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Speaker Hoffman: "The House will come to order. Members, please be in your chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Representative Dave Severin. 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. Representative Severin."

Severin: "Good morning. It's my privilege to stand before you and lead us in prayer this morning. And I usually just pray from my heart, but as I knew I was going to be doing this the last couple of days, I asked God, I said, 'What would you like me to say this morning?' And I've never heard him speak to me audibly, but I felt him speak to my heart this. Challenge each person that's in the House this morning when we're praying to ask God if there's something that they need to hear from God about or want to ask him to do that. So, let's pray. Lord, I thank you for this day and I thank you for the opportunity to... to stand before my brothers and sisters in... in this morning in this House. And I pray that you would give us wisdom and direction. And I pray that you'd give us the mental fortitude and the knowledge to address the things that we need to for this state. And I pray for each one of us that hear my voice to know that you really do exist, God, and you care about us and you have a plan for us. And I thank you, again, for this Capitol, for all those that are here today. And, again, I pray that you'd give us wisdom and direction in favor for this state. In your name, Amen."

Speaker Hoffman: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today Representative Jones."

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Jones - 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."

Gabel: "Speaker... Speaker, let the record show that Representatives Buckner, Burke, Chung, Croke, Evans, Flowers, Guerrero-Cuellar, and Ammons are excused today."

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

Keicher: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Weaver and David Friess are excused for today."

Speaker Hoffman: "The record shall reflect. 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 107 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Croke, Chairperson from the Committee on Financial Institutions and Licensing reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5428. Representative Jones, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 5 to House Bill 4611. Representative Cassidy, Chairperson from the Committee on Restorative Justice reports

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the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 5431. Representative Slaughter, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4628. Representative Harper, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 255, House... Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4155, and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5433. Representative Morgan, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5085. Representative Walker, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4846. Representative Evans, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 4743. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 5 to House Bill 4474."

Speaker Hoffman: "Members, we're going to go to the Order of Third Reading. We're going to begin on page 20 of the Calendar. We're going to begin with House Bill 1605, Representative

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Hirschauer. Out of the record. Page 21 of the Calendar, House Bill 2900, Representative Moeller. Out of the record. Representative Andrade on House Bill 4075. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4075, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Andrade."

Andrade: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4075, as amended, requires the Illinois Commerce Commission to allow commercial relocators to recover towing permit fees or vehicle releases from the owners of relocated vehicles. There also is accountability held and all fees must go... also be recommended... I mean, approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission. That's it. Simple Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4075 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 106 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining on page 21 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4206, Representative Huynh. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4206, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Huynh."

Huynh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4206 requires landlords to allow tenants to pay rent with a paper check or, if the

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landlord uses a third-party payment processing company, to not include a transaction fee. The Bill passed out of the Housing Committee with bipartisan support. I... I urge an 'aye' vote. And after the Amendments were added, I know of no opposition. Thank you for your time."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "You mentioned the Amendment removed opposition. That was Floor Amendment #2. Is that correct?"

Huynh: "No, that was the Amendment #1."

Windhorst: "Amendment #1. What did the Bill do to remove the... or the Amendment do to remove the opposition?"

Huynh: "So, initially, it was only allowing for landlords to... to provide the option of... of providing a paper clear check. But once you take away the transaction fee from the payment processor company, then it removes the opposition. So, giving them that option."

Windhorst: "Mr. Speaker, inquiry of the Chair on Amendment 1."

Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "No action was taken on Committee Amendment #1, so it was tabled when the Bill was reported from committee."

Windhorst: "Mr. Speaker, may I continue questioning?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Yes, please."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, it appears that Amendment 1 was not adopted."

Huynh: "It was... it was added in committee, and it went through committee. So, it was it... it was already... it was already added

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as an Amendment before we took it to committee and then it was passed in committee 12-2."

Windhorst: "The information from..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Huynh, could we... Representative Huynh. Representative Huynh, could we momentarily take this out of the record? There seems to be a mix-up with the Clerk."

Huynh: "Sure. All right. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Out of the record. House Bill 4491, on page 21 of the Calendar, Representative Faver Dias. Mr. Clerk... oh, out of the record. Moving to page 22 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4568, Representative Hanson. Out of the record. Representative Stuart on House Bill 4939. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4939, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4939 simply provides that the term 'publication' does not record reports, documents, or other publications of public institutions of higher learning, except to the extent that the State Librarian, by rule, requires the report, document, or publication to be deposited with the State Library."

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

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

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

Windhorst: "What sorts of documents are included in the term publication?"

Stuart: "So, I... I can give examples of the types of documents that are currently included that would now not have to be

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included. So, I have this big folder here simply from the like Alzheimer's Center at the School of Medicine, and it's fliers that might be just available out on a table at a community resource center with a phone number and a picture on it. And if they were to update the phone number, they have to republish it. And they have to then also submit that to the State Library. It's a very small measure we could take to help our universities do things a little more efficiently and save a little bit of time and money."

Windhorst: "Does this apply to master's... a master's thesis?"

Stuart: "Not at all. Or a PhD thesis or anything like that."

Windhorst: "So, it's a space-saving measure and potentially a cost-saving measure. Is that..."

Stuart: "Correct. Thank you."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Stuart to close."

Stuart: "I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4939 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 97 voting 'yes', 8 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 23 of the Calendar appears House Bill 5241, Representative Faver Dias. Out of the record. House Bill 5258, Representative Huynh. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5258, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Huynh."

Huynh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5258 allows for parents to be covered as dependents under their child's health care plan in the marketplace, provided they meet the definition of qualifying relative under federal law. The Bill passed out of Insurance Committee unanimously, 15-0. I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

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. What adults would... adult parents would be able to be included on these plans?"

Huynh: "Thank you, Leader. Folks who are not eligible for Medicare. So, if you're under 65, you're not eligible for Medicare, then you would be... qualify under this."

Windhorst: "Would the adult parent have to also qualify as a dependent of the... of their child?"

Huynh: "Yes. The adult would have to qualify as a dependent for their child from... their child would have to claim them as a dependent."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Huynh to close."

Huynh: "I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you so much for your time."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5258 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all who voted... who wanted to vote 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



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Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Kifowit on House Bill 5264. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5264, 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 General Assembly.

I'm presenting you House Bill 5264, which is an initiative of the Chicago FOP. This language has an agreement with the City of Chicago. What it talks about is if they have a disability benefit and if the policeman's whose application was denied by the retirement board brings an action for administrative review challenging the denial of disability benefits, and the policeman prevails in that action in administrative review, they will be entitled to recover from the fund court costs and litigation expenses, including attorney fees as part of the cost of action. The Amendment, which became the Bill, makes it if the termination was done by a majority vote of the board, instead of just by the board. And I ask for your support."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5264 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. On page 23 of Calendar appears House

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Bill 5266, Representative Kifowit. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5266, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. This is another Bill that was negotiated between the City of Chicago and Chicago FOP. The essence of this Bill is that it creates a new section that provides if a policeman who applies for disability benefits under the Act, and then was denied reinstatement as a policeman by his or her employer because of a physical or mental incapacity, shall be presumed disabled. The Bill provides that no policeman who otherwise meets the requirements for a disability benefit shall be denied a disability benefit unless and until the policeman's employer reinstates him or her as a policeman or offers him or her a limited-duty position. And I ask for your support."

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

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

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

Windhorst: "What are we hoping to accomplish with this change with this Bill?"

Kifowit: "With this change that was agreed upon by the FOP and the City of Chicago, beforehand, if the officer was not reinstated as a police officer, they, in essence, don't... don't have the profession in which they're in and they don't have the profession in which they were trained to be. So, if they are disabled and they can't go back to being a police officer, then they should be presumed disabled."

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Windhorst: "Was there some concern about officers being prematurely removed from receiving those benefits and that this is designed to address that?"

Kifowit: "Correct. There was issues with regards to police officers not being given the disability that they deserve. And... but not also being reinstated as a police officer. So, it was a little bit of a... a gray area. And so, this closes the gap. And, again, the Amendment that was agreed upon with the City of Chicago was the... a majority of the board had to rule on that."

Windhorst: "Our analysis shows the Municipal League is opposed. Did they express opposition to you or what the nature of that is?"

Kifowit: "No. No. The only entity that reached out to me was the City of Chicago, and we worked with them on the Amendment."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Kifowit to close."

Kifowit: "I ask for your support."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5266 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 105 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action

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taken on April 19, 2024: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 2 for House Bill 612."

Speaker Hoffman: "House Bill 5269, Representative Kifowit. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5269, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the Members of the House. House Bill 5269 is... is simply a technical Bill. The task force was created two years ago and this... the task force is now assembled two years later. So, this is just simply changing the date in which the report should be filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5269 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 106 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining on page 23 of the Calendar appears House Bill 5276, Representative Ness. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5276, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ness."

Ness: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5276 amends the Students with Disabilities Article of the School Code by adding a provision that includes the use of... I'm sorry, the use of assistive devices in students' transition planning goals."

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This helps them when they get out of their transition plans, whether it moves into employment or other kinds of activities. And I encourage an '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: "Representative, our analysis shows the Illinois Association of Administrators of Special Education are opposed. Have they expressed their opposition to you? And if so, what... what is it?"

Ness: "No. We... we were able to remove their opposition with an Amendment. So, they're now neutral."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ness to close."

Ness: "I request an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5276 pass?' All 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 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Andrade on House Bill 5304. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5304..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Clerk, please move the Bill back to Second for the purpose of Amendments."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5304, 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 Andrade."

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

Andrade: "Thank you. Is there two Amendments or just... two? Okay. Floor Amendment 2... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 was written by the Illinois State Police and Illinois Department of Transportation. It clarifies the duties of each agency. It also adds an affirmative defense for vehicles owned by rental or leasing companies where proof exists that none of the individuals operating the vehicle at the time of the violation."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Andrade moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5304. 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, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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

Andrade: "Thank you. This Amendment came from IDOT. It provides that IDOT or ISP may hire camera operators rather than shall. Clarifies that cameras may be set up at worksites rather than installed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Andrade moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 5304. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment's adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5304, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Andrade."

Andrade: "This Bill is an initiative of the Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association. We have worked with the State Police and Illinois Department of Transportation to create a process of civil violations for speeding in work zones caught by automated speed cameras. In short, this Bill is to protect our workers that are providing a service and fixing our streets so we can drive safely."

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. This is an effort to reduce accidents and fatalities in work zones. Is that accurate?"

Andrade: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "And it appears that the State Police, IDOT, the Tollway Authority will all be working in conjunction to... in this program. Is that accurate?"

Andrade: "Yes. They will... from what I've been told is they've been trying to do this for a long time, and that with the help... with Minority Spokesperson Rosenthal too that we were able to achieve consensus and move forward."

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

Andrade: "It... on my Bill now, as it stands, no."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Andrade to close."

Andrade: "Respectfully request an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5304 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 107 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 5307. Out of the record. Representative Bob Rita on House Bill 5317. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5317, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Rita."

Rita: "Speaker, I... I think I got another Amendment that was just filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Out of the record. Moving to page 24 of the Calendar appears House Bill 5599, Representative Faver Dias. Out of the record. House Bill 5643, Representative Katz Muhl. Mr. Clerk, please move the Bill back to Second for the purpose of an Amendment."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5643, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 has been adopted. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative by Katz Muhl."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Katz Muhl on Floor Amendment #3."

Katz Muhl: "The final Amendment is to add Medicaid to the Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Katz Muhl moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 5643. All those in favor



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say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment's 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 5643, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Katz Muhl."

Katz Muhl: "I am very excited this morning to present House Bill 5643 to make at-home, urine-based pregnancy tests available by prescription where medically necessary and required for treatment. There are two main groups of patient populations that will be especially benefited by this commonsense health care coverage. Dermatology patients who take medications for severe acne, where pregnancy is dangerous and contraindicated, and fertility patients, where pregnancy is the goal of their treatment. Currently, these patients start with lab-based tests in office, but often doctors determine the best protocol is to test at home. And right now, there are barriers to that for patients: cost barriers, stigma barriers, and convenience barriers. Through this Bill, we will allow these tests to be delivered privately in the same brown paper bag that the rest of your prescriptions arrive in, which will streamline treatment and lead to earlier identification of pregnancy. I'm excited about the coalition of people who support this Bill, including Planned Parenthood of Illinois, Personal PAC, and the Catholic Conference. This is a true point of consensus, and I would appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Hauter: "Okay. So, we talked about this. I just want to make crystal clear that this is not a mandate, that... that providers will have to now prescribe birth control... or, I'm sorry, pregnancy tests."

Katz Muhl: "It is not. It is the doctor's discretion to work with their patient on the best treatment plan."

Hauter: "And why make it a prescription? Why not continue to offer it over the counter? Why are you saying it's prescription? Is it for the payment?"

Katz Muhl: "It will continue to be offered in both formats. But for the situations where it is by prescription, there will be reduced cost because of coverage now provided as well as eliminating convenience and stigma barriers. Sometimes it's awkward to be the person walking up to the counter with a pregnancy test, especially a young dermatology patient. So, we want to streamline this so your patients can have absolutely the best care possible."

Hauter: "Okay. So, as a prescription, now it will have to be covered with... by their insurance. And before, it was... they could just pick it up over the counter at their own cost?"

Katz Muhl: "Yes, exactly. And to be clear, insurance is neutral on this."

Hauter: "Okay. Thank you."

Katz Muhl: "Thank you. Appreciate it."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking further recognition, Representative Katz Muhl to close."

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Katz Muhl: "Thank you very much, and I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5643 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, 101 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining on page 24 of the Calendar, Representative Kifowit on House Bill 5655. Representative Kifowit. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5655, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I present before you House Bill 5655. House Bill 5655 was an initiative of the NIU Veteran Student Council that brought to my... my acknowledgment that some professors would not allow them to make up work if they were called up for military obligations, such as reserve duty or drill. And in speaking with the universities, it really... they said that they didn't have any type of law or instruction in which... that they can point to to get professors to allow individuals of the military reserve or the National Guard the option to complete the work. As a personal note, I know a person personally who signed up for summer class, had to do two weeks of reserve duty, and was told they had to drop the class because no makeup work would be excepted. So, this law simply states that a public institution of higher education must develop a policy which

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would allow a student to submit missed classwork or assignments due to that student participating in drill or a military obligation, and if they are members of the National Guard or the military reserves. And I ask for your support."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5655 pass?' All 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, 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Returning to page 21 of the Calendar appears House Bill 3763, Representative Guzzardi. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, please move the Bill back to Second for the purpose of Amendment."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3763, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendments 2 and 4 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Guzzardi."

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

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to table Amendment 2 and simply adopt Amendment 4, which is a gut and replace Amendment."

Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Clerk, please table Floor Amendment #2. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #4, offered by Representative Guzzardi."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Guzzardi on Floor Amendment #4."

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Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment reflects a compromise on the Bill. It becomes the Bill. I... I move to adopt it and debate it the measure on Third Reading."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Guzzardi moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #4 to House Bill 3763. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment's 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 3763, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3763 makes some changes to the Illinois Personnel Record Review Act. This is a... an Act that allows employees to have access to have their personnel records. It's an important law, both for employees and employers. The changes that you see before you today reflect extensive negotiations between the Chamber of Commerce, the AFL-CIO, AFSCME, CMS, the Department of Labor, the Illinois Municipal League, the Manufacturers' Association, a wide range of stakeholders, all of whom are neutral on the Bill, as amended. The... there are a number of technical changes. The sort of central change perhaps is that the Bill allows for an employee's representative to request access to these records, not just the employee themselves. This is a result of a very narrow interpretation from a lawsuit that, *Scanlon v. Ignite*, that was decided in recent years that said that only the employee themselves could request

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these records. We want to make sure that that employee's representative, a lawyer or a family member, may have access to those records as well. There are a number of other technical changes. As I said, extensively negotiated. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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. Why is this change necessary?"

