anybody did a week ago, but I did. I went to my local school council. I sat there the whole time. And I was pleased to know that in the direction that the City of Chicago's going, our school, 100 percent low-income school with 200 new... with 200... over 200 students that are unhoused attending. One school, 200 students who do not have permanent homes, that we finally, next year, are going to have one nurse. One nurse and two counselors because this new funding

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model is looking to see what is the needs in the school. And what we're doing here is we're stopping that progress in its tracks, and I want to know why you think that this is okay. Why you think it's okay to change the rules of the game when we're right in the middle of it? We already decide... you all, I wasn't here. You all voted on the timeline. Why don't we let that timeline happen and let the school board that has duly appointed by a City of Chicago, who elected their mayor, do what they have been asked to do? Can you explain to me why you think it's okay to change course right now?"

Croke: "Representative, I'm not totally sure the question that you were getting to. I understand that you're incredibly passionate about this issue. But when it comes to the timeline, when we originally passed the elected school board Bill, there was the indication that it would be a fully-elected school board. That's why the actual original moratorium on all school closures goes until February 2025. Because there is a hybrid school board now, that is the purpose for why we are extending the moratorium on all school closures. This Bill, again, it has language in there so that it would not... as it pertains to selective enrollment, does not disproportionately decrease that funding. Everyone would rise and fall at the same time. If a school needs additional funding, that's something that this Bill does not necessarily prevent. I do want to drive home though that, again, these are conversations that I believe should be had by an appointed... I mean an elected Chicago school board. School budgets are already prepared and submitted... submitted. I don't believe that this will necessarily change that. But,

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again, this Bill is about democracy. And I understand that democracy is not convenient, but like I said, I do not believe that means we circumvent it."

Jiménez: "This is not just myself who's making these points. As I mentioned, the school board testified yesterday. And they feel that this will hamper their ability to go forward and make budget decisions in the way that will be fair and equitable. So, number one, the school board. Number two, the... the Illinois Families for Public Schools also believes it will halt this progress. Number... that's two. Number three, we also asked for analysis from a professor from UIC who has been known to do this type of analysis, who also believes that it will halt the progress. So, it's not just me that's saying this. Many of us has received this information. It's... there's articles about it. There's testimony that you could look at. So, I just want to make sure that people are listening and that they understand that not only are neighborhood schools at risk, that selective enrollment schools are at risk too. As I said, my five-year-old goes to a neighborhood school. Maybe one day he'll want to go to selective enrollment high school. I hope that the enrollment, the... the selective service admissions and attendance policies are fair and that he has a fair shot. Right now, in the past 20 years, the percentage of people of color who go to selective enrollment schools has actually dropped. It's going in the wrong direction. What we need to see is progress and more people of color also able to attend selective enrollment schools so people like my son and his classmates will be able to. So, my prospective is not coming from any type of divisive

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place. It's coming from a place to let's recognize that the progress that has been made right now is only the beginning. It's only been a few months that this board has been allowed to start making progress on changing the unequitable funding and the unequitable policies that we all have seen for decades here. And I ask that my colleagues look at all these statements that have been made, all these different organizations. Look at the schools where your... neighborhood schools where your kids go if you happen to be somebody who is in Chicago. If you happen to be someone who's not in Chicago, maybe come and take a visit in some of our neighbor's schools in the West Side and South Side. I'm sure I'd love to... I'd love to, you know, give you a tour. I'm sure some of my colleagues would to look to see what the real need is and the fact that we need an equitable solution. I don't think this is an equitable solution, and I ask my colleagues for a 'no' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Tarver."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Tarver: "I don't even know where to start. I guess that the rational is a mayor appointed a board, and therefore, we should respect that board and the appointed. What would be the purpose of a fully-elected school board in the first place? That's what the entire issue has been about. People saying the mayor appointed the board, and therefore, that's an issue and the people should be able to vote for the board. I'll start there. There was a comment made about EBF, and I'm going to... I'm going to get to a question, I promise. But there



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was a comment made about EBF, and the interesting thing about City of Chicago and CPS with EBF, it's the only entity I know of that doesn't get their money in the same way as everybody else throughout the state, doesn't have to follow the same formula. So, I don't even know the rationale talking about EBF because you don't have to follow EBF. Talking about the CPS board that everybody is so enamored with now, this is the same board who has the policy to test four-year-olds, to test four-year-olds for selective enrollment schools. That's a problem. That is inequitable. My daughter was born to two lawyers. She was always going to go to a good school no matter what. It doesn't matter whether we're paying for it, she'll go to a public school. She happens to test well. But when you go test, it's hunger games. It's IIT. It's a bunch of kids that who get bribed with Twix and Oreos and things like that to remember one question and bring it back to their privileged day cares so that they can know what's on that test. I've asked for a long period of time from CPS, tell everybody what's on the test. Black, white, Latino, whoever, let everybody test if that's going to be the system. If that's the same CPS board, then do that. You want to talk resources in the neighborhoods. We passed a Bill a couple years ago because CPS in June 18, 2005 had a policy that said every single year, they will look at schools to determine whether or not they should be remapped. I have a high school in my district that was built the year after Martin Luther King was born... was assassinated, excuse me, 1969. It's never been remapped. Never even looked at. I FOIAed that from CPS. So, there's a lot of things going on with CPS that, you know,

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it's convenient now that the appointees are friendly to certain organizations that, you know, now we want to come and say don't do a fully-elected school board. But I thought the initial push was for a fully-elected school board, then it was hybrid, then they got what they wanted. And so, they didn't want the fully-elected school board, so here we are having this conversation. Beyond the fact that I think it's obviously a good Bill 'cause I'm on it, I want to address something that I think is just absolutely disrespectful and reprehensible, and that's the fact that we can debate Bills, we can have those conversations, but to sit there and call this woman racist. Say the policies are racist if you believe that. Say some of the things that have happened, you know, have had racial implications. But to call this woman racist is absolutely offensive. It's disrespectful. And we're talking about people being appointed versus elected. She was duly appointed... I mean, duly elected. She was duly elected. She's here doing the best that she can. I'm not Margaret Croke's best friend in life. I don't know everything about her, but I do know she's not racist. That's not the impetus of the Bill. We can disagree on things. I, for one, thought we shouldn't... we're talking about Black and brown kids, shouldn't just get rid of Invest of Kids and let all these kids have to figure out where to go. Other people, colleagues from the suburbs and other places who are not Black, who are not Latino, who do not live in the City of Chicago, they weighed in with their votes. I don't think they're racist. I think they disagree fundamentally in what we do with education. We can do that without calling people racist. I...

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I'm just... I don't know. Maybe Speaker Welch is racist. Maybe I'm racist 'cause I'm on the damned Bill too. And so, whatever that means for whoever is calling around threatening people, bring it on."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Thank you, Speaker. To the Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "I am a Latina Representative representing a Latino district, a Chicago mom who raises her two Chicago public school students on the Southwest Side of Chicago. Let me tell you about my district. Has Hancock High School, the only, only Southwest selective enrollment high school. And the number of students there, over a thousand, and 90 percent of those students are Latino. So, I don't know how we come to this conclusion that there is racial disparity. I don't know how we come to this conversation about it. We are all elected officials. We all have the opportunity to visit our schools, talk to our principals, engage with them, engage with the students and the parents, and have those conversations about what would you like to see in our communities. Now, CPS did hold a community conversation about three months ago. And in that community conversation, they led parents to believe like they really had a voice about what they wanted to see in their schools. Now, in my Southwest Side community, the one thing that came up was safety. So, if the... and I spoke at the Chicago Board of Education meeting that they held in my district, and that was the only topic I talked about, that parents have concerns about sending their kids to the neighborhood school because of safety. I'm trying to build my

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Hubbard High School an additional building because the parents, the principal, the other elected officials have come to me and talked to me. So, this is about engagement and having those conversational opportunities, then let's take them and go with it. But don't tell me 90 percent Latino students in a selective enrollment school, Southwest Side of Chicago, you can't argue with that at all. These kids love their school. And they'll come down here next month to come and visit the chambers because I've engaged with these students. I've talked to them and told them to be part of the process, and they're having those meetings. And I do go to my LSC meetings for Kennedy High School, for Hubbard High School, for Hancock High School, out of my three public high schools in the City of Chicago. There's no problem there. Ninety percent Latino students, I'm going to keep saying that. I represent a Latino district and we're... and I'm trying my best to work with... to work with CPS and the Chicago Board of Education. And I had a conversation with the president of the Chicago Board of Education who was here earlier this week. And I told him, let's work on Hubbard, and then let's work... but we have to work on Kennedy. Because if you want more students from the neighborhood, we need to address the safety in the school. Anybody want to see the videos that I have of fights taking place every week in those schools, you come and see me. But this is not a disparity issue. It's not. We all have the opportunity to engage in our communities. We have the opportunity to talk to those folks. That's what we got to do, plain and simple. So, if the Chicago Board of Education wants to work on a couple things, safety, let's get more

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teachers in there, figure out how we're going to work on a teacher shortage. Let's figure out how we're going to get more social workers and therapists because there's a number of open opportunities for that employment and we need to be able to fill those to service those students. So, let's work on that before we try to change the entire educational structure for the City of Chicago in a matter of few months. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ford."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Ford: "Thank you, Representative Croke, for the Bill and your hard work on the Bill. I think that's why we come here, to do and fight for what we believe in, and I really commend you for it. And when you and I talked about the select enrollments, I agreed to support your Bill because I think Chicago shouldn't blow up something that's working. And I totally agreed with you, and I split with the City of Chicago on that issue. But then there was an Amendment added that... I should ask, did you adopt House Amendment #1 to the Bill?"