Guzzardi: "Well, there are a number of changes in the Bill, but the... the one I just mentioned around representatives... so, take, for instance, an employee that gets laid off in kind of a hostile situation. They have a right to their personnel records from that employer. But right now, as the courts have interpreted this law, that employee needs themselves to go present themselves and request these records. We think it's better for everybody if their lawyer can just get these records, right? If there's a tension between that former employee and their employer, let's just have the attorney submit a request for those records and have them be delivered to that person's representative. We think that will make things easier for both sides."

Windhorst: "Is representative defined, or is it..."

Guzzardi: "It is, yes. The Bill lists a number of categories of individuals who might be representatives, including family members, I think translators are mentioned for people whose first language isn't English, attorneys, and the like."

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Windhorst: "How will the representative be required... or what steps will the representative be required to take to request the documents?"

Guzzardi: "There has to be a written... a written request on behalf of the employee. That request has to be made to a person at the employer who handles these kinds of matters, so an HR representative or someone to that effect. They have to specify which records the employee is requesting. Another change we made in this Bill is clarifying what constitutes a personnel record. There's been a lot of, sort of, lack of clarity in the implementation of this Act. So, we're making clear what is and isn't a personnel record. And that request has to be made, as I said, to the appropriate person at that company."

Windhorst: "Is there specifications on the form of the written request? For instance..."

Guzzardi: "Yes."

Windhorst: "...would an email suffice or a text message? What... what are the requirements for that written..."

Guzzardi: "Yes, this is actually... that reflects a change that was made by Leader Hoffman in a Bill that we passed last year, an omnibus Bill, made some changes to this. It used to be that you had to make the request in person. So, now, the underlying Bill... the underlying Act and this Bill allows for electronic request by email or... or a text message. It's specified in the Bill."

Windhorst: "Does the written request require some documented approval by the employee?"

Guzzardi: "Sorry, can you ask that question in a different way?"

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Windhorst: "For instance, if a representative were to request an employee's records, must they demonstrate in the written request that they have the employee's consent to request these records?"

Guzzardi: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And how would that consent be demonstrated?"

Guzzardi: "Let me see if I can find the statutory language to clarify that for you, Representative. I'll... I'll get back to you with a cite on that. But the answer is, yes, we do clarify there has to be... that the person has... the employee has to make a request that someone be their... named as their representative."

Windhorst: "Initially, there were a number of opponents from business organizations. Do any of the... did the Amendments remove any opposition?"

Guzzardi: "Oh, yes. The Amendments remove an awful lot of opposition. The Chamber of Commerce, as I said, was the leader in negotiating this Bill with us. They are satisfied by the Amendment. The Manufacturers' Association came off. The Municipal League was originally an opponent. They've removed their opposition. So, yes, we have gone through great lengths to remove opposition with these Amendments."

Windhorst: "Is the NFIB still opposed?"

Guzzardi: "Yes, they are. I believe that opposition is... may be philosophical in nature."

Windhorst: "I think one of the concerns they expressed was imposition on limited personnel that may be employed in smaller businesses, as well as not having in-house attorneys. Do your Amendments address either of those concerns?"



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Guzzardi: "Well, I would just say that right now those employers are currently required to comply with underlying Act, the Personnel Records Review Act. We're not changing who it applies to, so we're not adding a new burden onto those businesses. In fact, I would say the reason why the Chamber has worked with us on this Bill is that our clarifications help businesses navigate this Act because it makes it very clear to them what documents do and don't have to be provided, what the process is for providing all those documents. So, I... I believe that this Bill makes the Act more workable for employers as well as more accessible for employees."

Windhorst: "Well, I appreciate your efforts to improve the Bill. I still have concerns about the imposition on businesses, but the... it is welcome to see you made some changes to remove some opposition."

Guzzardi: "I was happy to do it."

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 Guzzardi, we've had a number of discussions in committee about this. Just wanted to make certain a few things are clear for everyone and for the record as we go through this."

Guzzardi: "Please."

Ugaste: "First of all, if a record no longer exists, is there a penalty for not possessing the record in this?"

Guzzardi: "No. In fact, thank you for bring that up. That was an important point that was brought to us by the Chamber that we accommodated in this Bill. So, we added language that says

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that if the employer no longer maintains that record, they can just indicate to the employee after the request has been made, hey, we don't have a copy of that anymore. And that satisfies the requirements of the Bill. That is new, not currently in the Act."

Ugaste: "Okay. And as far as enforcement of this Act, how does that work?"

Guzzardi: "Terrific question. As... as always, Representative Ugaste, you get right to the crux of these issues. We have made changes to the enforcement of this Bill as well. So, presently, an... if an employee believes that their employer has not provided the documents required under the Records Review Act, our Bill creates a new process where they start at the Department of Labor and it starts a 180-day clock ticking. So, the Department of Labor has 180 days to attempt to mediate the situation between the employee and employer. If at the end of 180 days the department has not successfully resolved this, then the employee may take action in Circuit Court. That process doesn't exist currently in the law as... as currently written. The Personnel Records Review Act doesn't contain that process. So, here again, I believe we're improving the underlying Act, both for employees and employers.

Ugaste: "Okay. And to the Bill. I would note that while..."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

Ugaste: "Thank you. Sorry. I would note that while a number of business groups went to neutral on it, it is just neutral. Others remained opposed, NFIB being one. And I believe, if I recall correctly, I may not, that it was more a cost issue

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with them, as there is some expansion of what will be... what will need to be provided and... and how it will be done, as well as the road and transportation Bill there is... I show as being opposed as well. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Discussion? Leader Keicher."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Keicher: "Okay. Thank you, Representative. I appreciate this. A couple things popped up, and I tried to read the language. So, I'm having a little difficulty understanding what's already in law and what we're purposing to change. So..."

Guzzardi: "Let's get into it, Rep."

Keicher: "...if you could bear with me 'cause mine really deals with some safety issues that are out there."

Guzzardi: "Yes."

Keicher: "What are the nature of the types of personnel records that are subject to this?"

Guzzardi: "So, our Bill... thank you for the question. It's a terrific question. Our Bill makes... one of the things we're trying to improve about the underlying Act is to clarify exactly that question 'cause employers often don't know which records are required to provide, what constitutes a personnel record. So, we included... we specified some of this. We included employment-related contracts or agreements that the employer maintains are legally binding. So, if I'm the employer and I say this is a contract we entered into that is binding on you, say a nondisclosure agreement or something of that effect, that has to be included. Employee handbooks that the employee received during their time and written policies

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or procedures that pertain to employment. So, we made it clear what those records are. And then in terms of privacy, which I think maybe you said you were trying to get at a little bit, we also added another new, again, improvement to the underlying law. And this is a result of our negotiations that says that if there are medical records involved, sensitive medical records, then the employee has to... and their representative is seeking those records, the employee has to provide written consent that those records can be disclosed to that representative."

Keicher: "Okay. All right. So, the... the thing that pops into my head that... that causes me concern are complaints, whistleblowers that may have disclosed and are... are in a termination notice or in a file recap. So, let's say that somebody notices some nefarious activity by a coworker and they report it to the employer. Would that record then be subject to, I'm going to call it discovery or request, by the former employer and... and would that name and the nature of the complaint be divulged for..."

Guzzardi: "No, that's..."

Keicher: "...the retaliation piece?"

Guzzardi: "Another terrific question. There was... in earlier drafts of this Bill, there was language that involved complaints of harassment or the like would also be considered part of the personnel file. In our negotiations, folks raised this exact concern with us, so we pulled that language out of the Bill."

Keicher: "Okay. So, you can redact, if you will, other employees that may have given commentary or concern or..."

Guzzardi: "Exactly."

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Keicher: "Okay."

Guzzardi: "Those... those kinds of documents are not considered part of the personnel file that's eligible for request under this Bill."

Keicher: "And... and as an employer makes those decisions of what to redact and what they shouldn't redact, if... if they, in error, redact something that should've been shared, what are the penalties that they're subjected to?"

Guzzardi: "So, the first step in the process, again, a change in the Bill here, is that the employee makes a... files a complaint with the Department of Labor. And the Department of Labor will attempt to remediate this. So, they'll... they'll just send a letter to the employer saying, hey, listen, you didn't actually comply with the language of this Act, please send them this document as well. If the employer refuses to comply with that request, then there's a Circuit Court process, but there's 180 days for that remediation to happen. So, we want to make sure that employers are given every opportunity to comply with the law and not make any, you know, accidental missteps in that area."

Keicher: "Thank you for helping me clarify."

Guzzardi: "Thank you for your questions."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Guzzardi to close."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Members. I really... I want to give my sincere gratitude to the folks in the business community, the Chamber of Commerce in particular, who spent an awful lot of time on this Bill with me, and to all the folks who... the stakeholders who've worked on this Bill. We... I believe that we came to very good consensus around this Bill. Everybody who came to

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the table had their concerns heard. This Amendment reflects those concerns. And I... I would strongly encourage an 'aye' vote. I believe this Bill represents consensus, and I ask for your support."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3763 pass?' All 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 71 voting 'yes', 35 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Rules Report. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on April 19, 2024: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 2 for House Bill 5317."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you, Speaker. Please excuse Representative Ford for the rest of the day."

Speaker Hoffman: "The record shall... shall so reflect. Representative Stuart, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Stuart: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "State your point."

Stuart: "Everyone, I wanted to introduce you... we have a Page for the day with us today. She is actually a guest of Representative Hoffman, but he's a little busy up there in the Chair. So, I'm going to introduce her. So, I have with me

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here today Kylee. Kylee is from Fairview Heights, right? And she is a fifth grader at St. Clare Catholic School in O'Fallon, Illinois. Her extracurricular activities includes playing the violin, golf, softball, singing, reading, cooking, and crafting. She's a straight-A student, and her favorite class is math, which is the right answer to that question. She has a dog named.. how do you pronounce it again? Heizy. And we're also joined by her mom and dad who are up in the gallery, Rebecca and Max, who are the owners of Andria's Steakhouse down by Representative Hoffman and myself. And if you guys would ever like to come down and have some of the best steak, he and I would be happy to host you. But Kylee recommends the lobster Andria because that.. she doesn't really eat a lot of steak and that's her favorite dish. So, please welcome Kylee to the Capitol."

Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome, Kylee. I'm a fan of the prime rib, Kylee. Fan of the prime rib. Representative Swanson."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "State your point."

Swanson: "Thank you, Sir. With me, over my right shoulder, I'd like to ask the students to stand. As a group of young men and women from Carl Sandburg College, these students, these 10 students, represent Carl Sandburg College's Office of Diversity and Inclusion as members of Men of Distinction, Women of Character, the Hispanic Latino Student Association, the Black Student Association, and the African Student Association. As members of these associations, these students are leaders on the campus, in the classroom, and in their community. And they truly are very active in the community,

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helping in many different community events. It may be serving the senior citizens at an event. It may be serving and putting together box lunches for the seniors in the community. Or it may just be helping someone throughout their daily tasks. I'm going to acknowledge them, and if they just provide a quick little wave. Agathe Bongongo, Mia Haneghan, Kaniya Polk, Brianna Organista, Briana Chavez, Kate Morales, Alexander Galarza, Nana Mfutila, Noah Wemba, and Zair Velazquez. Both Nana and.. both Nana and Noah are international students studying aboard at Carl Sanburg Junior College in Galesburg, Illinois. And I'd like to welcome them here today, and I'd like to thank them for all they do in providing and assisting with the community of Galesburg. Thank you."

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

DeLuca: "For a quick announcement, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "State your announcement."

DeLuca: "Thank you. Just as a reminder for everyone who will be participating in the House-Senate softball game. Because we had a full week this week and we're off next week, we didn't have an opportunity to take a few swings and throw the ball around. So, when we return on Tuesday, the jerseys will be handed out. We'll try to do a short practice for the game on Wednesday. Thank you."

Speaker Hollman: "Leader Manley."

Manley: "If I could have everybody's attention here. I heard that April was Autism Acceptance Month. Turns out, we all love somebody with autism. Standing beside me is Brandon Von Liski, our Page who's been on this floor for years. And he has asked



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to share his special story. I'm going to speak in first person 'cause Brandon wrote this. I, Brandon, was diagnosed with autism 30 years ago this summer. I have a unique distinction of having obtained two high school diplomas from Wichita North High School, and the other from Springfield High. Both having different graduation requirements, 20 for district 186 and 24 the Wichata public schools, and I earned enough credits to achieve both degrees. During my first year at Heartspring, a school for developmentally disabled in Wichata, Kansas, I was able to audit two college-level history courses at the age of 13. I've done a lot in the last 30 years, and right now, I am living as independently as I can in a group home operated by Sparc. I live with three other developmentally disabled men. We all consider each other as brothers. Sparc made the connection for me to work here as a House Page. They've supported me, and through my hard work, I've been able to be trusted to work with all of you here on the House Floor. When I'm not working, my mom and I watch *Jeopardy* every day on WAND. I don't even know what WAND is, but WAND. For those who know me, I don't have to tell you I would make a great contestant. My dad worked for the state 27 years in the Governor's Office under Jim Thompson and other capacities. To say he is proud of me for being a House Page is an understatement. Brandon, on behalf of everyone here, we thank you for your hard work and for sharing your story. And we all love somebody with autism."

Speaker Hoffman: "Moving to page 21 of the Calendar. We're going back to House Bill 4206, Representative Huynh. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4206, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Huynh."

Huynh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4206 provides that if a landlord uses a third-party payment portal to collect rental payments from tenants and if a transaction fee or other charge is imposed, then the landlord shall allow the tenant to make rental payments by delivering a paper check to the landlord or to the landlord's business. I urge an 'aye' vote."

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, I guess just for clarity on my side, there is no Amendment. It's the underlying Bill that we are working from?"

Huynh: "Yes, that's correct. There's no Amendment."

Windhorst: "And this says if... if a landlord uses a third-party payment portal to collect rental benefits from tenants and a transaction fee or other charge is imposed, the landlord shall allow rental payments by paper check to the landlord or business office or by means that do not require a transaction fee or other charge. Is that accurate?"

Huynh: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "We show that there are opposition... there is opposition from the Rental Property Owners Association and the Springfield Landlord Association. And they believe that this will cause difficulties in accepting rent payments. I would... I'd like you to respond to that if... if you would, that opposition."

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Huynh: "Sure. Right now, there are plenty of online payment portals that do not charge transaction fees. So, there's stuff like Zelle, Quickpay, Venmo, that does not take transaction fee. Some of these other payment process company are. So... so, again, allowing for folks to... to not to pay the transaction fee."

Windhorst: "It also appears that previously in the General Assembly we passed House Bill 1628, which is Public Act 103-132, which prohibits landlords from requiring rent to be paid electronically. So, do you feel with that already existing statute that this Bill is necessary?"

Huynh: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And would you care to elaborate why you believe that is?"