Croke: "So, the... the original Bill was a shell Bill. So, then, yeah, the House Amendment 1 became the Bill, which was previously... it had some changes to it, but it was 57-66. And then we adopted the third Amendment, which extends the moratorium for all school closures until 2027, which was the... it extends the existing sunset that we had that Leader Buckner passed in one of the trailer Bills of the elected school board."

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Ford: "Thank you. I hope you understand that when I read the language of the Bill, it gives me pause because I represent West Side Austin community. And it concerns me that there's this debate about funding. If all things are equal, the Austin community, up against select enrollment community schools, will lose. That's what I'm afraid of. And I really hope you understand that I'm going to have to vote 'no' on the Bill based on my fear of how the West Side schools, especially the Austin community. When they're up against other neighborhood schools, we lose. And so, with that said, I congratulate you on part of the Bill, but I can't support the second part of your Bill. But I do congratulate you for standing strong and hard for what you believe in. Thank you."

Croke: "Thank you, Leader."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative LaPointe."

LaPointe: "Hi, Rep. First and foremost, I want to echo what the first speaker on this Bill said about your hard work and your tenacity on an issue that you really believe in, 'cause many in this chamber, we do that hard work on the Bills we believe in. So, just thank you for that. I have a few questions. And there's... there's just so much out there politically and policy wise circulating about this Bill that I think it's really important to try to drill down into what... what the Bill actually says. So, that's the spirit of where my questions are coming from. So, the word disproportionate funding is in the Bill, something along those lines. In addition to that, there has been public reporting lately about how CPS is starting to move away from student-based budgeting and getting into more evidence-based budgeting that some of our

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colleagues have mentioned here today. So, I wanted to ask you, what is your understanding about how your Bill would change the direction I just articulated about the direction of CPS' more evidenced-based budgeting?"

Croke: "Thank you, Representative. So, the language specifically says disproportionate decrease. So, I just want to point that out because it does not mention a disproportionate increase or anything. Disproportionate decrease is the language that is in the Bill. I think it would have to be, honestly, by a school-by-school basis. I... I can't speak to that because, unfortunately, there was a decision made not to release the proposed budgets for the schools to the general public, which is a new policy, as many of us know. So, I... I can't say specifically to each individual school if that... if that new budget will reflect that because I... I haven't been able to see those numbers."

LaPointe: "Okay. Thank you for that. Kind of along those lines, I think many of us really believe that the way that we have funded public schools across this country, and certainly in our City of Chicago, for decades and today has been very, very inequitable. And we feel that the language of disproportionate decrease could very easily just codify that inequity that already exists today. Can you comment on that?"

Croke: "So, I'll speak to that. Again, I... I am not up here saying that selective admission schools are perfect or that the way that we fund Chicago's public schools are perfect. However, I am saying that this Body did vote for an elected school board. And some of the proposed changes, especially, you know, referring back to even as far as the resolution that the

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existing board made about selective enrollment schools, these are very big and impactful decisions that can have irreparable damage. And they are being made by a board that has no accountability to the parents of CPS. That is what this Bill addresses. It goes back to that. I am not saying that those policy conversations are not valid, that we should not be having them. But when it comes to decisions that will... it will make our entire... the largest school district in the state have this huge impact upon those families, on those schools. That's what I have concerns about. That's what this Bill is meant to address. It's meant to say that we are going to wait because we passed an elected school board. We are going to wait until there is an elected school board in February of 2027 until these changes can be put in place."

LaPointe: "Okay. I understand the sentiments behind that and the sentiments that... behind this Bill. My last question is about this thing that I've heard about for the first time very recently called the opportunity index. And based on some information I... I just got today, so it's very recent, I'm learning that some of the schools in my district, on the far Northwest Side of Chicago or near my district, like Oriole Park, and Bridge Elementary, and Forest Park... not Forest Park, Forest Glen, excuse me, Elementary have low opportunity indexes. And some have indicated that they think that, with your Bill and with the... basically, with your Bill, that... that these are the schools that the low opportunity index neighborhood schools are actually going to bear the brunt of any funding cuts, which, of course, none of us want to see funding cuts. And I... I, personally, feel like I... I haven't



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had enough time or information, 'cause there's not enough information out yet about the budgets, to figure out if that's going to be true. Has anyone... have... do you have anything to say about that, about what this might do to the low opportunity index neighborhood schools?"

Croke: "So, again, the language that I was provided back on March 7 to address the concern to make sure that there would be no additional burden on the neighborhood schools was provided by CPS to me. That's why I included the disproportionate decrease language, with that intent. I have not heard from opponents until very recently that this was a concern. And they... and I had had conversations in which that was... they knew what the language was. So, unfortunately, without also seeing what the budgets are, because as... as I mentioned previously, those have been kept confidential, I can't answer that question, but I can say for the record that the inclusion of that language was specifically to address that concern."

LaPointe: "Okay. Okay. Thank you for that. Appreciate your answers. Again, I appreciate your tenacity. I'm going to be a 'no' on this Bill because there's just... I don't have the information I need to know how this will affect neighborhood schools across the city and, in particular, on the far Northwest Side, but thank you for your work."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Williams."

Williams, J.: "Thank you. Thank you. Will the speaker... will the Sponsor yield?"

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

Williams, J.: "It's a simple question from me. Does this Bill take away any funding from select enrollment schools?"

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Croke: "No."

Williams, J.: "Does this Bill take away any funding from regular schools in the City of Chicago?"

Croke: "No, that is... no."

Williams, J.: "Is it under my impression that we was just... the whole initial phase of this goal was to just stop what the mayor say he wants to do until we get a fully-elected school board?"

Croke: "That is the goal of the Bill..."

Williams, J.: "Thank you."

Croke: "...to wait until a fully-elected school board."

Williams, J.: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Caulkins."

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

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

Caulkins: "Representative, would we be... I'm trying to understand why we're doing this. If we had allowed a hundred percent of the school board to be elected instead of this hybrid, would this Bill be necessary?"

Croke: "No."

Caulkins: "No, what? I'm sorry."

Croke: "No. I said no. The Bill would not be necessary if we had a fully-elected school board at this time."

Caulkins: "So, this... so, this Bill... now, I mean, we're going through this ordeal because we all voted for a hybrid election. And now you don't like the fact that we're going to not be able to have a fully-elected school board until 2027?"

Croke: "Yeah. I do want to actually clarify. So, because the fully-elected school board wouldn't have been in place until

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February of 2025, I can't speak hypothetically to... to, you know, possibly this coming before the Body because the fully-elected school board wouldn't be in place as of today, even if we had a fully-elected school board. But, yes, I mean, I... I believe that... I mean, again, the reason for this Bill is to wait until parents and Chicago voters have the ability to vote and hold the board accountable, and we can't do that until there is a fully-elected school board."

Caulkins: "So, we should've had a fully-elected school board instead of going for the hybrid?"

Croke: "To answer that question, I think that we, at the time, were also concerned that if we did not pass a school board at all that it would've just reverted back to the appointed board. So, there are other reasons, I think, to vote for the hybrid school board, but I do believe that this Bill is now necessary because we do have a hybrid school board."

Caulkins: "Okay. And I... that's what I'm hearing is that you're trying to stop something from occurring because we're not electing the full school board, which I think we really wanted to do. We really wanted to fully elect the school board, but there was some reason that you all didn't want that. And now, here we are fighting over are we going to stop this hybrid school board from doing anything substantial until we can get a fully-elected school board. And I'm... just find it rather curious and somewhat offensive that we didn't do it right the first time. But I hope it works out for you. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the... I know the hour's late. I want to share a little story with y'all. I'll try to keep

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it brief. In 2012, I lost my first election for the Statehouse. And after that race, after it was over, we all licked our wounds. We got a meeting together of our volunteers who had worked on the campaign, and I said to them, listen, I think we should stay engaged on the issues that we care about. You know, selfishly for me, I think I'm going to run again in a couple of years, so I'd like to keep my volunteer base engaged. But also, you know, here we are, we've got a group of passionate people, what can we work on to help make our city a better place? And the overwhelming consensus of that group was that the issue we should take on was an elected representative school board for the City of Chicago. So, that summer, we went door to door and we collected signatures in precincts in my district for a nonbinding referendum to get an elected school board in Chicago. And it won with like 85, 90 percent across the... the district. And then that campaign took on a very different sense of urgency. That fall, a friend of mine had breakfast with me one day and said, 'I got a buddy in the mayor's office who says that the mayor's thinking about closing 100 schools in Chicago, and one of those schools is in our neighborhood, Brentano Elementary School down the street. And I think we got to try to stop that from happening.' So, our community mobilized again. We had town hall meetings. We had marches and rallies, took... fight to save our neighborhood school. And we were one of the fortunate ones. Brentano Elementary is still open today. That friend of mine is actually the principal at Brentano. It's a thriving, wonderful neighborhood school. But 50 other communities around Chicago were not so fortunate and their neighborhood