Huynh: "Again, it allows for landlords to make sure that there is... that tenants are not paying a transaction fee, allows for tenants to pay by paper check."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Huynh to close."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4206 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. 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 64 voting 'yes', 39 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Returning to Order of Second Readings. On page 2 of the Calendar appears House Bill 56, Representative Harper. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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

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

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment becomes the Bill and creates the Farmer Restoration Program. It helps create a land conservation program as well as a farming training program that benefits beginning farmers, limited resource farmers, and socially disadvantaged farmers. This is the same Bill that passed the House last spring. We ran into some issues with negotiations in the Senate, and they are expecting us to send this back over to continue to make the Bill even better. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Harper moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 56. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment's 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 56, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Harper, I believe you explained the Bill on Second Reading, correct?"

Harper: "I did."

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

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

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

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Windhorst: "Representative, is this Bill subject to appropriation?"

Harper: "Yes, it is."

Windhorst: "All right. And it creates a Farmer Restoration Program Act and the Farmer Restoration Program Fund. Is that correct?"

Harper: "Yes, it does."

Windhorst: "There was a fiscal note that was requested previously, and I believe we have that information back. Do you... were you made aware of what the expected fiscal impact will be?"

Harper: "I saw the fiscal note."

Windhorst: "I believe it is 5.4 million. Is that... sound accurate?"

Harper: "I saw that. But it also takes... it also makes an assumption that every single solitary county will want to take part in the program, which we don't see that being the issue. So, yes, that's the fiscal note."

Windhorst: "How does... what does this Bill in... do in relation to easements?"

Harper: "In relations to easements, what... so, many farmers would like to see their land stay in farming as a form of legacy, right? And so, easements allows them to ensure that the land has been stewarded... that the land that has been stewarded by past generations will continue to stay in farming long after they are gone. The easement program is also a voluntary program. So, it's not an automatic thing that just goes to every farmer. It allows willing landowners to voluntarily protect their farmland through a sale of a farmland conservation easement. And the issue with this, or the most important part of this program, is that when they do this, it creates a matching program to leverage the federal dollars.

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There's over 3.6 billion right now combined in the current Farm Bill and the Inflation Reduction Act. Twenty-eight states have already adopted their own version of this Farmer Restoration Program. And, again, I do want to reiterate that this is a voluntary program."

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

Harper: "Not that I know of. Or we are working... the reason why there's no opposition is because we have promised to keep working with the Farm Bureau in the Senate to continue to make the Bill a little bit better. Again, this is why I took the Bill back from the Senate so I could work on it and send it right back over them. This is the same Bill we've passed a couple times before. We're working to make it even better, and we're making progress."

Windhorst: "So, we anticipate potentially some changes in the Senate and we may see this again?"

Harper: "It is possible. It's possible."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

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

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

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

Crespo: "Thank you, Representative. I think this is a great idea. I just have some questions in regards to the funding and funding mechanism. I think I heard you say that some already stated that this might cost \$5.4 million? I... I'm sorry, didn't hear that."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Harper."

Crespo: "Speaker, it seems like there's an issue with the microphone."

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Harper: "Can you hear me now?"

Crespo: "Okay."

Harper: "I was trying to answer, but I wasn't on the mic. The fiscal impact note implies that every single solitary county, and every single solitary farmer, and every single solitary piece of farmland will participate in the program, and that is not what's going to happen here. And so, I think that's the reason why the fiscal note is so high. That is not what this Bill is meant to do. This Bill is just for voluntary and willing landowners and people who want to participate in the farmer training program."

Crespo: "I appreciate that. In terms of whatever that amount may be, whether 5 point... 5 million, whatever have you, what's the intent? Is it to use the GRF, other state funds, fees, or federal dollars to... to fund the program?"

Harper: "We don't specify, but this does allow us to access, again, over 3.6 billion in a federal matching program. So, this... passing this Bill helps us to take advantage of even more federal dollars that we may lose out on. And, again, 28 states have already adopted their own version so that they can take advantage of these federal dollars. So, we're expecting federal dollars to come down and help this program."

Crespo: "Good answer. Thank you."

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

Meier: "I wanted to question 'cause there is a lot noise in here. So, is this 30-year easement? Or is it permanent?"

Harper: "Currently, this program will allow willing landowners to voluntarily. So, they would have to sign up for it, right?"

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Protect their farmland through the sale of, yes, a permanent farmland conservation easement."

Meier: "Okay."

Harper: "But I won't say reiterate, voluntarily and willingly."

Meier: "Okay. I do... I do love permanent easements on the right spot, but sometimes there becomes problems when you have a town like Fairview Heights that went from 1400 to 38 thousand in a decade or two. And you have 30 acres or a hundred acres in the middle that you can't even get farm equipment to. So, when we heard this Bill in ag with our questions over that, we had a partisan vote on it, and then this Bill's moved this way, if I'm correct. Is that right? Is this a new Bill? Because I thought we had a partisan vote on it 'cause we were in dispute over the 30 in the... in lifetime."

Harper: "Leader Meier, this is the same Bill, yes. It was partisan. It's the same Bill we passed last spring, the same Bill we passed last Session, and the same Bill we just passed in committee last night."

Meier: "So, if it gets changed in the Senate, it'll come back. I may be a vote 'yes' for it. I would like to see it at 30 years for this. Thank you."

Harper: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Yednock."

Yednock: "Chair Harper, I... as your vice-chair, I don't remember this, but I have been asked if you had promised to hold this on Second?"

Harper: "No, I did not promise to hold it on Second."

Yednock: "Okay."



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Harper: "I promised to send it back it over to the Senate so that we could continue our negotiations and..."

Yednock: "Okay. I wanted to make..."

Harper: "...we can find that on the record."

Yednock: "I wanted to make sure that was on the record because some people had thought that you had said you were going to hold it on Second. So, thank you."

Speaker Hollman: "Representative Wilhour."

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

Speaker Hollman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Wilhour: "Representative, you... if you acquired one of these permanent easements, would the... would this land ever be eligible for wind or solar?"

Harper: "Can you repeat the question for me?"

Wilhour: "If a landowner acquired one of these permanent easements, which would go on in forever, would this land ever be eligible for wind or solar? Since the permanent easement is for... is to, you know, make it for agricultural use forever."

Harper: "So, it wouldn't be able to take over... you wouldn't be able to do full solar or wind, but it still needs to be... the land still needs to be used for agricultural uses. And so, if someone is doing agrivoltaics, which means I have a solar farm and I'm also growing my food under it, that would be allowable, potentially."

Wilhour: "Interesting. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Harper to close."

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Harper: "All righty. In the name of protecting our state's farmland and local healthy food production in Illinois, I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 56 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's 66 voting 'yes', 38 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Katz Muhl, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Katz Muhl: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Katz Muhl: "Thank you. I would like to, on behalf of myself and State Representative Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz, welcome the students from Field Middle School who are in the Speaker's Gallery this morning."

Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative Hauter."

Hauter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two points of personal privilege but..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your points."

Hauter: "...neither of my groups are yet in the chamber. Can you come back to me?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Yes. Moving to page 3 of the Calendar appears House Bill 782, Leader Smith. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 782, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill was read for a second time previously."

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No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Smith."

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

Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 1 is a gut and replace that amends the Reimagining Hotel Florence Act to speed up and expand the redevelopment of the property through a public-private partnership. The Amendment becomes the Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Smith moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 782. 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: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 782, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Smith... Leader Smith on House Bill 782."

Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 782, again, is a... an Amendment to this original Bill to speed up and expand redevelopment of the property we all know and love, the Hotel Florence, located in the Historic Pullman on the South Side of Chicago. The intention of this Bill is to speed up this process by entering into this public-private partnership and expand the potential scope of the partnership to include some additional properties near the hotel that also owned by the state. Also, there are a few technical changes and definitions

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in this Amendment that clean up language in the original Act.  
I urge an 'aye' vote."

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

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

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

Windhorst: "Thank you. We had.. have passed legislation previously  
on Hotel Florence. Isn't that correct?"

Smith: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "And was there a hope at that time that there would be  
some federal funding to assist with the project?"

Smith: "There is still that hope."

Windhorst: "But we're also exploring other ways if that doesn't  
occur. Is that what the purpose of this Bill is?"

Smith: "Exactly right. We are trying to solicit some private  
investment as well. It's a very expensive endeavor, and we  
can't do it with public funds alone."

Windhorst: "And previously there had been some state money  
allocated for this project?"

Smith: "Yes, there is state money involved."

Windhorst: "And do you remember, was that part of this Bill or  
the prior legislation?"

Smith: "The original legislation is.. is included with the funding  
mechanism."

Windhorst: "And do you recall how much that funding.. how much the  
funding was?"

Smith: "Approximately 21 million."

Windhorst: "Is there any additional state funding with this  
legislation?"

Smith: "No, there is not."

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Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Smith to close."

Smith: "Vote 'yes'."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 782 pass?' All 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 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Lilly on House Bill 1075. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1075, 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 Lilly."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Lilly on Floor Amendment #1."

Lilly: "Thank you. The Amendment allows the Bill to be agreed Bill, and I ask for your support."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Lilly moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1075. 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: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1075, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Lilly on House Bill 1075."

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Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Bill was brought to the... to me a couple weeks ago by the local municipality. The goal is to align wording in the Park District Aquarium and Museum Act. 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. Leader, the original Bill provided an exception to PTELL. Was that removed by the Amendment?"

Lilly: "Yes. It was corrected and reworded in order to ensure we had an agreed Bill."

Windhorst: "And there is the potential for a tax increase if... with this Bill if it's adopted locally. Is that correct?"

Lilly: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Is there a referendum required for that increase? Meaning a vote of the voters prior to the increase going into effect."

Lilly: "If that's what's written in the Amendment, yes."

Windhorst: "I believe what we're showing is that there is no referendum required, but it's possible for what's, I believe, termed a backdoor referendum. Do you know if that's accurate?"

Lilly: "One second. I believe so."

Windhorst: "And so, it... the voters would be able to vote if they get a petition that calls for the referendum to be put on the ballot. Is that your understanding?"

Lilly: "That's my understanding."

Windhorst: "But this would also... this would involve a property tax increase if approved?"

Lilly: "Yes."

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Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Lilly to close."

Lilly: "'Aye' vote, please."

Speaker Hoffman: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 1075 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 63 voting 'yes', 38 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Jones on House Bill 1224. Out of the record. Leader McCombie on House Bill 1855. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1855, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Leader McCombie."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader McCombie on Floor Amendment #1."

McCombie: "Thank you. Can we adopt the Amendment, please?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader McCombie moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1855. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed say '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 1855, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader McCombie."

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McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. This... this is a agreed Bill with the DNR language that was brought forward. There was a local constituent concern with the four percent timber tax, timber tax being collected at timber harvest and not being spent in the forestry program. After conversation with DNR, we came up with a new Bill to help open up the cost-sharing grant so the funds could actually be used appropriately. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1855 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 105 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 2472. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2472, 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 Morgan."

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

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Amendment 2 addresses concerns that were raised that the language as written was too broad and it clarifies that this Bill applies specifically to medical necessity determinations. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Morgan moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 2472. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the



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'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 2472, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Morgan."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2472 is an initiative from the Illinois Department of Insurance. This is a Bill that clarifies an issue that's actually really, really important dealing with adverse determinations or medical necessity determinations when a consumer has their claim denied. This clarifies the language that really is in practice but not in statute that the definition of adverse determination and utilization review organization, otherwise known as a URO, has certain requirements so that the person reviewing the claim denial has the appropriate credentials to make sure the consumer gets a full review and a fair review. I know of no opposition, and I ask for its... for an 'aye' vote."

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. It appears that initially Blue Cross and Blue Shield and the Illinois Life and Health Association were opposed, and the Amendment brought them to neutral. What did the Amendment do to bring them to neutral?"

Morgan: "Well, there were slightly different concerns between the two, but ILHIC had different concerns about drafting. Blue

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Cross Blue Shield concerns had to do, as I alluded to in Amendment 2, specifically that the language might be broader than intended. So, we reigned that back in and clarified that this, again, applies to the most critical determinations and denials of medical necessity determinations, and that removed all opposition."

Windhorst: "How will this Bill relate to the Bill we passed last night, HB5395, the Governor's initiative that we discussed yesterday?"

Morgan: "They're similarities between the two. This is distinct from that. This really, again, deals with something that happens today, and prior to yesterday as well, dealing with adverse determinations and the ways that insurance handles denials for medical necessity review. This is a clarification, again, of what has happened for years to make sure we're protecting consumers. So, they're related, but this is distinct."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Morgan to close."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2472 pass?' All 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 106 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Hauter, for what... what reason do you rise?"

Hauter: "Point of personal privilege."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Hauter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two groups that I'm happy to welcome. First, the Morton Junior High School volleyball team, if you'll stand. I just do... also want to mention and welcome to the floor my State Senator Sally Turner. It's always good to have a State Senator come to the lower chamber, grace us with your presence. First, I would like to welcome and recognize the Morton Junior High School state volleyball champions, back-to-back. Morton is my hometown, and also the pumpkin capital of the world, I'd like to mention. Last year, the 7th grade team won 28 games and lost 2. This year, the 8th grade team won 30 and lost 1, winning the state champion back-to-back, the first time in school history. The first team to go back-to-back state champions in any sport, their sport was volleyball, for a total record of 58 wins and 3 losses in 2 years. So, congratulations. Thank you for your... for your visit to Springfield. I expect you back when you're in high school for some state champion visits as well. Thank you for coming to Springfield and congratulations. So, I'd also like to present House Resolution #708. That is for the Lincoln Community High School girls state championship basketball team. And if I have leave to read the Resolution?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Leave is granted."

Hauter: "House Resolution #708."

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Lincoln Community High School girls basketball team, the Lady Railers, on winning the 2023-2024 Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 3A State Championship; and

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WHEREAS, The LCHS girls basketball team set several IHSA tournament records during the 2023-2024 season, including scoring the most points in a quarter tournament at 26 points during the first quarter, the most points in a quarter title game at 26 points during the first quarter, and the highest field goal percentage title game at 21/36; and

WHEREAS, The LCHS girls basketball team also set several team records throughout the 2023-2024 season, such as making the most 3-pointers in a single game at a tied score of 14, the most consecutive wins in a season at 38, and the most wins in a season at 38; so, they were undefeated this year 38 and 0.

WHEREAS, The LCHS girls basketball team had a highly successful 2023-2024 season overall, being named champions of The Morton 'Pumpkin Capital of the World' Thanksgiving Tournament, The Peoria Holiday Tournament, The Central State 8, Regionals, Sectionals, and Super-Sectionals; and

WHEREAS, The LCHS girls basketball team includes players Ceana Adams, Jenna Bowman, Mia Clark, Kloe Froebe, who is the Caitlin Clark of Illinois, Tori Grady... Geriets, sorry, Grey Gilbert, Becca Heitzig, Lily Holmes, Emma Hutchison, Makinley Knapp, Mesa McCloud, Jocelyn Perkins, Grace Schneider, Taryn Stoltzenburg, and Piper Whiteman; and

WHEREAS, The LCHS girls' basketball team is managed by students Myah Bowman, Ryan Fruge, Destinee Harper, and Tamari Pressoir; the LCHS girls basketball team is led by Head Coach Taylor Rohrer and Assistant Coaches Cory Farmer and Grace Bossingham; therefore, be it

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congratulate the Lincoln Community High School (LCHS) girls basketball team, the Lady Railers, on winning the 2023-2024 Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 3A State Championship, and wish them many more successful seasons; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the members, student managers, and coaches of the LCHS girls basketball team as an expression of our respect and esteem. Thank you again for your visit, and congratulations on an undefeated season and state championship. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Avelar."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Avelar: "Yes. April marks Fair Housing Month in Illinois and in the U.S. The Fair Housing Act, enacted 56 years ago, aimed to eliminate housing discrimination and promote racial integration. Accessible and affordable housing remains a major challenge with a shortage.. a shortage of rental units, soaring housing prices, and high rents that burden and leading, actually, to homelessness for many. All of us should be able to have a roof over our heads and a safe place for our loved ones to lay down at night. But being able to access safe housing that families can afford continues to be a point of stress in many.. for many across the country. In the U.S. today, the shortage of rental housing units has reached almost 14 million. And in Illinois, the Illinois housing deficit is the 9th highest in the nation and has grown 64 percent in the last 10 years. So, with this being said, I want to also let the Body know that the drastic lack of affordable housing has

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caused housing prices to skyrocket... to skyrocket and has exacerbated the state of a severe... of severe inflation. Renters in the U.S. on average spend nearly a third of their income in rent, a cost burden often too high for many to sustain over time. And increased rates of foreclosure and eviction have contributed to the rising rates of homelessness. So, I ask Members of the Body to please consider supporting and cosponsoring HB4909, which is not a Band-Aid solution, but a long-term solution for affordable housing, as this Bill will create the Build Illinois Homes Tax Credit, which will provide a predictable and stable funding source for affordable housing development. Without action, our state faces a drop in affordable housing production at a time of desperate need. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Scherer."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Scherer: "Very quickly, just wanted to let the House know I've been asked to announce, when you get back on Tuesday, April 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 there will be an open house at the Dana-Thomas House. And they would love to have all the Members come and see where some of our... our money goes. So, would love to you there at the Dana-Thomas House here in Springfield. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Moving back to page 5 of the Calendar appears House Bill 3141, Representative Blair-Sherlock. Representative Blair-Sherlock. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3141, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1, 2, and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Blair-Sherlock."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Blair-Sherlock on Floor Amendment #1."

Blair-Sherlock: "Thank you. I'd like to table that and..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Blair-Sherlock moves to table Floor Amendment #1. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Blair-Sherlock."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Blair-Sherlock on Floor Amendment #2."

Blair-Sherlock: "I'd like to table that as well."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Blair-Sherlock moves to table Floor Amendment #2. The Amendment's tabled. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Blair-Sherlock."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Blair-Sherlock."

Blair-Sherlock: "I would like to move that Floor Amendment #3 be adopted. It's a gut and replace."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Blair-Sherlock moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 3141. 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."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3141, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Blair-Sherlock on House Bill 3141."

Blair-Sherlock: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. House Bill 3141 was an initiative of the Sierra Club, and it's about sustainability standards to reduce the carbon intensity and increase the sustainability of state-funded infrastructure projects. The Department of Transportation, in consultation and collaboration with the Department of Central Management Services and the Capital Development Board, shall develop one or more standards for the state purchases of appliances, concrete, asphalt, steel, and other building materials, subject to appropriation or the award of grant funding for this purpose. In developing these standards, the establishment of a maximum acceptable global warming potential standard, as well as ways to promote and facilitate the use of the life cycle assessments and environmental product declarations, shall be considered when considering bids for the state-funded infrastructure projects. That's the actual Bill. It's not real long. I will say that we worked in conjunction for the last year and a half with CMS, IDOT, and CDB to come to this ultimate language. The reason that it references grant funding or appropriation is that we believe that this can be funded through federal grant dollars. However, if we did have to fund them with state dollars, the cost would merely be personnel costs in the various departments, which



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we estimate to be approximately 100 to 150 thousand dollars.  
Thank you."

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

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

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

Windhorst: "Thank you. So, the... some departments of the state will be charged with developing the global warming potential standard. Is that accurate?"

Blair-Sherlock: "That would be used by the state, correct. But some of that data already exists, and they would be getting a lot of the that information from the actual manufacturers. But they would be working in collaboration, the three departments, 'cause they're the big procurements departments. So, IDOT, CDB, and CMS would work together. IDOT's already doing some of this work, but this just, you know, expands it."

Windhorst: "So, those three departments you mentioned will work in collaboration to come up with the global warming potential for the purchases that are going to be made?"

Blair-Sherlock: "Correct. And... and we've had... over the last year and a half, we've had several meetings. They were great. I... I think IDOT's already doing a lot of this. And I think that the departments would be moving in this direction on their own anyway, but this just helps them actually because they can do it collaboratively and share information. Because, as I'm sure you're aware, you know, IDOT uses concrete, right, and so does CDB. So, they can work together, which will keep the cost down as well."

Windhorst: "How are they going to develop the... the standard?"

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Blair-Sherlock: "Well, a lot of the data is available from the manufacturers, but there's also computer programs and they have some staff that knows how to calculate this. But it's a calculation, and there are computer programs that are available to come up with these calculations once you get the data from the manufacturers."

Windhorst: "And are there currently... and these will set procurement standards, in essence, around this standard. Is that correct? Procurement requirements, rather, around this standard."

Blair-Sherlock: "I... with respect to certain things like vehicles. That's why that's not in the Bill, right? But there aren't, as far as I know, unless they're departmental standards, there aren't universal standards for the state procurement."

Windhorst: "Have we received a cost estimate of what this would mean to the... the state?"

Blair-Sherlock: "That's what I... I was saying, is if we did not get the federal grant money, the estimate in our conversations was 100 to 150 thousand dollars, and that's mostly just personnel time."

Windhorst: "Do we know what additional costs there may be in changing the items that are actually procured?"

Blair-Sherlock: "There's no way to know that, honestly. You know..."

Windhorst: "Basically, meaning are these more expensive items that the state will purchasing?"

Blair-Sherlock: "The state's already... let me put it this way. IDOT's already making purchases with their ideal standards, taking into account global warming and climate change standards. They're doing that kind of voluntarily right now."

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So, I don't know that it would make a big difference moving forward, but it would have to be on a item-by-item basis. As you see, we... from the original Bill, we actually narrowed the items that it would apply to. It would be steel, concrete, asphalt, those kinds of things. It's not nails or anything like that. It's just the major items. And there's... there's no way to know, unless you're being specific with respect to a specific item, if it would increase the costs or not."

Windhorst: "All right. I believe there may be other questions, but I appreciate you providing that information. Thank you."

Blair-Sherlock: "Thank you."

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

Crespo: "Thank... will the Sponsor yield?"

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

Crespo: "Representative, first of all, thank you for at least quantifying what the financial impact to the state might be. And that's \$150 thousand. Who came up with that estimate?"

Blair-Sherlock: "The departments."

Crespo: "The departments?"

Blair-Sherlock: "When we're discussing it, that's what they thought the cost would be."

Crespo: "Okay. Okay, thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Blair-Sherlock to close."

Blair-Sherlock: "Thank you. I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3141 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 66 voting 'yes', 39 voting 'no', and 0

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voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Ness on House Bill 3286. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3286, 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 Ness."

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

Ness: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3286."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ness moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3286. 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 3286, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ness."

Ness: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3286 is an initiative of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association as part of their education and workforce Bill package to help create more career technical training opportunities across the state, thereby helping to prepare workers for the shortage of workforce that we are currently experiencing in all fields. And so, what this Bill does is it directs ISBE to create an externship stipend that they will pay to the districts, and

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then the districts will pay teacher stipends to work in externships at manufacturing sites in their districts. I know of... well, there's... there was a little bit of opposition that came up at the last minute yesterday in committee, but we will be... that Amendment will be coming in the Senate version of the Bill, and it... it will take care of the opposition."

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, that last comment, that answered partially a question I had. So, I believe it was the Teachers' Retirement System that raised an issue with the compensation piece. Is that accurate?"

Ness: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "And that will be worked on in the Senate?"

Ness: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Is this Bill subject to appropriation?"

Ness: "It is."

Windhorst: "And do we know what the cost would be to fully appropriate if... if it were?"

Ness: "Initial estimates that we've heard are 2 to 3 million. And it's an opt-in, so it's not a mandate. It's not a requirement."

Windhorst: "Are you aware of any other state that has a similar program to this?"

Ness: "We... no. We have not been able to determine that."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Crespo."

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

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Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Crespo: "Thank you. Representative Ness, I think I heard you say that the cost estimate is 2 to 3 million dollars. Is that from GRF, other state funds, federal dollars?"

Ness: "This would probably be from GRF, but I don't know. I'll have to get back to you on that."

Crespo: "Okay. And who came up with that estimate?"

Ness: "ISBE."

Crespo: "And it would come out of their budget, right?"

Ness: "Correct."

Crespo: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ness to close."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3286 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Ness. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3288, Representative Ness. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3288, 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 Ness."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ness moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3288. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of

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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 3288, a Bill for an Act concerning State  
government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ness."

Ness: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3288 is another Bill in  
the same Illinois Manufacturing Association's package of  
workforce improvements. This Bill directs the Department of  
Commerce and Economic Opportunity to develop a program of  
technical assistance in support of regional manufacturing  
partnerships. This would include secondary, post-secondary,  
and workforce stakeholders, and it is developing to create a  
collaboration between an employer association representing  
manufacturers and public universities."

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, this is subject to  
appropriation, similar to the last one. Is that correct?"

Ness: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Do we know how much it would cost to fully appropriate  
the program if it... if it were?"

Ness: "Yeah, it was around \$2 million, and that figure was given  
to us by DCEO."

Windhorst: "All right, thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative... Representative Ness to close."

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

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Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3288 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the... all in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining on page 5 of the Calendar, Representative Will Davis on House Bill 3446. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3446, a Bill for an Act concerning education. 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."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3446, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 3446 is a continued effort to create more transparency around the education-based funding dollars that goes out to school districts. We were successful in passing a new way to fund schools in the State of Illinois. So, over time, we have been tweaking and transforming that formula. One of the things that is important, I think, to all of us is that when those dollars leave the state and get to the districts, to create more ways in which we can see, not only us as Members, but also respective members of the community, to see how those dollars are spent when they arrive at the



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school districts. So, this is an effort to create more transparency around it. I'll be more than happy to answer any questions."

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

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

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

Wilhour: "Thank you. Representative Davis, this came through our... our committee. And I just want everybody to know, this is a government transparency Bill, right?"

Davis, W.: "It would be a transparency Bill."

Wilhour: "And it is putting additional information onto the state report cards so that all of us and all of the citizens of Illinois can go on there and more easily obtain information about the schools in our state."

Davis, W.: "That is... that is correct. We know that the school report card is the easiest way that anyone can see what is happening in their respective school districts with regard to test scores. And this, in particular, relates to the spending that happens when our state dollars get into those school districts."

Wilhour: "That is absolutely correct. I think that is an extremely important thing. We need to continue moving in that direction. I appreciate this Bill. I am more than happy to be a chief cosponsor on this with you and them. I strongly urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you. Mr. Spencer, will this... will the... Mr. Chair, would the Sponsor yield for a question?"

Speaker Hoffman: "The Sponsor will yield."

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Hammond: "Leader Davis, just a point of clarification, and... and I totally support your Bill. I think this is a great idea. My question is, though, is there a floor... so, I mean, I think as we get into some of these reports and they become more and more detailed, is there a floor... do you intend there to be a floor of below X number of dollars you don't have to include it on the report?"

Davis, W.: "Well, I... I would say that this effort is about EBF..."

Hammond: "Right."

Davis, W.: "...which are the state dollars that go. Now, is that the only stream of moneys that a local school district receives? No. They receive local tax dollars. They even receive some federal dollars. This effort is just only talking about the state dollars that a school district receives. I'm not... I think, if I understand what you're asking, I'm not necessarily opposed to it. And maybe there's a way we can, you know, move forward to look at not only local tax dollars, as well as federal dollars, but this effort right now is strictly focusing on state dollars."

Hammond: "And... and I get that, and I totally agree with you. I guess what... what I'm asking is, for example, in our legislative offices, when we purchase a piece of equipment, it is reported over X number of dollars. And... and that has to be on record, and I think that it should be. If it's... if we're asking our school districts to report every dime and every smaller purchase, does it become too cumbersome? And is there a way we could have a... a reasonable floor that anything spent under this amount doesn't necessarily have to be detailed?"

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Davis, W.: "I'm in a... I guess I'd say I'm in agreement with what you're suggesting, but, again, the school report card is just an easier way for their... the community to see it because most of this information is put on that school district's website. Now, if you... if someone really wants to the... to the the nuts and bolts, as we always encourage our residents to do, is they can attend the school board meetings when they present their annual budget and to be able to do a deeper dive in to kind of the... how those dollars are... or are how some of those dollars are spent maybe in a more directed way. How much is spent on personnel. How much might be spent on school supplies, buildings, things of that nature. But the report card is just, obviously, an easier way for that to happen. So, I guess to get to where you're trying to go, I think that's a discussion that we can have. Again, I think this a first step in really trying to get at what can we put on a report card to examine how dollars are spent. If we want to get into that level of, if it's below X, it doesn't need to show up, if it's above X, it should show up, I think that's a conversation worth having. I'd be more than happy to engage in that."

Hammond: "Thank you. Appreciate it."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Davis to close."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Again, I appreciate the questions, appreciate Representative Wilhour, who's the spokesperson on this committee that I chair, and his support of this effort. We talk a lot about transparency here in the General Assembly, particularly as it relates to school

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dollars. And this is the beginning effort of trying to get there. I urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3446 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 106 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Caulkins, for what reason do you rise?"

Caulkins: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Caulkins: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I bring you a bit of bad news today. The members of my House district, McLean County in particular, have suffered another blow. The Rivian plant has announced its second layoff this month. Now, we know that Rivian is a manufacturer of EVs who are struggling to sell their products here. And we continue to push... push this narrative that we're going to go all green, zero carbon. But what you can't do, you can't force consumers to buy something they don't want. But this is what's going on in Illinois. And I want to kind of piggy back on that because I know our colleagues on the other side of aisle have applauded this battery plant Gotion, the Chinese government plant that's being put up in Manteno, with \$125 million of our precious tax money. I want you to know what's going on in Gotion because right now there are 15 Chinese nationalists living in a house in Manteno working in that plant. Not... not one union worker. There is no equity. You all talk about jobs

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in this green energy economy. This is what your tax dollars are buying. This is a travesty. We need to tell the Governor, pull back, claw back this \$125 million. It is a waste of our money. These batteries are not going to be needed. This EV industry is collapsing, and it's a waste of our precious, precious resources. So, I call on Governor Pritzker, claw back the \$125 million. Let's spend it on American companies making products that Americans want."

Speaker Hoffman: "Members, we have a lot of work to do. We have a lot of compelling arguments to make. We get it. I want to institute a two-minute time limit. Let's try to abide by it and then we'll get home to our families. On page 5 of the Calendar appears House Bill 34... 3503, Representative Hauter. Out of the record. Moving to page 6 of the Calendar appears House Bill 3773, Representative Andrade. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3773, a Bill for an Act concerning business. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Andrade."

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

Andrade: "Floor... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #3 is language from TechNet to bring them to proponent and just changes definition for predictive analytics when the use of machine and purpose."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Andrade moves for the adoption on Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 3773. 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 3773, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Andrade."