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school was taken from them by an unappointed and unaccountable body. And there was no way for those communities to advocate to the decision-makers about keeping their schools open. And, of course, the communities that were most harmed by those closures were Black and brown communities across the City of Chicago. There's no surprise. That's common knowledge. So, that made the fight for an elected school board much more personal for me because I knew that our community had gotten lucky, but communities across the city, and particularly communities of color, had not been so lucky. Our wonderful 90 percent Latino neighborhood school on the Northwest Side of Chicago was saved, but not every school was. And it just became so clear to me that these decisions about the closures of neighborhood schools need to be made by people who are accountable to the voters, 'cause if not, dangerous things can happen. And so, that's why when I finally won my election the next year in 2014 and started coming down to this place, I began the fight in the Legislature for an elected school board. And it's been many, many years, and many of us in this room have been doing it for 10 years and longer, and.. and that elected school board is finally coming to fruition. Rep. Croke, when you first worked on this Bill, there was a moratorium provision in here on enclosures for select enrollment schools. And I asked you, I said, 'I hope that you will consider including a moratorium on the closure of any school, neighborhood schools in our communities, until that board is fully elected because that's what I've been fighting for all these years.' That the people who are going to decide about closing our schools are people who should be accountable

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to us. They should be people we voted for. And I feel that way whether the mayor is a person I never met before or is a dear friend of mine who I worked my ass off to get elected, who's the man sitting in the fifth floor right now. You heard that feedback and you made that change, and I'm deeply grateful to you for it. I think, as we discussed, I think there are some... some changes I hope you'll consider as this Bill advances in the process. I have the question of what is disproportionately exactly mean is an important one. And I think it's really important, as my colleagues have stated today, to ensure that, as Chicago moves toward a more equity-centered model of school funding, that this Bill doesn't impede that path. And I hope and trust that you'll continue working on that. I think, you know, what... what's a selective enrollment school and what isn't. There's language in this Bill that I think needs to be worked on. I think you acknowledged that in our conversations, and I appreciate that you'll continue to work on it. But, fundamentally, this Bill contains something that is very near and dear to my heart, which is ensuring that decisions about school closures will be made by elected representative decision-makers. I have been fighting for that for my entire adult life. And so, for that reason, I will be supporting your Bill today. I appreciate your efforts on this. And I appreciate you hearing that concern, taking it to heart, and making that change. Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Andrade."

Andrade: "Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

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

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Andrade: "What percentage is the... do you know... do you know the percentage of minorities in selective enrollment schools?"

Croke: "I mean, I can refer back to... I know that the percentage... it's obviously majority minority. I think it's around, for Black and brown students, it's over 60 percent. For white students, it's 24 percent. And then the rest, obviously, are mixed of other different nationalities or ethnicities."

Andrade: "All right. Thank you. And just to, again and again, I know you said it before, but I think we need to repeat it. People keep saying that we're disproportionate. That is language from CPS that came from them. Isn't that correct?"

Croke: "Yes."

Andrade: "So... all right, thank you. To the Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

Andrade: "The reason I believe that we need this Bill is because, at this point, there is zero transparency. Zero transparency. Well, they have fought for years, and... and the people who have fought, they say we need transparency, transparency, transparency on these budgets. Transparency. They have become the epitome of what they fought for against. We can't answer the questions of how schools are affected because they're putting these budgets, basically, you know, like they said in the old days, in closed rooms. We have no idea what the budget is. We don't know what schools are going to be affected. You know, I have schools on the North Side that are... I have around 20 schools, and I don't know what their budgets are. I try to talk to the principals, and they're, like, they're afraid. The principals are afraid to tell us because they think that they're going to be held even worse. They're saying, no, you

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can't put this budget out. I want to know, but I can't know. So, that is unfortunate. So, now we have to pass this Bill because I want to hold that school board accountable. I want my residents to be able to hold that school board accountable because we don't know. We have no idea what happens to our schools' budgets because they are not allowed to share their budgets. That's ludicrous. They've been fighting all these years to make everything transparent, and once in power, they are not allowed to share their budgets. Tell us the truth. Tell us what you want to do with the schools, right? I asked before, and I keep asking. Be transparent. Be truthful to the parents of CPS students what exactly you want to do and show the budget. You know, I was at an event the other day. The assistant principal... I was talking to the assistant principal, the principal, the president of the local school council, and a teacher. And she... and I said, 'Assistant principal, be honest and tell them that this new formula, you're going to lose in there.' But she... and she couldn't say anything. That school in my district is going to lose and never score higher than 14 or 15 on that formula, right? And the other one says, 'Well, it's okay. You guys can just all raise money and have fundraisers.' Our parents should not have to hold fundraisers for school, regardless if they're rich or poor or anything. We, as elected officials, should really be funding the school. So, all I'm saying is that, unfortunately, the reason why I have to vote for this Bill is because I cannot get the information that I can make an educated choice on as a Legislator and as a parent. If they are scared to share their budgets, they're worse off than



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they were before. So, in... since there is no transparency in CPS budget, we need to pass this Bill to hold them accountable. What are they afraid of? What are they afraid of? That all these schools are going to be actually more, they're going to lose more money than they think? They are afraid that these parents will go crazy when they see that their budgets are being cut all over the City of Chicago, not just in one neighborhood. So, I think, in the name of transparency, we need to pass this Bill because there is no transparency by the current CPS board. They are not letting their principals share their budget. So, it's a shame. It really is, but it... that is... I hope you vote 'yes' if you believe in transparency. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Croke to close."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 303 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On that... this question, there are 92 voting 'yes', 8 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 18 of the Calendar, House Bill 5250, Representative Ammons. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5250, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Ammons."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ammons."

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Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5250 is a cleanup Bill for accelerated placement notification to parents where a child is eligible for automatic moving to the next course work. This cleans it up and clarifies for school districts that they can notify those parents prior to moving past the accelerated placement."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ammons moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5250. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5250, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I explained the Bill on the adoption of the Floor Amendment. It's a notification to parents for accelerated placement. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5250 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 19 of the Calendar appears

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House Bill 5296, Representative Faver Dias. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5296, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5296, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Faver Dias."

Faver Dias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Homeowners' Native Landscape Act, HB5296, protects the rights of homeowners to plant and grow Illinois native species on their own property and prevents homeowners associations from prohibiting this practice so long as the area is maintained predominantly free of weeds, invasive species, and trash, and vegetation does not extend over or onto neighboring properties, public or common sidewalks, pathways, streets or other public or common areas or elements, and does not interfere with traffic or utilities. Native plants require little maintenance, offer beautiful flowers, and produce brilliant seasonal changes. Native plants do not require the use of pesticides because the plants have not only developed their own defenses against many pests and diseases, they can also attract beneficial insects, such as the monarch butterfly. Because native plants are adapted to local environmental conditions, they require far less water, saving time, money, and water. This is a straightforward piece of legislation that preserves the

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rights of property owners and also benefits our environment.

I know of no opposition, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicated she'll yield."

Windhorst: "This impacts common interest associations. Is that accurate?"

Faver Dias: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And those associations cannot prohibit a resident or owner from planting or growing Illinois native species, but they can adopt reasonable rules and regulations regarding them. Is that accurate?"

Faver Dias: "Yes, that is accurate."

Windhorst: "And what is the reason this Bill's necessary?"

Faver Dias: "We have found that there are cases where HOAs have had rules that prevent people from native... planting native plants. Eight-seven percent of new homes are built in HOAs, so this is to address the idea that people can plant what they choose as long as it's well maintained and intentionally planted."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Keicher."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Keicher: "Okay. And thank you for answering that prior question.

So, one of the struggles that I have with this, again, I... I mentioned earlier on another Bill about mandates and my worry about mandates. My understanding is that this is for a homeowners association. You said HOA, right?"

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Faver Dias: "Yes."

Keicher: "And when somebody moves into a neighborhood or buys a townhome that's governed by an association's set of rules, declarations, and bylaws, there's generally an overseeing board that governs things like appearance, roof maintenance, yard maintenance, some even that can have or not have a basketball hoop that's out there, but that there's already a mechanism in place by going to your peers that you are serving with in the HOA to modify these rules. Why should we supplant that HOA authority? And again, basically, we're mandating that they have an allowance for this. Help... help me understand because you're buying into an association with all the rules that come with it."

Faver Dias: "I think there's a tension here between... between property owners' rights. I get your point. Like, there is a democratic process in place within an HOA. But we all... many of us are familiar with HOAs, the time and the commitment it would take, when really there is also a property rights issue here. As long as you are not, you know, hurting your neighbors, it's not impacting over public sidewalks."

Keicher: "But you're... you're surrendering part of your property rights by merits of you moving into an HOA-governed neighborhood. You're saying, I want into this neighborhood, sometimes because of the appearance of cleanliness and uniformity across everything. And then you have that one neighbor who decides that they want to plant prairie grass and it... and it changes the whole neighborhood. It changes the dynamics of the neighborhood, and that's why those boards are in place. I think fundamentally we'll disagree on this. I

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would encourage folks to think about this is actually a preemption of an independent body that folks are voluntarily joining. And I think it's a slippery slope that we should steer clear of."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Crespo."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Crespo: "So, subject to appropriations. First, I have to ask you, what will the awards be used for, the grants, if someone receives a grant?"

Faver Dias: "That... that was taken out. This is Amendment 1. We removed the grant piece from it, from the original Bill."

Crespo: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Faver Dias to close."

Faver Dias: "Thank you. Again, I think this is a commonsense piece... piece of language that protects people's rights to create environmentally sensitive plants and gardens on their own land. And, again, the HOA association is neutral with the reasonable rules piece. So, I'd encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5296 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; 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 72 voting 'yes', 37 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Manley in the Chair."

Speaker Manley: "House Bill 5621, Representative Ammons. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5621, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Manley: "Third Reading. House Bill 5621, Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5621, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Bill 5621 would raise the maximum loan amount from 400 thousand for veteran-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, and minority businesses through DCEO. It garnered bipartisan support out of committee, and I ask for an 'aye' vote for its passage."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, there was some conversation on some other legislation over the last couple days related to programs that provide benefits to minority individuals, females, person with disability, and veterans. Some of those may impact recent federal court decisions. Has... have you looked at whether this program is impacted by those decisions, or are you aware if there... there have been any legal challenges to the program before this change?"

Ammons: "No, Sir. I am not aware of any of those, not only legal challenges, but this particular program already exists. We're just raising the amount that small businesses can access."

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Windhorst: "And the amount goes from 400 thousand to 2 million, as you said?"

Ammons: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Or 50 percent of the business project cost?"

Ammons: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Ammons: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Ammons to close."

Ammons: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, and ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5621 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; 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 104 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 21, House Bill 5395, Representative Moeller. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5395, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #4 is offered by Representative Moeller."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Moeller on the Amendment."

Moeller: "The Amendment becomes the Bill. I'm happy to present that when the Bill is moved to Third. So, I move to adopt House Floor Amendment #4."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Moeller moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 4 to House Bill 5395. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the



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'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments, but notes have been requested on Bill... on the Bill and not filed."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Gabel."

Gabel: "I'd like to withdraw my notes on House Bill 5395."

Speaker Manley: "Mr. Clerk, please withdraw Leader Gabel's notes. Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "I move to... to..."

Speaker Manley: "One moment. One moment. Chair recognizes Leader Spain."

Spain: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I appreciate the responses received on some of the notes I requested. I think there's one outstanding, but I will withdraw that one outstanding note."

Speaker Manley: "Mr. Clerk, please withdraw Leader Spain's note. Chair recognizes Leader Keicher."

Keicher: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Republicans would request an immediate caucus in Room 316 for approximately 18 minutes. 316, so right behind the chamber. We're not going downstairs."

Speaker Manley: "The Republicans will caucus in Room 316 for 18 minutes-ish. Democrats will stand at ease, do whatever Democrats do for 18 minutes. We will be recessed to the call of the Chair. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 5395. Are there any other Amendments?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Manley: "Third Reading. Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. This..."

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Speaker Manley: "One... one moment, please. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5395, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Manley: "All right, Representative Moeller, let's give it another try here."

Moeller: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. This evening, I'm pleased to present House Bill 5395, an initiative of Governor Pritzker that makes several critical reforms to the health insurance industry to put power back in the hands of patients and their doctors. This Bill creates the Health Care Protection Act and includes the following changes. First, it reforms the utilization management process that insurance companies use to increase profits by denying and delaying access to care. The Bill reforms this process by requiring insurance companies and MCOs to use generally accepted standards of care when deciding whether to cover treatments recommended by a doctor. It bans prior authorization for inpatient mental health treatment. It bans fail-first step therapy and requires insurance companies to publicly post any treatments that require prior authorization. Second, this Bill bans junk or short-term, limited duration plans that don't cover ACA required treatments, including preexisting conditions. Third, the legislation addresses the problem of so-called ghost networks by requiring insurance companies to conduct 90-day internal audits of their networks, requires providers to inform insurers in a timely manner when there's... when they are no longer accepting new patients, and directs the Department of Insurance to create a uniform electronic

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directory so providers have a streamlined way to communicate changes. Finally, current law allows insurance companies to inflate what they can charge to pad profits, and premiums are often not aligned with market standards. House Bill 5395 requires prior approval from the Department of Insurance before large group plans can increase rates and requires premiums to align with the actual cost of providing health care. Over the past several months, we have worked with stakeholders within the insurance industry and in the health care sphere to address the concerns required... expressed by those interested and affected by this Bill. I'm proud to say that this legislation reflects many of those changes and concerns. And while we cannot remove all opposition to this Bill, we... we know that the insurance industry is still opposed to large group rate reform. There have been considerable efforts to make sure that we have addressed as much as we can to ensure that this Bill can be implemented and operational and achieve the underlying goal of making sure that consumers and patients in Illinois have access to affordable and high-quality health care. With that, I would ask for an 'aye' vote and happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Spain."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates that she will."

Spain: "Representative Moeller, thank you for bringing this Bill forward. I have a series of questions for you and wanted to begin, though, first and foremost, with a few questions regarding legislative intent. And the reason for these questions, this is a big Bill, makes several major

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modifications to our health care statutes, and with specific regard to the Public Aid Code. The Public Aid Code is where you'll find the location of much of the... our Medicaid program, but it's also the location for the health care benefit for immigrant adults and health care benefits for immigrant seniors program. And so, I wanted to clarify your legislative intent. And my question to you is, does this Bill make any changes to the benefits of the HBIA or HBIS programs?"

Moeller: "No. This Bill does not affect those programs at all."

Spain: "Does this Bill have any bearing whatsoever on either of those programs?"

Moeller: "No. This Bill affects the Medicaid program, but as you know, those are Medicaid look-alike programs and, therefore, do not affect the... the program offerings or details of those plans."

Spain: "Thank you. And just maybe one more time to make it perfectly clear that it is not your intention or the intention of this legislation to make any modifications, expansion, or contraction of the programs, HBIA and HBIS, either in this statutory language or, and I serve as the cochair of JCAR, in subsequent rulemaking actions?"

Moeller: "No. That is not the intention of this legislation or the rulemaking process that would be undertaken to implement this Bill."

Spain: "One of my JCAR colleagues is just... and I'm sorry for the redundancy for a fourth time, but no direct or indirect intentions to modify future administrative rulemaking with regard to HBIA, HBIS?"

Moeller: "Correct."

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Spain: "Thank you. Okay. Now, we'll get to just some of the substance of the Bill. Talk a little bit about step therapy. When the legislation was first introduced, my reading was, perhaps, just an outright ban on step therapy all together. But I know that, through negotiation and conversation with stakeholders, some modifications have been made with regard to step therapy. And... and so, I want to understand the intersection of, sort of, clinical needs in certain occasions for step therapy and trying different solutions versus cost-based application to step therapy."

Moeller: "So, under this Amendment, step therapy for medications... a ban on step therapy for medications is included. So, insurance plans would not require patients to fail first on a medication before they could proceed to a medication that has been prescribed by their doctor. So, that is banned. This... this Amendment also employs all other utilization review applications that would be used to limit costs and... but... and determine medical necessity for a prescribed procedure."

Spain: "Okay. Thank you. Prior authorization. So, this Bill makes changes to prior authorization requirements for inpatient psychiatric behavioral health services, correct?"

Moeller: "Correct. This bans prior authorization for inpatient mental health care in a hospital."

Spain: "And I've... I've heard... just as a point of clarification, what about substance use? Is that included in the prior auth ban in this legislation?"

Moeller: "Yes. That ban on prior authorization for substance abuse would also apply."

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Spain: "Okay, thank you. And I understand the... the reasons for this prior authorization ban. And, as a Legislature, we understand both some of the frustrations of prior auth, many, and some of the cost management implications as well. But maybe speaking to the cost, is... is there any concern that we may be now be creating an incentive for mental health services in one of the most expensive places to receive those services, instead of maybe in a different community-based setting?"

Moeller: "Under... under House Amendment #4 and in... and was contemplated in the original underlying Bill, the prior authorization... the ban on prior authorization only would... would only apply for the first 72 hours while a patient is receiving care inpatient. At that point, insurance companies can conduct concurrent review to make sure that this is the appropriate venue for care for that patient."

Spain: "No, I understand that, and maybe put this on the... the list of things that we'll continue to work on for this legislation. Understand certain instances where this care setting is exactly where a patient needs to be, but we do other things to create certain incentives and disincentives for seeking care, making sure that we... you know, the ED utilization controls are a perfect example. And... and so, it's something to think about on... on understanding any of the unintended consequences that might exist for this type of care setting versus others."

Moeller: "Sure. I don't disagree with you that capacity is needed for community care and ranges of care for people who need access to mental health, behavioral health, and substance abuse treatment."

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Spain: "Yeah. And.. and I think capacity.. well, I mean, we have such a lack of inpatient psych beds in the State of Illinois. So, we know that that is going to be an additional bottleneck, and they only exist in certain places. And there are large parts of the state where the.. the lack of those beds are.. are going to be an issue. Let me turn to the topic of.. of junk insurance, these short-term duration plans. Understand your intention to ban those plans. I know they're undergoing some further review at the federal level. Those plans are being tightened up. Are there any implications, though, that would.. a ban in this area would affect any of the other supplemental short-term insurance plans that employers, that labor organizations, others use to beef up coverage for certain needs?"

Moeller: "No. This would not affect those types of supplemental plans. This legislation goes after the.. the plans that.. that are, you know, lure consumers in with very low premiums but essentially don't meet ACA standards, where they don't cover preexisting conditions, they don't cover maternal care, have extremely high deductibles and.. and are basically, you know, a financial scam."