Andrade: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3773 bans the use of predictive analytics by employers to knowingly or otherwise discriminate. Currently, it is... current... currently... current law it is... anti-discrimination laws prohibit employers from discriminating based on race and zip code. But the use of predictive analytics can easily circumvent these well-meaning and effective measures. For example, when someone checks in what restaurant, so someone... where they go eat, what magazine they read. All this information that all these apps that you download that say they're free, nothing's free. All these apps collect your information, and they can tell when you're going to get married, when you get a divorce. They know before you do. And what happens is, with these formulas, metadata can tell what race you are without even knowing what... putting down what race you are. They can tell by where you live, by where you act, everything, data. So, what this does is now prohibits the use of taking metadata and not allowing them to say, you know, if you eat here, if you buy these clothes, that they can infer what race you are, or what nationality, or what party you belong to. It basically says that they can't use metadata to discriminate."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3773 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 106 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining on page 6 of the Calendar appears House Bill 3788, Rep.. Leader Lilly. Leader Lilly. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3788, 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 Lilly."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Lilly on Floor Amendment #1."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Simple technical change. It changed the date from January 1, 2024 to January 1, 2027."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Lilly moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3788. 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 3788, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Lilly."

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Lilly: "Real quickly, the requirement... this Bill requires a hospital to make an annual hospital community benefit plan report and submit it to the Attorney General."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, our analysis shows that this Bill is identical to a Bill that passed in the 102nd General Assembly. Do you know if that's correct?"

Lilly: "It has... it has similar wordings, but it includes all hospitals, this particular version."

Windhorst: "And it change... the Amendment you have changes the effective date from January 1 of this year to next year? Is that correct?"

Lilly: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "And you mentioned that there would be involvement with the Attorney General's Office. What was... what was the Attorney General's role?"

Lilly: "To publish the information on the hospital's website to make sure that those things are done by the hospitals."

Windhorst: "The Attorney General will publish on its own... his own website this information or the hospital will post the information?"

Lilly: "The hospitals."

Windhorst: "And will the Attorney General provide any notice as well?"

Lilly: "The Attorney General will provide notice on their website as well."



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Windhorst: "It appeared that the... the similar Bill that you referenced... or that I referenced that you mentioned was similar was Public Act 102-581, which was unanimous coming out of this Body."

Lilly: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Lilly to close."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3788 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 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Lilly on House Bill 3886. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3886, 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 Lilly."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Lilly on Floor Amendment #1."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, this Bill is an agreed Bill and it basically amends the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Laws of the Civil Administration Code to amend that crisis standards of care plan that will function and an addendum to the Department of Public Health Essential Support Function Plan."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Lilly moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3886. All those in favor say 'aye';

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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 3886, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader, I believe that you discussed this in Second Reading, correct?"

Lilly: "I did. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "No one seeking recognition, the... the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3886 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 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3908, Representative Stuart. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3908, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. The Bill was read for second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Stuart."

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

Stuart: "Floor Amendment #1 was just language that removed the Department of Labor from rulemaking at the request..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Stuart moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3908. All those in favor vote or signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the

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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 3908, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you. This Bill is an initiative of AFFI, and it creates a new paid family leave program for firefighters and emergency medical personnel."

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

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

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

Ugaste: "Representative, the Amendment that you passed removing the Department of Labor, as I recall in committee, it was described that that was done so that through collective bargaining, if this Bill passes, the municipalities or fire protection districts can work out with the firefighting... firefighters' unions how this will be implemented in their particular departments due to various size needs."

Stuart: "I agree. Yes."

Ugaste: "Okay. Thank you. I know this is going to seem a bit off topic, but I'm going to ask because I will tie it in when I go to the Bill. Any idea whether the majority intends on increasing LGDF to 10 percent?"

Stuart: "I do not have the answer to that."

Ugaste: "You don't have an answer to that. Okay. To the Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

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Ugaste: "The idea behind this Bill, which would allow firefighters in particular, considering female firefighters who have to take extensive time off when having a child, leading up to having that child, to have additional leave once the child is born, is a great concept and one I... I'd like to support. Problem is we've been putting so much on our municipal... municipalities and local governments lately by way of mandates without funding it. And LDGF is not yet been brought back to 10 percent. That without firm commitments that we are going to do that, at this time, unfortunately, I am unable to vote for this, even though I do believe it's good initiative and would like to be able to do so."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Costa Howard."

Costa Howard: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

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

Costa Howard: "Thank... Representative Stuart, you and I've had a number of discussions about this Bill. What are your long-term plans for paid leave?"

Stuart: "I... I think the U.S. as a whole is woefully inadequate in terms of paid leave and recognizing the fact that when... when women carry babies and deliver babies, it is extremely physically taxing, requires a lot of recovery, and it is very important for families to be able to have time to bring, you know, new babies into their home and to have the time to bond and to adjust to the change that that brings to the family, in addition to the physical recovery time that... that those of us who give birth so disparately need."

Costa Howard: "Thank you. To the Bill. While I..."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

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Costa Howard: "...will be supporting this Bill today, I think that this is a great first step into moving our... ourselves to a paid family leave model. As someone who has given birth three times, one by surgery and... and two others, I... I think it's important that we all recognize, if we are to go into this world and give birth in this manner, we need time to recover and our bodies need time to recover. We know women all too well who go back into the workforce because they don't have any other choices. They are the main bread winners. They are the people who are out there who need to go back to work to help support their families. This is a great step, but we can do more. Paid family leave should be occurring on every single job that we have."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative DeLuca."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

DeLuca: "First, I want... I support your Bill, Representative Stuart. First, I want to recognize that our... our police and firefighters, our first responders, I'm so thankful and appreciative and supportive that we have police officers in the chamber, we have firefighters in the chamber. Thank you for your service. When this Bill went through committee, I was inundated, overwhelmed with calls from municipalities that, here you go again in Springfield, another unfunded mandate. You know, you're... you're looking to take away our grocery revenue. You're look... you won't restore our LGDF. So, we didn't know what the impact would be, the financial impact would be. So, as you may know, we have fiscal notes. We have notes here in this chamber, and you can file as many as up to

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10 notes on any Bill. And I filed three specific notes to get an answer on what would be the impact? What's the Home Rule impact? What's the fiscal impact to try and get a better understanding of how this would impact municipal government so that I would have an answer, so that I would have an answer to the folks contacting me. Well, because of what we I've seen these last few days and how fiscal notes can be used, immediately there was an assumption that I was filing fiscal notes for some underhanded reason. I let the fiscal note, which I filed... it was filed for eight days. Eight days. I was never able to receive a response in eight days. No one came to me over those eight days and said, you know, Rep., we're looking at it. It's a little more complicated than maybe you realize. We're working on it. We're going to try and get you an answer soon. Nothing. So, I withdrew the notes. And really what I want to say about the notes process is because what we have seen happen..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative, Representative Moylan gives you two minutes."

DeLuca: "Thank you, Representative Moylan. So, what we've seen with the fiscal notes, I think all of us, you know, when we have that opportunity every couple years to give input and look at different things that we can change, that's one of the issues that's always on my list about how we handle fiscal notes. We should be able to file a note and have it be legitimate and be able to get a response and not immediately people thinking it's being done for some underhanded reason. So, I wanted to let you know that... that was the process that

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took place. And, Representative Stuart, I support your Bill.  
Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Cabello."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

Cabello: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I rise in strong support of this Bill. I understand and... to some of the comments here in the debate, but let's not hold our police and fire to be the people that we don't do this for because of the other beliefs that we have. These folks put their lives on the line every single day that they go to work and their work is a lot different than many others. The fire folks are lifting up people constantly. They're dealing with people. They have to move around in several different ways. It is very difficult. It is something that we want to make sure that people are up to the job. We don't want to put them back into a situation where they are not put in a spot where they're going to hurt themselves because we ask them to come back too quickly. So, I just would like for you to keep that in mind as you vote on this Bill. Representative Stuart, I appreciate you bringing this forward. And, again, I'd humbly ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Wilhour."

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

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

Wilhour: "Okay. So, there's a... there's a lot of talk here about the... the mothers, the ones that give birth. Does this Bill just specifically focus on the mothers, or does it go beyond that? Can you give a brief explanation on who exactly it does include?"

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Stuart: "It's full family leave, so it would be parents."

Wilhour: "Okay. So, it's not just for mothers. It's for more than that. And does it also include foster children under 18 years of age?"

Stuart: "Yes."

Wilhour: "Okay. Yeah. So, that's just... I think that's an important point here. You know, obviously, you know, we would be more inclined to do this for just mothers, but it does extend further beyond that. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Stuart to close."

Stuart: "I applaud the firefighters for wanting to do what they can to attract more women into this career that is so meaningful and important. And I want to thank our... our local firefighter that we always have here in the chamber with us for the work he does and those of you who are also involved in law enforcement who are also trying build your ranks of women and recognizing the uniqueness of the time when a child is added to the family of the toll that that takes. I hope that we can continue to move forward, and we need a full-fledged policy of family leave across the board. This is a very good first step, and I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3908 pass?' All 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 82 voting 'yes', 17 voting 'no', 6 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed."



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Representative Hauter on House Bill 4055. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 40... House Bill 4055, 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 Hauter."

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

Hauter: "This Amendment is addressing preauthorization abuse. Specifically, this Amendment focuses on hemophiliacs, or those with bleeding disorders, and the preauthorization required if they have an emergency condition and require factor or other medications that they would now be able to skip the emergency department and go directly to their specialty pharmacy or their hematologist and avoid emergency department visit."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Hauter moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4055. All those in favor vote... signify by saying 'aye'; 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 4055, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Hauter."

Hauter: "So, as I was saying, this is addressing the preauthorization abuse that we see. Oftentimes, those with bleeding disorders are required to, if they need to use factor in emergency fashion, they have to go to the emergency

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department. That emergency department oftentimes is crowded, is unable to handle their condition. They have to be transferred to another pharmacy. This can be all avoided if they can just simply go to their specialty pharmacy, not have to go to the required emergency department visit. This Bill removes that. I ask for an 'aye' vote. There is no opposition."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4055 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 106 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4059, Representative Haas. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4059, 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 Haas."

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

Haas: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 makes this subject to appropriation and sets an effective date of January 1, 2025."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Haas moves for the... the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4059. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. 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 4059, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Haas."

Haas: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4059 provides that DCFS shall host two licensing orientation programs a year and each Representative Legislative District to promote day care licensing process. And... and we expect that we will move this to the Senate and there will be some changes DCFS brought to our attention at the committee yesterday, that they have some concerns about the number of orientation sessions that we're asking them to hold in... in each of the Representative Districts. So, we continue to... we'll continue to work with them on organizing the number of sessions that we will have in... in the Senate. And we will likely see that back here for concurrence."

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

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

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

Crespo: "Representative, I think you know what I'm going ask you. I think I heard the word subject to appropriations. Can you quantify that for us and how much we think that's going to be?"

Haas: "I'm sorry, I didn't hear the question. Quantify it and what?"

Crespo: "Qualify how much will it cost. Quantify how much it would cost."

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Haas: "Yeah. DCFS wasn't able to give us that exact number because we weren't able to... to actually identify how many would be done in person and... and we actually are in agreement that we can do some of these virtually as well. So, they weren't able to give us that number as of yesterday's committee hearing."

Crespo: "What... what would they have to pay for? Just to go out to the communities and make the presentations?"

Haas: "Correct."

Crespo: "And it's just limited to that?"

Haas: "Right."

Crespo: "Okay."

Haas: "And they're doing them in their field offices now. And we would like that to be a little bit more expansive because we know that we have a day care shortage in all of our communities and there is a need for day care beds. And... and we do recognize that we can do many of these orientation sessions virtually as well."

Crespo: "Thank you."

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

Mason: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Representative yield for a question?"

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

Mason: "Thank you. I really... oh, Leader, apologizes. Leader Hass, I really want to thank you for your work on this. I think it's a really important goal. I just want to confirm for the record that you have indicated, as you said, that there will be changes in the Senate and it will come back for concurrence."

Haas: "That's correct."

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Mason: "Thank you very much."

Hoffman: "Representative Blair-Sherlock."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Blair-Sherlock: "Okay. I have some concerns about the resources of DCFS because they're already, you know, taxed with a lot of different duties and we're transitioning to this early childhood program. So, has DCFS expressed any concerns about having the staffing for this or the resources available to even conduct not only these many seminars, but in this many geographic areas?"

Haas: "So, they.. they are already doing the orientations, and that's one of the issues that we do want to work out. And I hate to say it, work it out in the Senate. Right. So, those are the issues, yeah, that we want to make sure that we're working out so that they aren't overtaxing their.. their staff. But actually, it.. it could potentially be a reduction. They're doing close to 400 trainings now. And if we're looking at two trainings in each of the 118 Representative Districts, that could potentially be less."

Blair-Sherlock: "Okay, great."

Haas: "And if they're not doing them virtually now, and we're suggesting that they could potentially do them virtually as well."

Blair-Sherlock: "Gotcha. Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Reick."

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

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

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Reick: "Representative, I think you probably know that I've been one most vocal critics of DCFS's licensing of day care centers. And I see that in Member's proponents.. or proponents of this Bill is ILDOCC, the owners in.. of child care centers, the organization that represents them. Are they going to have any kind of input or any kind of ability to be part of this presentation of these licensing things so that there can be some of sort of discussion of the... of the problems that exist with licensing? I don't disagree with the fact that this... this is a good idea, but my question is... I think full disclosure should indicate to potential day care centers and people that want to open day cares and things like that the... the pitfalls and... and things that have been... that have been experienced over the past because this has been, to say the least, is a night... has been a nightmare for... for day cares. We need more day cares. We need them to be licensed more rapidly. What kind of... what... how open are these going to be? Is DCFS itself going be running these or a successor agency? Are they going to be running these things? Or is ILDOCC and other people going to allowed to present and say these are the things you need to look out for?"

Haas: "So, DCFS is conducting them now. If the effective date is July 1 of '25, they would do them as of that effective date. And the Amendment 1 indicates that any succeeding department would assume... who assumes day care licensing responsibilities would continue to do these orientations after that in anticipation of the new department."

Reick: "Are..."

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

Reick: "Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't realize we were on... on the thing here. So, I think I'm going to support it, but I have concerns."

Haas: "I... I, again, with... with working on this, an Amendment in the Senate, I think that we would be open to discussions with other entities as well."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Swanson."

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

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

Swanson: "Thank you for bringing this forward, and I fully support it. I do have a request. In my district, I've got a large Congolese population. And we are struggling with getting day care centers open because all the applications are not... none of the applications and none of the support is provided for French-speaking people. I hope when these teams go out, and I know hope is a method, but I would encourage DCFS, or the new agency, when we put this together that we can help our Congolese families and provide information and documentation in the French language. Because even the regional office of education has difficulty in translating the data, which is causing delays in setting up these child care programs. So, my question in... can you share and can you delay the... or relay that information to DCFS that... that these teams should be multilingual when they are visiting these different communities?"

Haas: "Absolutely. Great feedback. Thank you."

Hoffman: "Leader Haas to close."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4059 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 104 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 7 on the Calendar appears House Bill 4241, Representative Elik. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4241, 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 Elik."

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

Elik: "Floor Amendment 2 is a gut and replace which just changes up some of the language and incorporates other Member's language that they had in their Bills."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Elik moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4241. 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 4241, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Elik."



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Elik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The General Assembly has made great strides over the last few years to protect students from sexual abuse in schools. However, we have unfinished work related to the protection of students ages 18 and over. Whether it's an 18-year-old senior in high school or a student with disabilities who stays in high school a little bit longer, we have a duty to make sure kids are not the victims of sexual exploitation all the way through the day of high school graduation. Students enter high school as minors and educators stand in loco parentis. That authority does not end when child turns 18 and is still a student. Educators and school staff exhibit control over students' behavior, grades, and discipline and, therefore, no sexual conduct from the adult educators and staff is acceptable at any student's age. Sex in that context betrays trust and permanently damages a student's ability to give and receive love. Currently, an educator or staff member can have sexual conduct with an 18-year-old student and will lose their job if they're caught, but police cannot investigate and the person can go on to work with students in other capacities outside of the school system. We would never find it acceptable that a correction... corrections officer would have sex with a person under their control in a corrections facility. And, in fact, that is already a Class 3 felony. So, this Bill will ensure that students also have protections from people who are in control over their destiny. This Bill is very narrowly tailored and does the following: It provides that a person commits abuse by an educator or authority figure if the student is 18 to 23 years old, the person is 4 years older than the student and

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holds or held within the previous year a position of trust, authority, or supervision in relation to the student in connection with an educational or extracurricular program or activity, and the person commits an act of sexual conduct or sexual penetration with a student. Sexual conduct would be a Class A misdemeanor for the first offense. Sexual penetration would Class 4 felony for the first offense. Finally, the Bill provides that consent of the victim is not a defense to the abuse by an educator or authority figure. With that, Mr. Speaker, I'm happy to take any questions."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Stuart. We have a two-minute time limit."

Stuart: "Thank you. Just to the Bill, I guess. I just want to thank Representative Elik. You and I have worked of this issue for so long. You have really been leading the charge, and I appreciate all the time that you've put into it. And I think we still have more work to do, as you said. But I'm very, very happy to finally be seeing this come to the floor. And I just cannot thank you enough for how hard you've worked on this, and I just really appreciate it. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Guzzardi."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

Guzzardi: "I just want to echo the sentiments of my colleague. Representative Elik, I... I appreciate you so much. We had a discussion in committee about this Bill. It was my first time seeing it. I raised a concern in committee. You took this Bill and continued to work on it and brought language to me that addressed the concern that I raised in committee, which

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I just appreciate colleague to colleague very much. This Bill is a thoughtful, tailored, narrowly-crafted response to a very specific set of circumstances that does not create an overbroad net that might catch up people unintentionally in our criminal legal system. I think the penalty structure that you built into this Bill is very sensible and thoughtful. I just appreciate all your work on it, your work with me, and your work over years on this issue. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Mason."

Mason: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I... I, too... also to the Representative, I guess. I also want to thank you for your work on this. This is something I've been incredibly passionate about. I do just want to put out into the universe that I am disappointed that the change had to be made for that four-year age gap. It's really important for everyone to know that someone who is a teacher or in a position of power with a student, that is a power and control relationship. And it doesn't matter if they're the same age or if in some cases the teacher is a year younger, that that should not be a consensual relationship. So, I support this Bill wholeheartedly. I thank you for your work. I encourage an 'aye' vote, but let's keep working on recognizing what power and control is in situations like this. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Elik to close."

Elik: "Thank you so much. I've worked with many advocates, and we have been extremely careful to choose our words and the terms of this Bill. In fact, the only criticism I've received is that it's not strong enough. But, again, we've been very intentional with our words out of respect for concerns that

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have been brought forth on previous discussions on this topic, including in the Senate. I want to thank you so much, all the people in this Body who have been wonderful advocates for victims of sexual abuse and who have leant so much support for this Bill. Namely, Representatives Mussman, Stuart, Cassidy, Mason, Windhorst, and others. And I want to thank Representative Slaughter for his communication and willingness to hear this Bill in Jud - Crim. I appreciate you all. I also want to thank Faith Colson for her unwavering commitment to fight for victims and for telling her story so that no other student has to go through what she went through in high school and for years afterwards. And with that, Mr. Speaker, I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4241 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 the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 8 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4447, Leader Cabello. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4447, a Bill for an Act concerning business. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #5 is offered by Representative Cabello."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Cabello on Floor Amendment #5."

Cabello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to adopt Amendment #5, which becomes the Bill, and debate it on Third Reading."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Cabello moves to the adoption of Floor Amendment #5 to House Bill 4447. 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?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4447, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Cabello."

Cabello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, House Bill 4447, Amendment #5 is becoming the Bill. It creates a Motor Vehicle Dealer Protection Act that aims to safeguard motor vehicle dealers from unauthorized use of their name, likeness, and intellectual property. The Act prohibits using a dealer's identity without written permission and provides remedies for violations. This Bill does need to have a severability clause in the Senate that we are going to be working on. And I'd humbly ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4447 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed '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 106 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 7 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4219, Representative Yang Rohr. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4219, 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 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 adopt it and discuss it on Third Reading."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Yang Rohr moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4219. 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 Amendment. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4219, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Yang Rohr."

Yang Rohr: "Thank you. House Bill 4219 is an extension of House Bill 3924. The latter Bill passed unanimously last year in the House and the Senate, was signed into law. That Bill required that the... that the dangers of fentanyl be taught in high school health class. During that House Floor debate, the Leader and Representative from Savanna rightly pointed out that the opioid epidemic continues to accelerate and is affecting more and more young people. And during that, we... she asked that we extend these efforts to younger students. And so, House Bill 4219 does that. It extends these

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educational requirements to the sixth through eighth grade, and it does so in an age-appropriate manner. It also incorporates laws... Bills that we passed for Louie's Law so that we can use the substance use prevention and recovery instruction guides in these instructions. And I ask for your 'aye' vote."

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

McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. Just to the Bill. Thank you so much, Representative, for continuing fighting this... the fentanyl crisis and... and continuing to include us on this side of the aisle on this issue. I will say that there is another Bill that's extremely important, not only to a Member of my caucus, HB1879. This is Representative Grant's Bill that is not being called in committee, a Bill that would address similar opioid issues. And I would ask that your advocacy and help would be instrumental. This is already a bipartisan Bill, but it would help us, you and I, and Members on both sides of aisle, to continue to fight this epidemic. So, thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking further recognition, Representative Yang Rohr to close."

Yang Rohr: "I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4219 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 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House

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Bill 4467, Representative Moeller. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4467, 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 Moeller."

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

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4467 makes some changes to the fee schedule and fine assessments that are levied for mobile home parks and manufactured housing communities. This was an initiative that was drafted by the Department of Public Health, the agency that oversees regulations on... on these communities. And we worked with the Mobile Homeowner Association to develop the fee schedule that you see in... in the legislation. I know of no opposition to this legislation. This is an agreed to Bill and will help the state better regulate these... these communities so that homeowners who live in these communities have a better quality of life. Happy to answer any questions, but would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Moeller moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4467. 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 4467, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."



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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Moeller, I believe that you discussed the Bill on Second Reading, so..."

Moeller: "Yes."

Speaker Hoffman: "...can we just go to questions?"

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, absolutely."

Speaker Hoffman: "Okay. On this... on this question, Representative Halbrook."

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

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

Halbrook: "Representative, in your opening comments you talked about some different fee increases. Can you walk us through what the different fee increases are and how they affect?"

Moeller: "Sure. So, we are looking at... every year, mobile home parks that are located in not... unincorporated areas, so, areas that are not governed by municipalities, these are the mobile home parks that are regulated by the Department of Public Health. In an effort to hire additional staff to conduct inspections and respond to violations in these communities, we are... this Bill outlines fee increases for the next six years so that the department can... can bring in additional revenue. So, for the... starting in 2025, the fee would go from \$7 per... per lot to \$15 per lot, all the way up to \$23 per lot... or \$25 dollars per lot in 2030, and \$300 per mobile home park, up from 250 I believe, currently."

Halbrook: "And those are... and those are annual fees?"

Moeller: "Yes, those are annual fees."

Halbrook: "And that money comes through the IDPH or it stays within the county health department?"

Moeller: "No, the IDPH. The Illinois Department of Public Health."

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Halbrook: "Okay. All right. Thank you for that."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Davidsmeyer."

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

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

Davidsmeyer: "First off, Representative, I want to thank you for working with the Manufactured Housing Association. We had a number of conversations last year on this. So, I... I appreciate you moving forward. They... they were agreeable to the fee increases because they wanted to make sure that the bad actors that are in... in the industry are the ones that get weeded out. I... I know that we... we still have a little bit of work... work to do to ensure that municipalities are... are handling this because IDPH... my understanding is that IDPH does not have authority over Home Rule municipalities. So, if... if a manufactured housing community is... is within that, we have to work with our local municipalities to make sure they are overseeing and have some type of oversight these... these facilities. But I... I really... really do appreciate that you worked with this. And we can figure something out because, as... as you know and we talked about, in my community, I had a number of people that were basically held hostage within their own community because they were paying rent on the land, but they owned the house. And it was kind of a, you know, venture capitalism or whatever jumped in and... and took this to make a quick buck. Luckily, they have since left my community, which is a great thing, and that's what we want. We want to encourage the bad actors, the quick-buck folks to get out and keep the good part of the industry here that can

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provide good affordable housing for individuals. So... so, thank you so much for... for your work on this."

Halbrook: "Thank you. And I look forward to working even further to ensure that we are addressing the necessary reforms so that we're protecting the people who live in these communities."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Moeller to close."

Moeller: "Would ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4467 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 93 voting 'yes', 12 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative LaPointe on House Bill 4475. Mr... Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4475, 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 LaPointe."

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

LaPointe: "Thank you, Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 made a few changes to incorporate feedback from our wonderful Department of Insurance, including reducing the penalty amounts for insurer violations in the Bill and making clear that the Bill has nothing to do with Medicaid."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative LaPointe moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5475 (sic-4475). 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 Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4475, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative LaPointe."

LaPointe: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 4475 is known as the Strengthening Mental Health and Substance Use Parity Act. The Bill applies to state-regulated commercial insurance, so not Medicaid, not ERISA plans. We heard a lot about that on the floor last night. At its core, this Bill is about much better access to mental health and substance abuse treatment by growing behavioral health insurance networks with a front-end mechanism so people can actually use the insurance that they already pay for. We're in a dire situation today where many of us and our kids cannot access timely behavioral health care, like ongoing therapy, like psychiatric care. We can't access it with our own insurance. Why? Some of it is a workforce issue, but on a much more fundamental level, it's about a lack of true network adequacy, even though we have network adequacy laws on the books. Insurance reimbursement rates for behavioral health providers are so much lower than physical health care, and it's a parity issue. Administrative burden for behavioral health care providers are very intense, making it very difficult for them to join insurance networks. It can take six to nine months for them to contract with commercial insurance. So, this Bill does five things to remedy

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that. Number one, it sets a minimum reimbursement for private insurers for in-network mental health and substance use care, which is at 141 percent of the Medicare rate. It allows mental health and substance use providers who are working towards licensure to practice under the supervision of another fully licensed provider, which is consistent with many major insurers today. It requires coverage of mental health and substance use services that happen to be received on the same day, like a therapy appointment and a psychiatric appointment. It requires coverage of 60-minute therapy instead of 45-minute therapy. And finally, it requires a 60-day contracting process when a provider is trying to join an insurance network. Before we go to discussions, I just want to say this is a priority Bill of the mental health advocates this year. We've had great, ongoing conversations with the Department of Insurance and the insurance industry. And I also want to thank some of our GOP Leaders on behavioral health, Rep. Hauter and Leader Hass, for being a part of making this Bill better. Happy to answer any questions."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Keicher: "Excellent. And thank you, Representative. I appreciate the dialogue that we've been able to have. I... I've got a couple questions, and I think we know where... where this is going to be. Your Bill does some amazing things, but there's... there's some precedent that we're going to be setting in how we deal with... with health insurance and... and the rates that we pay. So, in section (b), the language requires in-network

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mental health and substance use disorder delivered by Illinois providers must be the... the equal to or greater than 141 percent and 144 percent of the Medicare reimbursement rate. How did you come up with those percentages?"

LaPointe: "Appreciate the question, Rep. That percentage came from a very well-respected report called the Milliman Report that came out in 2017 or 2019 that really looked deep and looked hard at the ongoing disparity we have between physical health care reimbursement rates to our providers and behavioral health care reimbursement rates. And it... it showed an ongoing disparity. And so, adjusted for inflation to... to 2003, we use that report to create the benchmark of 141 percent of Medicare."

Keicher: "So, is there any data on what a primary care physician receives in reimbursement on average versus what you're asking for in here? I mean, just for a regular in-visit. Can you share some of that?"

LaPointe: "Yeah. There's a... there's a lot of data showing that the physical health care providers, including a primary care physician, are reimbursed at much higher rates than behavioral health care providers, even sometimes for the exact same service. So, for instance, a primary... like, an MD might do a prescription. When the... when a psychiatrist gives that prescription or has an assessment, the psychiatrist is reimbursed at a lower rate. And that's part of the disparity and discrimination against behavioral health care that this Bill is trying to change."

Keicher: "It... let's say..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader, would you like additional minutes?"

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Keicher: "I would love..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Davidsmeyer gives you two minutes."

Keicher: "Thank you. Let's say there's a... and I'll try to talk faster. I realize we're on a clock, so I apologize. Let's say there's a mental health professional getting reimbursed above this rate with a company that they currently contract with, and that same mental health professional wants to seek out additional contracts with other companies. In those negotiations the reimbursement rates are the ceiling of what would be offered to that same provider. What would entice that provider to accept the new contracts? Because we... we do have some providers that are working within contractual groups, and this may actually bring down what they're... they're compensated."

LaPointe: "In our Bill, the 141 percent that's outlined is a reimbursement floor. It is... it's nothing to do with a ceiling."

Keicher: "Okay. And so, placing reimbursement rates in statute would lock this rate in till the General Assembly visits or alters the statute again, correct?"

LaPointe: "Correct."

Keicher: "Do you have any concerns about locking this rate into statute and the inability to possibly pass an increase in the future?"

LaPointe: "I don't because there's... there's data and lived experience that will... just like data was used to get this calculation of 141 percent, that will give us a road map of where we need to go."

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Keicher: "Okay. And I'm going to hop ahead just so I stay in the clock here. While the intent of the Bill, again, I praise you on... on everything but this one part that... that I struggle with, and I struggle with it because it's a Pandora's box of... of different types of providers wanting reimbursement rates within statute. We have seen a proliferation of that within pharmacology where we've had minimum out-of-pocket or minimum cost exposures. And with this, we're setting a floor. So, we're bringing it up. And I understand the need for mental health services and they are... they are more so now than... than ever before. We need to proceed very carefully on balancing the need of affordability for the consumer who, as reported, does not utilize mental health as needed due to the barriers. So, we need to be careful with that. But we also need to be careful in creating another unintentional barrier to health care, which is going to be those increased minimum costs. But I want to thank the Sponsor. She's done an amazing job of being prepared and working with everybody involved. So, I really do appreciate it, Representative. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Moeller."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Moeller: "Thank you. Representative, I know you have done tremendous work in this area and want to know how this legislation coincides or would fit in with the legislation that we... what we passed yesterday and other Bills that are on the floor that have to do with network adequacy."