Spain: "Sure. And I get that and share your interest in making sure that those junk products are not used as a deceptive insurance offering to.. to our people in the State of Illinois. But another thing, as we consider further discussions in the Senate, making sure we avoid any of the unintended consequences for some of the additive short-term health insurance actions that could be useful as a supplement. So,

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something more to think about. It's been a concern raised by insurance stakeholders."

Moeller: "Okay."

Spain: "Rate review. So, I understand the interest within this Bill to have the Department of Insurance conduct review and approval of our large group health plans. These are... what percentage of the health care marketplace is going to fall into this fully-insured, non-ERISA plan offering?"

Moeller: "Sure. Well, with this legislation, we include the fully-insured plans that are regulated by the state, which is about 20 percent of the market. It also covers Medicaid insurance, which is, you know, about 20 percent of the market. And then it also covers local governments and school districts by statute. So, it's a considerable percentage of... of consumers and patients who will be covered. And 34 other states already do large group rate review. Last year, we passed, with the leadership of Representative Morgan, short... or small group rate review, and this mirrors the provisions that passed last year for those small group plans."

Spain: "So, within all of those plans, it would be subject to rate review. That's a lot. It's not the full magnitude of our marketplace, but it's still a lot. What... what is the capacity within the Department of Insurance to conduct these reviews? What additional appropriation within the budget will be necessary to increase their headcount? I mean, how do we think through some of those next steps to unlock what you're attempting to do?"

Moeller: "So, it's my understanding that the department has already been increasing headcount within the department and



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already receives financial information from the plans under existing authority. So, this is not expected to add administrative burdens to the department beyond the capacity that they can address it."

Spain: "Well, and I understand we've been rebuilding many state agencies that have been hollowed out, and that's a good thing, and making sure the headcount is reflective of the work of many of our agencies, but this is a... a major expansion. And so, it... it's something, again, to receive further information on. What are the... what is the capacity building, maybe additional capacity building, that will be necessary for DOI on this? Representative, I want to thank you for answering my questions. I'm going to make a few comments to the Bill. And, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, appreciate this opportunity to discuss a really important and meaningful piece of legislation. I think it's been one that we've all been paying quite a bit of attention to since, Governor, you were here delivering your budget address. I think that this Bill is making important strides, and I intend to support it tonight. I also think that there's further work to do. And we kind of joke around here from time to time about fixing things in the Senate, but this one is such a large piece of legislation that continued conversations will be necessary in the Senate. And I know, Representative, as the Sponsor, you understand that. The... the things that are most important to me that will be really impactful when we see this Bill again, when we've gone through some of the changes, but understanding pressure on our inpatient psych capacity throughout the state, I think, matters a lot. How do we prepare the

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Department of Insurance for embarking on this new endeavor, I think, matters a lot. What are the cost management implications for the long term for the State of Illinois? We may all be here in this Legislature for a brief moment in time, but some of the changes to utilization management may live for a very long time in the State of Illinois. And there are great potential benefits for patients and providers, and then there are also cost implications for the State of Illinois. And... and we have a responsibility to think about both of those things. One of the estimates that I received from the insurance industry is that a very real concern that some of the changes in this legislation could put upward pressure on premiums, anywhere from 12 to 40 dollars per month. We have an obligation to understand those things and... and mitigate any upward pressure that would cause increased costs within health care because we already know how expensive health care is and the consequences of the inflation that... that we've been experiencing over the last several years in the country. So, there's... there's a lot. And I would just end by thanking you for your leadership. I think it's been very important. This is a really big action for the Legislature. So, thanks for bringing it forward. Understand that we have further work to do, and I'd... I'd end maybe where I started because it's a critical issue that we've seen from a prospective of cost, some cost challenges in that HBIA and HBIS program. And I strongly encourage that we make it crystal clear, when the legislation comes back, the decoupling of what we're doing here from those other programs. Because we continue, within the Legislature and JCAR, working for some

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additional ways that those costs could be managed going forward in the future. So, Representative, thank you again for your work on this and appreciate your accepting of these questions tonight."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates that she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, Leader Spain covered most of what... what needs to be covered in this. I just have a few items I'd like you to answer, if you don't mind. Are there any concerns that removing prior authorization for inpatient mental health services in a hospital setting might create an unintended consequence for patients in need of mental health services to seek out more expensive services in a hospital setting versus services that might be better delivered in a community-based setting?"

Moeller: "This bans prior authorization for those who present at a hospital and are deemed to need inpatient services under a medical... medically necessary determination as... as determined by a physician or a health care professional in the hospital. And as I mentioned, you know, there will be concurrent review that would occur within 72 hours of the patient being admitted. This is to address those situations where we've seen patients arrive at the hospital needing critical care, but being turned away because of an insurance company decision not to allow them, you know, inpatient access. So, this is not intended to create a... a different approach to providing mental health services. It's to provide those who really, truly need inpatient critical care to receive that care."

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Windhorst: "For those hospitals that might not have resources available to appropriately provide care for someone with acute mental health care needs, such as they don't have a psychiatrist available 24/7, how does this Bill protect those patients entering a hospital facility that does not have the ability to care for them?"

Moeller: "This Bill would not address that, but happy to continue conversation around that."

Windhorst: "There has been... Leader Spain had a conversation around cost, just to discuss that a little further. Some of the pieces of the Bill, of course, take effect in 2025, such as the ban on step therapy for prescription drugs. Does the Governor's proposed FY2025 budget factor in those costs?"

Moeller: "It... the budget does not. And that was... the budget was introduced before this Bill was introduced, and the administration did not want to be presumptuous as to assume that the Bill would pass and those costs, you know, introduced up front. So, we are still in the budget-making process. We still have several weeks to go through that appropriations process. Should this Bill proceed through the legislative process, that would be a time to consider adding those additional funds to... to address the... the costs that would be associated with this Bill."

Windhorst: "The prior approval of the rate filings also applies to pharmaceutical policies. These policies are not defined. What does this mean and what policies would this apply to?"

Moeller: "Pharmaceutical policies are only, so far, as... as part of the overall plan that's reviewed and approved by the Department of Insurance."

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Windhorst: "Of course, this was discussed with Leader Spain, the Amendment proposes a ban on what is known as short-term, limited duration insurance. There are actually constituents who reach out and say they like those types of... of insurance. So, I guess the first question is, how many Illinoisans will lose some coverage under this ban?"

Moeller: "So, a couple... a couple things on that. If... if a consumer has actually bought one of the products that is intended to be banned under this legislation, they probably don't like it or they've never had to use it. Because these plans are those plans that, again, lure consumers in with very low premiums but cover very little in terms of treatment and have very high deductibles. So, these... these are not insurance plans as much as they are financial scams. When it comes to being able to access policies on the... on the affordable... on the ACA Marketplace, the Bill includes premium realignment to ensure that there are actual differences between the bronze, silver, and gold plans that are different enough to justify the premium costs for those plans. And bronze is... is more affordable. So, the intent would be to move anyone who... who would be inclined to buy a short-term junk plan would... would be able to buy a bronze plan on the ACA Marketplace that actually provides coverage and... and access to health care."

Windhorst: "I don't if you've addressed this, but do we know how many Illinoisans would be impacted by the ban who are currently using that coverage?"

Moeller: "Are you talking about the... are you talking about..."

Windhorst: "The short-term, limited duration."

Moeller: "...short-term plans?"

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Windhorst: "Yes."

Moeller: "It... it's hard to say because they're not..."

Windhorst: "Do we have at least an estimate or ballpark?"

Moeller: "We... we can look into that and get you a number."

Windhorst: "I believe you may have answered this, but just so I understand fully, for those individuals, once those plans go away, the effort will be to move them into the marketplace to at least a bronze plan. Is that..."

Moeller: "Correct. Correct. Yes."

Windhorst: "...the plan? Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Gabel for an update on attendance."

Gabel: "Yes. Please excuse Representative Ammons for the rest of the day."

Speaker Manley: "Thank you, Leader. I'm here for you. Chair recognizes Representative Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Manley: "Please proceed."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you. Representative, I... I know you've been working pretty hard on this and... and I, you know, I appreciate many of the things that are in this Bill. I think there's a number of things that Members on both sides of the aisle can agree that we... we need to work on, specifically I will say network adequacy. When you've got a doctor in Springfield, Illinois that's also at the hospital in Jacksonville, Illinois, they're here four days a week, and they're over there one day a week, and it counts as two doctors, that's a problem, right? I think we both... both agree with that. You

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know, mental health prior authorization. If somebody's got a problem, I want them to get help, right? I mean, we... we've seen it, whether it's gun violence, whether whatever it may be, I want to make sure that those people have the opportunity to get... get help. So, I... I do agree with you on that. And even some of the short-term plans, you know, the... the limits that they put on those, I can see where you could want to look to restrict some of those. I also see them as a bridge to the next... next real health care. So, I don't want to take... take that short-term opportunity to get to the next... next step away from some of these individuals, but I see where you're going on... on some of this. So, there's many things, and I haven't... I haven't had the... the opportunity to be in the negotiations. So, certainly, I don't have the direct knowledge as... as Leader Spain and... and Leader Hammond and... and some of the others. So, I... I appreciate your willingness to talk about this and actually have these negotiations. I really do. As we look at how this affects the people of Illinois, we... we always hear about ERISA plans and the non-ERISA plans, the state-covered plans. And so, generally, we hear 80/20. Is that... is that about right? Is that what you think it is, 20 percent would be affected by this and 80 percent would not?"

Moeller: "Yeah. It's... it's 20 percent in those plans. The state only regulates fully-insured plans."

Davidsmeyer: "Yeah."

Moeller: "So, that would be about 20 percent. But as I mentioned, this... this covers all of the Medicaid plans that we offer in

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the state and also all of the plans that are offered by municipalities..."

Daidsmeyer: "Yes."

Moeller: "...and local government... units of government."

Daidsmeyer: "Yeah."

Moeller: "So, it's a slightly larger percentage."

Daidsmeyer: "So... so, the majority of people that are affected by this are on some form of state or government insurance. Is that a fair statement?"

Moeller: "No, because those who are in a fully-insured program, is not... they're not necessarily in a... in a publicly-funded plan. They could work for a private organization, a private company."

Daidsmeyer: "Okay. So, as... as we're looking at this, these protections will not apply to the majority of Illinoisans, right? Because the majority are in ERISA plans."

Moeller: "They won't, but... but they won't because federal law prohibits that. We are not allowed to regulate ERISA plans that are the self-funded plans that are..."

Daidsmeyer: "Yeah."

Moeller: "...regulated by the federal government."

Daidsmeyer: "Yeah. And as... as we look at many of these... many of these additional health care benefits or additional health care mandates, no matter how you want to look at it, that's... that's what this is. You know, any time you add an additional regulation, there's going to be cost to... to the... to the actual plan itself. So, you and I both serve on COGFA. We just had CMS in front of us last week. All these days are running together. We've spent a lot of days here. But we just had



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them in front of us, and they.. they mentioned about \$524 million cost increase just to the state employee health care plan, correct?"

Moeller: "I.. I trust you. You're the chair.."

Davidsmeyer: "Yeah."

Moeller: "...of COGFA, but, yes, it was considerable."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you. And.. which is a large increase, 210 million of which is just the injectables, right? Just the.. the weight loss drugs and.. and the diabetes, prediabetes drugs that were included in there. So, as we look at that and as we look at applying this to Medicaid as well, we're looking at a huge increase.. I won't say huge because I don't know that for sure, but it will be an increase to state employee health care plans. Do we have any idea what that increase will be for the state employee health care plans?"

Moeller: "I mean, estimates right now are at about 30 to 40 million in additional cost to the state with this legislation. But the underlying intent of this initiative is to lower costs over time. And.. and certainly when you're.. when you're making reforms and changing how, you know, these plans are implemented, there may be initial.. initial cost, but as we go through the large group rate review and the utilization management to make sure that.. and making sure that we are not.. we're not prohibiting, you know, by banning step therapy, that we're not limiting or reducing access to medications that can help treat patients, you know, right off the bat versus having them fail and have to come back and be even sicker and have to use even more expensive therapies if they had just been treated properly in the first place. Many of

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these reforms will lead to long-term cost savings. And... and that's the overall intent of this... cost savings along with greater access to care."

Davidsmeyer: "How... how do you quantify that cost savings? Is... can you quantify that cost savings in the future?"

Moeller: "Obviously not at this moment."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay."

Moeller: "But I'll... as an example, and I have Emily Miller here who is with the Governor's Office, who's has worked very hard on this. She... she uses a real-life example of her daughter who has asthma. And her... she was subjected to step therapy when trying to access an inhaler that worked for her daughter, and she was forced to use the least expensive form of treatment available because of her insurer."

Davidsmeyer: "Yeah."

Moeller: "And because of that, she got sicker and sicker, and eventually ended up in an emergency room."

Davidsmeyer: "Yeah."

Moeller: "And that's... that's expensive care."

Davidsmeyer: "Certainly."

Moeller: "So, if she had been allowed to... to access the treatment up front that her doctor had prescribed for her and not have to jump through these bureaucratic regulations that the insurance company had put in place, that would've saved her... the... her family money. It would've saved the insurance company money. It would've saved the state money because Emily gets her insurance, I'm assuming, through the state."

Davidsmeyer: "And it certainly cost the insurance company money as well by having that extension, you know, the different

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steps. And I will say, when I tore my Achilles tendon and I had probably two or three different X-rays before they actually gave me an MRI, which the X-ray didn't really do anything for the... for the Achilles. But... so, I do understand. I do understand that. So, you know, my... my ultimate concern is we're talking about a guesstimate of \$30 million increase, probably into perpetuity until we start seeing some of these possible savings that we don't know what they are. And that's just in state employee health care. What do... what do we think the cost increase will be on the Medicaid side? And I do understand that that's... that's federally matched."

Moeller: "I think... the estimate that we have is about 20 million for the Medicaid program."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay."

Moeller: "The fourth Amendment brought... brought the... the cost much lower."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. Certainly, a little bit less expensive than I would've... would've guessed, but... so, we're looking at a \$50 million increase to... to just the State of Illinois directly, next year?"

Moeller: "As an estimate, yeah."

Davidsmeyer: "And... and I want to reiterate the concerns that I have that, as... as you said, the HBIA and HBIS, the programs for noncitizens that are here. You said those mimic Medicaid..."

Moeller: "They are not connected. They are a Medicaid..."

Davidsmeyer: "...but would not be covered by this."

Moeller: "Correct. They are... they are a Medicaid look-alike program..."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay."

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Moeller: "...so they are..."

Davidsmeyer: "I... I still have concerns that it could be because I... I think sometimes we try to stretch that within our departments. So, I certainly have concerns about that. Ultimately, I think this is going to be a large increase to the State of Illinois. I think it's going to be an increased cost to taxpayers because the majority of our taxpayers will not be covered by this. And so... and with those concerns, along with the illegal immigrant population, I want to say I will be a 'no' on this. So, I... I do appreciate your work."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Moeller to close."

Moeller: "Thank you. Thank you, Speaker. I appreciate the conversation and... and the questions. I... I don't want to reiterate the intent of this legislation. I do want to say I think this is an incredibly important initiative that the... the consumers, the... the residents of Illinois, the patients of Illinois support. We all hear horror stories in our... in our districts about residents and constituents who've had to deal with insurance companies and have been denied access to care because of policies that are intended to deny access in order to increase profit. And this Bill is an important step in ensuring that our residents are healthier, live better lives, and save... and save money in their health care. I want to thank Governor Pritzker for his tremendous leadership on this nation-leading reform. This legislation came out of his administration. I want to thank Emily Miller who's worked tirelessly with her team and with the Department of Insurance to negotiate this legislation with the insurance industry and with all of the advocates. I want to thank Speaker Welch and

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our great legal staff who've been a tremendous part of this effort. I want to thank Leader Morgan who has done tremendous work in this area and has been a true leader. Leader Gabel, Leader Lilly, Representative Delgado who are the chief cosponsors, all of the Democratic cosponsors who've come onto this Bill. And we've even had some Republican cosponsors as well. I also want to thank the advocates on both sides of this issue, including Laura Minzer from the insurance industry, and for their work in negotiating this Bill. I, again, thank the... the efforts of colleagues on both sides of the aisle. I humbly ask you for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5395 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; 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. With 80... on this question, 81 are voting in 'favor', 25 'opposed', 2 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. We'd like to welcome Governor JB Pritzker to the House Floor. Welcome, Governor. On page 20 of the Calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we find House Bill 5355, Representative Yang Rohr. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5355, a Bill for an Act concerning health. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Yang Rohr, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Yang Rohr on Amendment 1 to House Bill 5355."

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Yang Rohr: "Thank you, Madam Chair. This Amendment removes opposition from Illinois Trial Lawyers, Illinois State Medical Society, HFS, and DOI. And I ask for its passage."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Yang Rohr moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 5355. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Floor Amendment 1 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Manley: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5355, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Yang Rohr."

Yang Rohr: "Thank you, Madam Chair. House Bill 5355, it continues the work that this Body has done in trying to address the opioid epidemic by addressing and going toward one of its main sources, and that is with prescription opioids. There is, right now, a pipeline of nonopioid drugs being... being developed to address pain relief with... pain relief and medications that do not have the long-term side effects that come with opioids. And we want to make sure that these medications are widely available. I ask for your 'aye' vote in support of this legislation."

Speaker Manley: "The question... Chair recognizes Leader Haas."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Haas: "Just wanted to make a couple clarifying points. I think there is still some opposition on this Bill, but you have..."

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had committed in committee that you're going to continue to work on some Amendments in the Senate. Is that correct?"

Yang Rohr: "We are... we are absolutely committed to continuing conversations. Whether or not that will bring the opposition to a neutral position, I... I do not know if that will happen."

Haas: "Okay. Certainly want to encourage that... that continued conversation. And also want to make a point of clarification that, as we talk about eliminating step therapies, if... this won't prohibit a physician from prescribing an opioid if that's the most appropriate form of treatment for a patient. Is that correct?"

Yang Rohr: "Yes. It does have those... those elements in there."

Haas: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Yang Rohr to close."

Yang Rohr: "Thank you, and I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5355 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting's 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 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5357, Representative Jones. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5357, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Lisa Hernandez, was approved for consideration."

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Speaker Manley: "Representative Jones on the Amendment."

Jones: "Give me one minute. So, this Amendment... we're just adopting this Amendment because it makes one change to the underlying Bill. It combines... we have another Bill. This Bill has weather damage to a sewer for a sump pump. So, this... I know of no opposition to this Bill, and I ask for the adoption of this Amendment 1."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Jones moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 5357. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Manley: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5357, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Jones."

Jones: "Thank you, Madam Chair. This is an initiative of Leader Hernandez. Many of you know that we've experienced severe flooding in several communities. Leader Hernandez has been not only spot on with this issue, but has taken this issue to heart and brought it to the Insurance Committee. This Bill seeks to cover and look at sewer... sewer backup and sump... sump pump damage. Most of the damage that happened during the flooding and during the storms was sump pump damage, was backup damage. This Bill, 5357, seeks to have a disclosure and work with the insurance companies. I know of no opposition. Leader Hernandez... Leader Hernandez did a good job



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on this Bill. She should definitely be commended. I'm ready for any questions and just ask for the passage."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Keicher."

Keicher: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm just going to go to the Bill. Thank you for presenting this..."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Keicher: "...Mr. Chairman. And you are absolutely right, Leader Hernandez did a great job working with industry on this. This speaks to making sure that the offer is made to those that procure homeowners insurance so that they have the opportunity to do it. It doesn't mandate or make any requirements that anybody purchase it or... or have it on there at an additional cost unless they choose to do so. So, thank you for presenting this, Sir, and thank you to the Sponsor."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Madam Chair. To the Bill. First of all..."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Davis, W.: "...let me thank the Sponsors, my colleague Representative Jones, who chairs the insurance committee, Leader Hernandez, who's both their areas suffered significant flood damage going back to fall of last year. I appreciate the work that you're trying to do so that there's more transparency in that space. When people are purchasing homes, we require them to buy insurance. We want to make sure that the thought process in that is making sure that whatever those issues may be, that they have the opportunity to buy the insurance necessary to protect their investments. These are long-term investments, and we want to make sure they do this. Now, on my own, I'm saying that the insurance company...

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companies need to beware. We are coming for them. There are way too many times when people are buying insurance and are purchasing insurance because we ask them to, we require them to, and then when something happens, the insurance does not cover the losses that they actually incur. So, we are coming for the insurance company. I just want to put them on notice, using zip codes to deny coverage in Black communities and issues like that. We're coming for the insurance companies, so I hope they're listening and I hope they're prepared for what's to come. I encourage everyone to vote 'yes' on this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Jones to close."

Jones: "I was just going to ask Representative Davis if the... if they could put me and Representative Davis on the monitor together. That's not me, but that's... we're going to have a look-alike photo tomorrow. So, y'all can put Representative Davis up there as well. Listen, this is an important issue. We know that many residents suffered during the... the flooding in July. They suffered after the flooding in September of last year. And they want help. They need help. They need education, as well, about how the insurance... many residents got denied coverage through their insurance companies. This Bill seeks to not only work with the insurance companies, but also, as one of the Representatives stated, to make sure that any resident is aware of what coverage that they have and make sure that they take advantage of it, and also make sure that they protect their family. I ask for an 'aye' vote on this Bill. Thank you."

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Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5357 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 3, House Bill 478, Representative Guerrero-Cuellar. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 478, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Guerrero-Cuellar, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar on Floor Amendment 1."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to adopt House Floor Amendment 1, which is a gut and replace."

Speaker Manley: "You're going to have to give us a little bit more than that."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "It's a gut and replace for the Amendment authorizing the Department of Military Affairs to transfer the land to the City of Chicago in exchange for one dollar to express the purpose of using the property for a police station in Illinois House District 22."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 478. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

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Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Manley: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 478, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Again, this is for the purpose of the Department of Military Affairs to transfer the land over to the City of Chicago in the amount of one dollar for the purpose of building a police district in Illinois House 22."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 478 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; 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's 106 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 20, House Bill 5373, Representative Cassidy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5373, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. This Bill was read a second time previously. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Cassidy, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Cassidy on Amendment 2."

Cassidy: "Thank you. I would like to adopt the Amendment and debate the Bill on the floor."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Cassidy moves for the adoption of Amendment 2 to House Bill 5373. All those in favor say 'aye';

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opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Manley: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5373, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Madam Speaker and Members of the House. This Bill is the result... it's a constituent issue. I... I was contacted several years ago by a constituent who has multiple chronic conditions and lives in debilitating pain year-round, all day, every day. And she shared with us her experience of having doctors be afraid to provide her with the prescriptions that she needs, doctors who found themselves caught up in witch hunts of folks who were trying to... assume that because you treat people with chronic pain, you're a pill pusher. This is very clearly a distinction. This is not about the folks... the dentist who gives you a year's supply of opioids when you get your wisdom teeth out. This is about highly-specialized physicians who are aware of the level of pain that certain conditions cause, and the capacity to provide relief to those patients. What we're trying to do here is make sure that we are creating that appropriate distinction between chronic pain and acute pain and provide access to lifesaving medication for patients who live with debilitating pain every day. The Amendment, it has eliminated all opposition. Everybody is neutral. We are just hopeful that this will provide some relief to patients like Kat and others

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that I've met on this journey who simply want to live productive... productive lives with as little pain as possible. And I ask for your support."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5373 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5397, Representative Walsh. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5397, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Walsh, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Walsh on the Amendment."

Walsh: "Can we move the Amendment to Third and debate the Bill on Third?"

Speaker Manley: "Representative Walsh moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 5397. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Manley: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5397, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Walsh."

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Walsh: "Thank you, Madam Chair and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 5397 is an initiative of the Illinois Petroleum Education and.. or Petroleum Resources Board. The underlying Bill was making changes putting limits on the number of terms that they could serve. With the Amendment, the.. that limit is in there. It would.. not to exceed nine years, unless the board approves by two-thirds majority the members of the producer association's executive committee, and it also adds an immediate effective date. And it wouldn't take effect until July 1 of 2024 for the rulings on the term limits. Ask for a favorable vote. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5397 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Cassidy. Barbara Hernandez. Fritts. Okay. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5411, Representative Moylan. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5411, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. This Bill was read a second time previously. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Manley: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5411, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Manley: "Representative Moylan."

Moylan: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm really excited to be presenting this Bill at this late hour. House Bill 54... Lady Speaker, I should say. House Bill 5411, as amended, is a cleanup Bill for IDOT. It requires the driver of a vehicle involved in a crash to provide notice to local police. Thank you, and I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Is there anything in the Bill about the DUI Prevention Education Fund and how those funds will be distributed?"

Moylan: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And what does it do?"

Moylan: "House Bill 5411 permits the DUI Prevention and Education Commission to create rules and guidelines for distributing funds and is required to determine the best course of action."

Windhorst: "And it also... there's a change to when law enforcement agencies are to provide report data, moves that from March 1 to February 1?"

Moylan: "Yes, that's correct. They do it electronically."

Windhorst: "Has there been any concern expressed about moving up that date?"

Moylan: "No."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Moylan: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Moylan to close."

Moylan: "I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."



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Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5411 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting's 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 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5417, Representative Cassidy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5417, a Bill for an Act concerning health. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Cassidy, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Cassidy on Floor Amendment 1."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to adopt the Amendment and debate the Bill on Third, please."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Cassidy moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 1. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Manley: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5417, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 5417 is the HIV Treatment and Linkage to Care Bill. It is the initiative of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago and represents some important factors that... that will help us

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achieve our goal as a state of getting to zero, bringing an end to new HIV infections in the State of Illinois. And that comes through some very significant means. First of all, we want to make sure that people can access home tests with... and have insurance coverage for it so that they can test in the way that they feel most comfortable doing so. We want to make sure that folks who are seeking treatment after a positive test have quicker access to the lifesaving drugs that can bring you down to a zero viral load, which means you also don't transmit the disease. Right now, it can be a wait time of weeks before you get access to that medication. This Bill will create eight pilot project sites that will allow presumptive eligibility for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program so you can get on the medications. And finally, it addresses the issue of access to testing and treatment and education in our jails and prisons. I know of no opposition. We've worked very closely with the departments. I want to thank Jim Kaitschuk from the Sheriffs' Association, working with us to ensure that this was enforceable and... and implementable in... in our county jails. And I ask for your support."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates that she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, what is the overall goal that you hope to achieve with the legislation?"

Cassidy: "The legislation seeks to get us that much closer to the goal of ending new HIV infections in the State of Illinois. We refer to that as the Getting to Zero program."

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Windhorst: "Is there any cost associated with this Bill that you're aware of?"

Cassidy: "There shouldn't be significant costs. The... the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, it won't... it will not cause additional costs to have people get access to the medication sooner."

Windhorst: "And I note there are changes to the County Jail Act. Could you explain what those are?"

Cassidy: "Sure. So, we want to make sure that folks are offered access to testing. We want to make sure that folks are able to access treatment in the jails. And finally, we want to make sure that there are educational materials made available, not only to the folks who are in our jails, but also the people who come to visit them, because this represents a very vulnerable population and a population where we are seeing significant increases in... in positive... positive infections, sorry, where we've been able to... to really get it under control in other communities."

Windhorst: "You mentioned the sheriffs are neutral on the Bill, I believe, officially."

Cassidy: "Yes, they are."

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

Cassidy: "There are no opponents."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Cassidy to close."

Cassidy: "Please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5417 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. Voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have

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all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 106 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5408, Representative... Leader Stephens. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5408, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Stephens, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Stephens on Floor Amendment 2."

Stephens: "Floor Amendment 2 was actually passed in committee. Oh, it's a Floor Amendment? Okay. All right. So, the Amendment just addresses some questions that the truckers had to move them to neutral and some issues that the trial lawyers had."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Stephens moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 5408. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Manley: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5408, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Stephens."

Stephens: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Bill 5408 prohibits stopping or parking on the shoulder within a half mile of the eastern access of O'Hare Airport near I-190 and I-294."

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Requires the Toll Highway Authority to install and maintain automated traffic safety systems. Fines are \$100 per occurrence, and the fine's going to the Illinois State Police Law Enforcement Administrative Fund. I will take any questions and ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5408 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Sanalistro. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 106 voting in 'favor', 1 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5480, Representative Delgado. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5480, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second time previously. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Delgado, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Delgado on Amendment 3."

Delgado: "Yes. Thank you, Madam Chair. House Bill 5480 allows state authorized chartered schools to eligible to receive state reimbursement for costs associated with transportation of students. The reimbursement formula mirrors what the state currently uses for public school transportation reimbursement for traditional public school districts. This will impact only four schools across the state. Those schools are Elgin Math and Science Academy in Elgin, Southland College Prep in Richton Park, Prairie Crossing in Grayslake, and LEARN in

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Waukegan. I'm happy to answer any questions, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Delgado moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 3 to House Bill 5480. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Manley: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5480, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Delgado."

Delgado: "Well, now you all know what the Bill is 'cause I already explained it to you. So, again, I'd like to ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5480 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Morris. Harper. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 106 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5543, Representative Katz Muhl. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5543, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 2 and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Katz Muhl."

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Speaker Manley: "Representative Katz Muhl on the Amendment #2."

Katz Muhl: "The Amendment edits the end of the Bill to align with the definition of public safety that's already in the Township Act and adds an effective date."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Katz Muhl moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 5543. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Katz Muhl."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Katz Muhl on Floor Amendment 3."

Katz Muhl: "Thank you. This is a public safety Bill brought to me by Northfield Township. It affects four of the suburban Cook County townships that have special police districts created by voter referendum to help with unincorporated residential areas. We are loosening up the definition to include not just policing contracts, but public safety that would be effective for the area."

Speaker Manley: "Is that Floor Amendment 3?"

Katz Muhl: "Oh, goodness. There were multiple Amendments for this one. One was erroneously filed, I think. Hold on a second. Let's check."

Speaker Manley: "Thank you, Bob."

Katz Muhl: "It's okay. All right. It's been clarified there were multiple versions of the Amendments because this was the Amendment that got lost in the mail. It is Amendment 3 that deals with the effective date and the definition. We'd like to adopt that Amendment, please."

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Speaker Manley: "Representative Katz Muhl moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 3 to House Bill 55... Chair recognizes Representative Katz Muhl. Would you like to withdraw Floor Amendment 3?"

Katz Muhl: "Yes. We're going to go with Floor Amendment 2."

Speaker Manley: "Mr. Clerk, please withdraw Floor Amendment 3. Are there any further Amendments?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Manley: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5543, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Katz Muhl."

Katz Muhl: "All right. The content of this Bill is to assist four suburban townships who created by referendum special police districts to help with residential unincorporated areas. We are expanding the definition of what these funds could be used for to include public safety generally and not just specifically policing services. We do this with the support of the townships as well as the Cook County Sheriff's Office in the name of public safety for these neighborhoods."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "The funds, instead of being used simply for policing, will be able to be used for public safety purposes. Do I have that correct?"

Katz Muhl: "Correct."

Windhorst: "And what is included with public safety purposes?"



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Katz Muhl: "Public safety is already actually defined within Township Act, and it's something they can use their general funds for. And it will free up these funds that came from the very neighborhoods who are affected to do things that are already permissible for townships."

Windhorst: "And the townships are in support of this?"

Katz Muhl: "Very much so. They want these neighbors' dollars to be able to be used for their public safety in coordination with the sheriff's office, who assisted with this Bill."

Windhorst: "Is there anything about this Bill that creates a tax increase?"

Katz Muhl: "No."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Halbrook."

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

Speaker Manley: "Please proceed."

Halbrook: "Yeah. So, just to clarify our 'no' votes on the Bill in committee. It was going to come back with an Amendment. That's why we voted 'no' in... in the committee. And, again, just to further add on Leader Windhorst, Representative, this does... this special districts that townships can vote themselves, this is already statute, right? We're not creating any new district. We're not increasing any levies or... or the potential to increase a levy, correct?"

Katz Muhl: "Exactly. This is a statute from the '80s."

Halbrook: "Right. And so, really, in essence, all you're doing is, like Leader Windhorst said, is we're just changing a definition of what these funds can be used for. Nothing more, nothing less."

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Katz Muhl: "Correct."

Halbrook: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Katz Muhl to close."

Katz Muhl: "Thank you for your support and assistance, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5543 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. Voting's 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 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5596, Representative Benton. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5596, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Benton, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Benton on the Amendment."

Benton: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Move to adopt Amendment 1. Amendment 1 is clarifying language from Scott Air Force Base to get a current... this is to take care of military families on... on base and off base. I move to adopt the Amendment."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Benton moves to adopt Floor Amendment 1 to 5596. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Manley: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5596, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Benton."

Benton: "Thank you, Mrs. Speaker... Madam Speaker. This is just to clarify some language and try to help out military bases with on-base housing and off-base housing. There is some neutral language in here. I have been in negotiations with DCFS. There are a couple words that need to be added when it goes to the Senate, but it is pretty much complete as is."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, you just hit on the point about a possible Amendment in the Senate. What do you expect the Amendment to change about the Bill generally?"

Benton: "Thank you for that, Leader. It will add the word 'veteran'. So, not only military personnel, but veteran personnel. A lot of times in transition, as we all know and we've been having a conversation, sometimes it's a wait list of 12 months, 15 months, 24 months on child care. So, this is going to help them transition as well. And then it's also going to clarify the language of how to identify for inspectors from DCFS of what it constitutes off-base military housing."

Windhorst: "And this deals with essentially day care homes or group care homes for military personnel or... or soon-to-be veterans from the Senate when it... that Amendment from the Senate. Is that accurate?"

Benton: "Correct."

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Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Benton to close."

Benton: "I ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5596 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting's 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 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5623, Representative Ann Williams. Out of the record. House Bills on Third Reading, page 28. House Bill 5232, Representative Meyers-Martin. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5232, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Meyers-Martin."

Meyers-Martin: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Bill 5232 amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois by creating technical changes that makes the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity responsible for compiling and publishing a disparity study. This Bill amends the methodology to which the study should be carried out and modifies the sunset date to the Bill to December 31, 2027. Additionally, this Bill provides that DCEO is responsible for providing a copy of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor. And the study must include the evaluation of demographic data at the supplier or distribution level for

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retailers of beauty products, cosmetics, hair care supplies, and personal care products in the State of Illinois, and recommendations for reducing or eliminating any barriers to entry for the underrepresented populations wishing to establish businesses at the retail level involving such products. And this Body may remember that this Bill passed by Representative Harper. It was Senate Bill 1792 in the 101st General Assembly that required that the Department of Agriculture conduct a study to determine economic and other disparities associated with farm ownership. But the beauty supply disparity study was also included in that Bill, and the disparity study was never initiated. So, I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Yeah, I think you hit on the points I wanted to make.

But just so I have it correct, we passed a Bill, I believe it passed unanimously in a prior GA..."

Meyers-Martin: "Yes."

Windhorst: "...that provided for this study that was to be conducted by the end of 2022."

Meyers-Martin: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And it... it was not. This Bill would extend that to 2027."

Meyers-Martin: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And it is subject to appropriation."

Meyers-Martin: "It is."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

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Meyers-Martin: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Meyers-Martin to close."

Meyers-Martin: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5232 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's 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', 6 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees will be meeting immediately after Session: Financial Institutions & Licensing will meet in Room 118. Insurance will meet in Room C-1. Restorative Justice will meet in Room 115. Judiciary - Criminal will meet in D-1. Agriculture & Conservation will meet in Room 122B. Immediately after that will be Health Care Licenses in Room D-1, Human Services in Room 115, State Government Administration in Room 118, Labor & Commerce in Room 114, and judiciary - Civil in C-1."

Speaker Manley: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 715, offered by Representative Hoffman. And House Resolution 716, offered by Representative Ann Williams."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those in... all 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

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moves that the House stand adjourned until Friday, April 19, at the hour of 10 a.m. All those in favor say 'aye'; 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... introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5820, offered by Representative Norma Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. First Reading of this House Bill. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 378, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Senate Bill 536, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 774, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 839, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 860, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 951, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 1102, offered by Leader McCombie, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 3235, offered by Representative Walker, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 3323, offered by Representative Ann Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 3418, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 3592, offered by Representative Benton, a Bill for an Act concerning journalism. First Reading of these Senate Bills. Second Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4677, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. Second Reading of this House Bill. This

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will held on the Order of Second Reading. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."