LaPointe: "Yeah. Thank you for that. And we did have a robust late-night discussion on that. So, the Bills have shared



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goals. Your Bill gets a little bit into the Medicaid territory, and my Bill does not. But my Bill creates a front-end avenue so people can more easily connect with their behavioral health providers, so they can actually use their insurance and find a therapist or find a psychiatrist in a timely manner. And, in particular, we had talked about a lack of access to psychiatric beds 'cause we know that the Bill we heard last night gets rid of prior authorization for inpatient psychiatric. And what my Bill will do is create more psychiatric beds by increasing the reimbursement rates for many psychiatrists who are contracting with state-regulated insurance."

Moeller: "Great. So, it'll be preventing the need for that in... or hopefully preventing the need for the in... the acute in-hospital patient care because it'll be giving patients care before it gets to a crisis point."

LaPointe: "That is exactly right. I think we all know that access to ongoing behavioral health care prevents acute inpatient situations."

Moeller: "Thank you. I echo the remarks of the previous speaker. Really appreciate your leadership on this issue, and happy to support this legislation."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative LaPointe to close."

LaPointe: "Really appreciate the discussion on this Bill. I know everyone in this chamber cares about access to behavioral health. Today, we have a situation where about 20 percent of behavioral health providers, including psychiatrists, have proactively pulled themselves out of insurance networks. They just don't take insurance. People have to pay out of pocket.

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That just can't stand. We need more parity, and that's what this Bill will do by incentivizing providers to join networks. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4475 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 86 voting 'yes', 20 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Jacobs, for what reason to arise?"

Jacobs: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I meant to vote 'no' on House Bill 4467."

Speaker Hoffman: "The record will show reflect."

Jacobs: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Going to page 9 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4567, Representative Stava-Murray. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4567, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. This Bill was read a second previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4567, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Stava-Murray."

Stava-Murray: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HB4567 addresses the very serious issue of domestic terrorism being targeted towards the beloved libraries that serve our communities across this

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state. This Bill seeks to decrease these exponentially increasing cases of bomb threats and other threats of violence to our libraries and librarians by ensuring they are protected in our law. Over the course of 3 short months last year, there were over 22 different bomb threats to libraries from Chicago and its suburbs to downstate. Libraries had to close their doors while law enforcement cleared the buildings. Law enforcement agencies spent time and precious resources sweeping the buildings and ensuring public safety. We should all strive to protect and keep open our state's libraries that serve our most vulnerable populations of childrens and seniors day to day. I urge this Body to take action to ensure librarians and other library workers feel an increase in feeling safe and valued by our communities. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Tarver: "I had a quick chance to read this. I'm a little bit confused by some of it, and I wanted to make sure I understand. So, the overall purpose is to essentially decrease the likelihood that people are targeting library workers with lewd, offensive, and other behaviors. Is that it, generally?"

Stava-Murray: "That's within the scope of it, of the Bill, but that actually is going to be narrowed. That particular piece is going to be narrowed in the Senate. So, I..."

Tarver: "Narrowed how in the Senate? Can you be more specific?"

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Stava-Murray: "We... we are still working on the language. So, I don't have the language for the Senate with me, but I assume that it'll come back on concurrence."

Tarver: "Okay. Is... it talks about like lewd and offensive behavior, things along those lines, yes?"

Stava-Murray: "Correct. I mean, within bomb threats and..."

Tarver: "I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I'm just..."

Stava-Murray: "...domestic terrorism, lewd comments..."

Tarver: "I'm just asking a yes or no question for now. I'm just asking a yes or no question."

Stava-Murray: "...can be included. Yes."

Tarver: "Okay. So... and I'm not trying to be flippant. I'm really just trying to ask a... a straight forward yes or no question. I'll get to the next one. Okay. So, is there a general definition for any of these things? I know you just started to articulate what could be included. Is there a general definition for any of the terms that are outlined?"

Stava-Murray: "No."

Tarver: "Okay. So, there's no definition, but... but this is a criminal... okay. No definitions, it's a criminal act. So, what are the penalties again, the criminal penalties for violating this Act?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative... Representative..."

Stava-Murray: "There are... I think it..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative..."

Stava-Murray: "...it addresses different penalties, so you're going to have to specify to me whether you're interested in where school... where libraries are made to be... have the same strength

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as schools or if we're talking about threats directly made to the people."

Tarver: "I'm..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Morris gives two minutes."

Tarver: "Thank you. I'm going to try to keep it... if we can keep it a little bit more brief. My questions are very, very pointed. Is there definition? The answer's no. Then I asked you, generally, what are the penalties relative to a violation. Give me..."

Stava-Murray: "It's a felony."

Tarver: "...give me any penalty. Any penalty."

Stava-Murray: "Felony."

Tarver: "Felony, okay. So, there's no definition. It's a felony. It's going to be somehow fixed in the Senate. We have no idea what the language is. Okay. So, beyond those very fatal flaws, beyond that, it says transmitted in any manner. Is that correct? Is the language that says transmitted in any manner, including, not limited to, social media and so on?"

Stava-Murray: "It's a Class 3 felony. Sorry, I was just getting that answer and I missed what you said."

Tarver: "No, no problem. That's fine. So, Class 3 felony, no definition for any of the content or conduct. It'll be fixed in the Senate. We have no language for what that be. It's a criminal act. So, now what I'm trying to understand is, is the language in this Bill..."

Stava-Murray: "It was already in statute. We didn't create new penalties."

Tarver: "It's... I'm..."

Stava-Murray: "The... we added libraries and..."

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Tarver: "That's not my question."

Stava-Murray: "...librarians to existing protected groups."

Tarver: "Right. Thank you for that. And then you also added language that says transmitted in any manner, including social media and so on. Yes or no?"

Stava-Murray: "Yes, we..."

Tarver: "Okay."

Stava-Murray: "...we did."

Tarver: "That's a yes. So, you added language, transmitted any manner. So, if somebody... we don't have a definition what lewd is. But if I come by and I flip my middle finger, is that considered lewd or offensive? That's not social media."

Stava-Murray: "We said transmitted in any manner."

Tarver: "Is that language that says anything about..."

Stava-Murray: "Electronically... bomb threats have been transmitted electronically as well. So, we wanted it transmitted in any manner."

Tarver: "But transmitted in any manner, so..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative, please..."

Tarver: "I'm trying to. She took a minute and a half..."

Stava-Murray: "Twitter posts, Facebook posts, a lot of these come via social media and they are not taken seriously right now. They're not investigated."

Tarver: "That's not the question."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Avelar gives you two minutes."

Tarver: "Thank you. Okay. I understand that it can be via social media, and it often is via social media. I'm assuming why that's one of the methods that you have in there. But it says transmitted in any manner. I'm trying to understand what these

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other manners might be. If someone drops a sheet of paper that says something lewd, that's transmitting it. If someone flicks somebody off, is that considered the same thing? If somebody wife sends him inappropriate text message, is that considered the same thing?"

Stava-Murray: "The bomb threats were coming in through the websites."

Tarver: "I'm not asking you about bomb threats. You don't have any definition for what I asked you initially. It's a felony. You have no parameters around what you're going to ask for in the Senate. It's transmitted by any means. I'm... I'm just trying to understand."

Stava-Murray: "Can we pull this from the record?"

Tarver: "Thank you, Mr..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Out of the record. Representative Slaughter on House Bill 4621. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4621, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. This Bill was read second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Slaughter, has been approved for consideration."

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

Slaughter: "I move for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2, which becomes the Bill. I'd like to discuss it on Third Reading, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Slaughter moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4621. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of

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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 4621, a Bill for an Act concerning  
criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Slaughter."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
House. House Bill 4621 is a response to the Illinois Pretrial  
Services Act, which became effective July 1, 1987 and has  
required every circuit to have a pretrial services agency.  
Due to the lack of local resources, the majority of Illinois  
counties had not developed pretrial services programs. To  
ensure all Illinois counties, regardless of local resources,  
had pretrial services, in 2021, the Illinois Supreme Court  
established the Office of Statewide Pretrial Services, OSPS,  
to provide services to counties without pretrial... a pretrial  
agency. Today, this office provides comprehensive pretrial  
services to 74 Illinois counties and employs over 190 pretrial  
professionals across the counties it serves. The pretrial  
services provided are free to the counties and free to  
defendants. The Administrative Office of Illinois Courts has  
supported the growth of OSPS, and OSPS is now ready to be an  
independent agency, pursuant to House Bill 4621. We've worked  
with labor, listened to their concerns. We've addressed all  
their concerns, and AFSCME is now neutral on this Bill. What  
we're doing with House Bill 4621, we're addressing issues  
dating back 37 years. We're 37 years late on this, Ladies and  
Gentlemen. There's no known opposition to OSPS being an



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independent agency within the Illinois Supreme Court. The budget on this would be 2.7 million, which coincides with the Illinois Supreme Court's request as... as a budgetary request. With that, I ask for a 'yes' vote on House Bill 4621."

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. This is... this Bill's in response to changes that are reflected in the SAFE-T Act?"

Slaughter: "This is actually in response to requirements in the Pretrial Services Act of 1987. I'd be remiss to say yes. The SAFE-T Act obviously put these challenges and issues back on the table in 2021. But... so, it's a response to the SAFE-T Act as well as the Pretrial Services Act of 1987."

Windhorst: "Some of the problems I have with the Bill are philosophical. I think these offices are better handled either in the counties or at the circuit level. I'd just like you to respond why you think it's better to handle this at the state rather than it having it funded by the state to the local government?"

Slaughter: "Representative, we knew that that was issue out there. We actually put a provision in there, not necessarily calling it the Patrick Windhorst provision, but there is a provision that... that states that these services shall be provided by local pretrial services agencies and/or the Office of Statewide Pretrial Services. So, you can get these services through the statewide apparatus or the local apparatus. And so, I'm hoping that addresses your... your request."

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Windhorst: "Not a hundred percent, but I appreciate the effort. We show the opponents being Better Government Association and Cabrini Green Legal Aid. Do you know why they're opposed, or what the nature of their opposition is?"

Slaughter: "I'm not aware of any opposition on the Bill. And I... I don't know, Representative."

Windhorst: "I believe they... they may have slipped on the Bill in committee, it appears. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Crespo."

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

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

Crespo: "Thank you. Representative, you did mention that the request is for \$2.7 million, and I understand that's GRF, General Revenue Fund. It's from the General Revenue Fund, right?"

Slaughter: "That's correct."

Crespo: "And is this like yes to get it started, or is this going to be the request every year moving forward?"

Slaughter: "That's a good question, Representative. To... to establish it and get it started."

Crespo: "So, it's just to get started and moving forward?"

Slaughter: "That's my understanding."

Crespo: "Do we... do we know what the request is going to be?"

Slaughter: "No."

Crespo: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Slaughter to close."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4621 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The

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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 69 voting 'yes', 38 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Returning to page 9 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4586, Representative Stava-Murray. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4586, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered Representative Stava-Murray, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Stava-Murray on Floor Amendment #2."

Stava-Murray: "Thank you. Today, I'm... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, I'm presenting House Bill 4586, which is an initiative from non... a nonprofit organization in my district called Beyond Charity that aims to reduce the stigma around mental health through education and legislation. You might recall a Bill from last year or the year prior where we put the suicide crisis helpline on student IDs. This is the same organization back to require school districts and charter schools to biannually notify students and parents on how to access student mental health services on campus and in the community. In 2022, when Governor Pritzker signed Senate Bill 1577 that would allow five mental health days for students throughout the year, it was a big win for mental health. But we always know we can do more. Mental health, unfortunately, still has a stigma that it's not taken seriously in our communities.

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But we all know it is serious and this Bill looks to increase the services for mental... increase the explanation of what kind of services might be available for mental health via our schools, which is a great way to get in touch with parents and children. Happy..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative..."

Stava-Murray: "...to answer any questions."

Speaker Hoffman: "Okay. I want to adopt the Amendment and then we'll go to Third, okay?"

Stava-Murray: "Oh, okay. Sorry."

Speaker Hoffman: "That's okay. Representative Stava-Murray moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4586. All those in favor indicate 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 4586, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Stava-Murray on House Bill 4586. Did you completely..."

Stava-Murray: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "...indicate..."

Stava-Murray: "I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Wilhour."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Wilhour: "Representative, can you define age and development... developmentally appropriate?"

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Stava-Murray: "So, that would be up to the experts to determine the... the teachers or the educators to determine what is age and educationally appropriate due to different standards that exist or the like."

Wilhour: "So, the local schools will be able to define that and process that? Okay. Next question is, so you're sending things out to students and you're sending things out to parents. What you're sending to students, is that the same thing..."

Stava-Murray: "No."

Wilhour: "...as what you're sending to parents?"

Stava-Murray: "No, it's a little different. So, what we're giving to students is knowledge about resources within the community. And specifically, there's a section within Illinois law that allows for students to access some free mental health care that are ages 12-plus. So, that's why, in this Amendment, we targeted just talking to students age 12-plus about that particular program. Whereas, parents will be... and they also will get the suicide prevention helpline as well as the text crisis number. In addition to that, that information... both of those pieces of information will also go to the parents, but the parents will also get links to DHS resources that have mental health care listed in the community."

Wilhour: "Thank you. So, just to be really, really clear, 12-year-old students are receiving things from the school that there's no obligation that the parents would have that same information?"

Stava-Murray: "Correct."

Wilhour: "Okay. Thank you."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Stava-Murray to close."

Stava-Murray: "I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4586 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed '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 67 voting 'yes', 38 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you, Speaker. Please excuse Representative Mayfield for the rest of the day."

Speaker Hoffman: "The record shall reflect. House Bill 4628, Representative Omar Williams. Out of the record. Representative Moeller on House Bill 4677. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4677, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. This Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4677, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 46... 4677, the Illinois Caregiver Portal, is an initiative of AARP and is aimed at supporting the state's 1.3 million unpaid family caregivers. The Caregiver Portal will serve as a one-stop shop for caregivers, providing easy access to a broad spectrum

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of resources, including state, federal, nonprofit, and professional caregiving information from licensed entities. The legislation provides the Department on Aging with three years to implement and is subject to appropriation. The Department on Aging will manage the portal and supports this legislation. I am unaware of any opposition and would ask for an '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. Representative, do we know what the cost will be? I know it's subject to appropriation, but if... if the appropriation were to occur, what it would be."

Moeller: "So, for this fiscal year, there are no costs contemplated. This would be a planning year for the department. In out years, the... the estimate ranges from about 1 to... to 2 million dollars to develop this portal. But that... you know, it's... it's an estimate. RFPs have not been issued. Essentially, what this is going to be is a... making the website that they currently have more robust and more comprehensive so that families and their caregivers, caregivers of the elderly, family members can access information in a... in a very compact, easy way to... to manage."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Moeller to close."

Moeller: "Would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4677 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who

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wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 106 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby passed.. declared passed. Representative Ann Williams on House Bill 4710. Out of the record. Representative Hirschauer on House Bill 4720. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4720, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. 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. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4720, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Hirschauer."

Hirschauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4720 amends the Illinois Children's Savings Program to allow the Treasurer to make supplemental deposits into the college savings plans of children who live in low-income households. In 2019, you all here in the General Assembly created the Illinois Children's Savings Program, which allowed for each child born or adopted in the state to be eligible for up... for up to \$50 deposit into their savings fund, administrated by the Treasurer. With a focus on equity and helping those in Illinois who need it most, this Bill will allow the Treasurer to add an additional \$50 into the savings program of children who live in low-income households. Qualifications for the supplementary deposits will be based on the adjusted gross income of the parent or legal guardian. And the Bill directs the Department



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of Revenue to share this information with the Treasurer's Office. To qualify for the supplemental deposits, the Treasurer will be determining that by the most recent U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey Data of those living below the Illinois medium income. Supplementary deposits will be limited to one deposit per beneficiary and subject to appropriation. Our appropriation request will be \$500 thousand to get the program up and running. We worked on the language of this Bill with the Treasurer's Office and the Department of Revenue. I know of no opposition, 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. Representative, you've answered most the questions I had on the Bill with your comments, and I appreciate that. Our analysis, in confirming with the spokesperson, there was an agreement in committee to hold on Second pending an Amendment. Do you recall that? Does that..."

Hirschauer: "I... I do not. There was confusion at the onset of committee. The Amendment had not yet posted. When I went into committee, this Amendment was posted. So, we were able to adopt it in committee. There was confusion between staff. And there are no further Amendments pending."

Windhorst: "So, the... your intention was that the Amendment that was adopted in committee was addressing whatever was reflected in this hold?"

Hirschauer: "That's correct."

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Windhorst: "And this is an initiative of the Treasurer's Office, I believe you said?"

Hirschauer: "Actually, we worked on it closely with the Treasurer. It is an initiative of an intern in my office, who also interned with the Treasurer's Office in the previous year. And the Treasurer helped us find language for this."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Keicher."

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

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

Keicher: "Okay. So, I was a little confused, Representative, on what just transpired. There... I don't see an Amendment posted. Is there an Amendment?"

Hirschauer: "No, there was no Amendment. The Amendment that we needed was... we were able to adopt in committee. Therefore, I did not make a..."

Keicher: "As the Bill."

Hirschauer: "...commitment. Right."

Keicher: "As the Bill. Okay, thank you. So, I read this, it says the Department of Revenue shall provide the State Treasurer the adjusted gross income of tax filers claiming dependents or the adoption tax credit. So, we're going turn over to the State Treasurer everybody who files a dependent and their income? What..."

Hirschauer: "What's the... it is my understanding, Leader, that it will be the folks who sign up for the college savings plan. That is the data that will be turned over."

Keicher: "What if someone doesn't want their household income disclosed to the Treasurer's Office?"

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Hirschauer: "I appreciate that question, and that is not something we had contemplated yet, Leader. But I believe we could contemplate that in the Senate if... if we wanted an opt out."

Keicher: "Are there any provisions in the Bill that speak to limiting who can access and tracking who can access the data that's provided? We've had... and headlines too, right? We've had a lot of data breaches that have dealt with income taxes and those types of things that have just sent things scurrying. And... and I have a grave amount of concern of broadly turning this over to a department... I'll save my debate from the prior Bill on that. But I... I really have deep concerns. This is a privacy issue. I don't think households that... that aren't interested in this should be subjected to this. That tax data has continually been shown to be very private. I'm going to vote 'no' today. I would encourage everyone to vote 'no' until we have more security around that and an opt-out provision. So, thank you, Rep."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Crespo."

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker. The Sponsor yield?"

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

Crespo: "Representative, you said that the program will cost \$500 thousand?"

Hirschauer: "That will be our initial ask. Correct."

Crespo: "And that... how do they come up with that figure? What was that based on?"

Hirschauer: "It was based on... well, currently, the savings program on a whole is in its initial phases. We have very small numbers in the program. So, it will grow. So, they chose a

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number that could grow over time and we could still, you know, access... be able to help those students... kids, sorry."

Crespo: "Do they know how many students might be part of the program?"

Hirschauer: "No, we don't know. So, we chose a number that we felt could cover for a couple of years while we collect data to see how many families from low-income households are opting into this program and then we can adjust as needed."

Crespo: "So, the \$500 thousand is for 2 years?"

Hirschauer: "There is no actual cap, you know, on, you know, the... however long it lasts and then we will reassess."

Crespo: "Do you know if the Treasurer included this in his Fiscal Year '25 request?"

Hirschauer: "He did not."

Crespo: "Okay. Thank you."

Hoffman: "Representative Halbbrook."

Halbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Hoffman: "Sponsor yields."

Halbrook: "Yeah. Thank you. So, Representative, we're pretty much in agreement over here that you had... there was a lot of discussion about the language, about the way this program was going to be done, where the money was coming from, and you said there would be an Amendment coming back. That was the reason for the three 'no' votes, is we wanted to see what the Amendment looked like when it came back. There was a commitment to hold it. And now you're trying to tell us, well, that was what we talked about in committee. And we're just not seeing it that way. We'd like to understand how you

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believe that the Bill that you presented was the Amendment because we don't see an Amendment."

Hirschauer: "I appreciate the... the concern. You know... that week was our deadline week. On the outset when we had... when we were looking at committee that day, I had told staff that this Amendment, which changed the Bill and eliminated any opposition from HFS, that this Amendment had not posted yet. So, my plan originally in committee was to hold the Bill until that Amendment was posted. When we got to committee, Rules had met and the Amendment was posted. Therefore, there was no need for me to hold the Bill anymore."

Halbrook: "When... when was the Amendment adopted? Because I don't see that."

Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Committee Amendment #1 was adopted on April 3."

Speaker Hoffman: "Any further questions? Please bring your remarks to a close. Representative Reick."

Halbrook: "No further questions."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Reick, you're the final speaker."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates she will."

Reick: "Rep., every time you transfer information, especially income information from one agency to another, you run the risk of disclosure, inadvertent disclosure. Would there be a way of actually having the Department of Revenue determine the eligibility and all that kind of stuff on their own instead of sending it over to... to the secretary's office in

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order to determine this eligibility? I mean, I... I think I trust the Department of Revenue to understand what the ins and outs are of making adjustments to adjusted gross income to determine eligibility on this credit and everything, and then having the... just the... the information that this person is in fact eligible at the income level that they have claimed and the number of dependents that they have and send that over, and then let the secretary administer the thing rather than have that income information transferred over. I... I think that would be a much cleaner way of doing it and much safer and less likely to disclose sensitive income information."

Hirschauer: "I really appreciate that feedback and perspective, and I... for when I addressed Leader Keicher's concern, I... I think there is room for this conversation in the Senate, and... and we can look at how we can answer those concerns in the Senate."

Reick: "You know, I have a button in my desk over at the Stratton that says fix it in the Senate. And it's in Latin, and I keep forgetting to bring it over here. I apologize for that, folks. Thanks... thanks for answering the question."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Hirschauer to close."

Hirschauer: "Thank you. I ask for your 'aye' vote. You know, the cost of higher education is very high, as we all know. This Bill is intended to help our families with lower income needs get a head start that they all need. So, please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4720 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

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record. On this question, there are 64 voting 'yes', 38 voting 'no', 4 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 11 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4743, Representative Johnson. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4743, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Johnson."

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

Johnson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 simply describes the makeup of the safety committee through a joint effort with the Department of Corrections."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Johnson moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4743. All those in favor signify... 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: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Johnson."

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

Johnson: "It... it arrived out of further negotiation concerning the makeup that became more inclusive with a couple of operating engineers."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Johnson moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 4743. All those in favor vote... say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the

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Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is 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 4743, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Johnson on House Bill 4743."

Johnson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4743 will also be referred to as the Christopher James Act. It creates an Office of Workplace Safety within the Department of Corrections and creates a chief compliance officer. There will be no continuing appropriation. An appropriation was already made for this position back in January of 2024. This is a Sponsor initiative, but I consider it a joint initiative along with Leader McCombie as well in... in working with me on this Bill, which I very much appreciate. The great community of Savanna lost Mr. James, as well as my friends and family at the East Moline Correctional Center. With that, I'll take any questions."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates... or he indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, appreciate you bringing this Bill forward and trying to address this issue. The Amendment removed opposition from the Department of Corrections. Is that accurate?"

Johnson: "Correct."

Windhorst: "And rather than creating an office, it's creating a committee within the department to deal with safety?"



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Johnson: "It... it does create a committee, but there is also an... an Office Workplace Safety that Chief Crum will be... will be running as well."

Windhorst: "And this is subject to appropriation?"

Johnson: "The... it was subject to appropriation. This Bill was filed right around the time that they actually created a position of a compliance officer. The individual they put into this position then went ahead through negotiation, and we agreed that his qualifications were... were more than enough to... to run this office itself. So, there would be no continuing appropriation. We would just like to keep this office in place."

Windhorst: "And do... what is the fiscal impact of... of that position?"

Johnson: "I... I am not aware of what... what the impact is, what his salary is."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader McCombie."

McCombie: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

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

McCombie: "Thank you. Representative, thank you for all your work on this Bill. Certainly do appreciate that, and certainly still condolences for Chris' family and for DOC. I do... just to clarify, on Amendment 3 it says removes all language creating an Office of Workplace Safety, replacing the underlying Bill with the creation of a safety committee. So, it's not an office of, it's the committee, correct?"

Johnson: "Yeah, that's correct."

McCombie: "Okay."

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Johnson: "I mean, I... since I've worked in the Department of Corrections, I consider the whole Department of Corrections Academy the Office of Workplace Safety. So, you'd be correct."

McCombie: "Okay. Great, thank you. And, again, thank you for the work. And, unfortunately, this is one of those cases that we have to legislate common sense. And, unfortunately, there was loss of life because of this... or as of a result of this. So, thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Johnson to close."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4743 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 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4804, Representative Syed. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4804, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. This Bill was a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Syed, has been approved for consideration."

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

Syed: "Floor Amendment #1 is simply cleanup language. I ask that it be adopted."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Syed moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4804. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the

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'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 4804, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Syed."

Syed: "Thank you, Chair. House Bill 4804 was created to address a communication issue during a water service disruption event in my community last July 4 weekend. One major shortfall during this disruption was poor communication between the water utility provider and residents affected by this problem. And this legislation before us today simply allows for homeowners' information to be use during a water supply disruption. There's no opposition on this Bill, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking opposition, the question is, 'Shall House'... seeking to speak, 'Shall House Bill 4804 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair... or 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 a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 12 of the Calendar, Representative Tarver on House Bill 4846. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4846, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. This Bill was read a second time previously. No

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Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Tarver, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "So, do I need to move the Amendment?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Tarver moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4846. 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?"

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4846, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is a Bill that we actually ran last year and sent over to the Senate. It.. there wasn't enough time to move it through, so here it is back again. The Amendment was a gut and replace to address concerns about clarification for DCEO, Capital Development Board, as well as CEI. The entire purpose of it is to provide some uniform goals for the BEP program. I'm happy to answer any questions."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'd yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, if you could touch on a couple..."

Tarver: "All right."

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Windhorst: "...things in the Bill, one relating to enforcement. It appears there was an effort here in this Bill to strengthen enforcement of the underlying law."

Tarver: "As... as a general matter, yes, that's true. One of the issues that we run into is that... so, for instance, I mentioned this last year as well. We had a situation in which a state agency had a \$500 million contract. A \$500 million contract with 20 percent BEP goals. When it was time to renew that contract, they in fact got a good faith waiver before the contract even started. So, the contract was supposed to be renewed as of January 1. And in August, they already said, hey, over the course of the next four years, if you can't find anybody, you already have a waiver in place. So, we want to make sure we prohibit situations like that."

Windhorst: "And this Bill also changes the good faith waiver portion of the underlying law?"

Tarver: "Changes the... I'm trying to understand the question. So, what it should do is say, if you're agency A or a higher ed institution, there's a uniform... there's the ability to have a uniform set of definitions and goals for what good faith is. So, if, you know, the Windhorst company says, hey, I tried to contact three people to do the work, and another company says I emailed somebody else at midnight and they didn't respond, which one of those are good faith, right? We don't want an agency-by-agency determination. We want the ability to have it kind of uniform across the board."

Windhorst: "And what I'm getting to is the changes that the Business Enterprise Council may grant a waiver for good faith

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effort rather than shall. I believe that's what the... the Bill changes. If you..."

Tarver: "That... that should not be the case in the Amendment. That was one of the things we discussed with both the Capital Development Board... well, all three, Capital Development Board, CEI, and DCEO. There was concern that with the 'may' language, less people might want to bid. So, the may... so, the 'shall' language is there if you actually meet the standard, which would ideally be uniform, then you would, in fact, be granted a good faith waiver. That answer the question?"

Windhorst: "It does, and if you could just address, we've had several Bills over the last few days relating to BEP or equity efforts. Are there any constitutional issues that you see with this law?"

Tarver: "No, not to my knowledge. I know at one point someone asked me a question about that relating to the more recent Supreme Court case that deals academic admissions, but this is in a totally different space. It's been upheld actually several times. When I was with the City of Chicago all those years ago, every several years we had to defend this in court and otherwise. And also, just so that you know, it doesn't increase any requirements as far as BEP. All it says is, whatever the requirements are, that's that. But how we determine whether or not you can get a waiver is what is becoming more uniform."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Tarver: "You're welcome."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Keicher."

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

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

Keicher: "Thank you. Representative, I... I want to talk to you about a little bit of a situation we had that I... I've spoken to one of your peers about. And it deals with something, I think, is in this wheelhouse. And I want to make sure if you're fixing it in the Senate that you contemplate adding it to it. We had a situation this summer where I was able to sit it in on a hearing at Bilandic and wasn't even in the subject matter I normally hear. And I heard the story about an enterprise, black-owned, great company, without any dings on its record called KZ. They help with records in the Department of Corrections."

Tarver: "Okay."

Keicher: "They were summarily dismissed with 30 days without cause and never, to this day, have found out why they were dismissed. The Department of Corrections then put out an RFP for a replacement organization. And my understanding is that that organization isn't truly fully minority owned."

Tarver: "You said it is or is not?"

Keicher: "Is not..."

Tarver: "Okay. Thank you."

Keicher: "...to my understanding. And so, now, we had a company that was operating, clicking away with zero complaints, filled a lot of boxes that we're seeking to help get done here, and they had 30 days' notice, they were gone. They were doing it at a cheaper rate than what this new vendor has been awarded the contract for, and they were not given the opportunity to get back in once this misunderstanding was... was discovered and pointed out. So, I want to make sure

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because we... we see it so often on this floor that we're... we're trying help underprivileged communities and we see something like this that it just so blatantly and patently wrong, and it... it doesn't get addressed. It's allowed to slip through there. So, I want to make sure if we're putting the efforts on the front end of making sure the program is there, I'd really like to make sure that we put things in on the back end that... that makes sure that we can't just dismiss for no cause for organizations that we fought hard to support because of their... because of their status. So, more of a commentary than a question. Thank you very much."

Tarver: "I appreciate it."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Tarver, I just wanted to be certain, in this definition, it is including veterans in that?"

Tarver: "Yes."

Jacobs: "Okay."

Tarver: "That's anybody who's on the BEP program. I'm going to miss somebody if I do this, but still, it would be, you know, race... race, Black, white... maybe not white, white woman maybe."

Jacobs: "That's all right."

Tarver: "Black, Latino, Asian, you know, so on and so on, veterans, persons with disabilities, as well... women, obviously, as well."

Jacobs: "The regular definition?"

Tarver: "Yeah."

Jacobs: "That's good. Thank you."

Tarver: "You got it."



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Jacobs: "That's all I had. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Tarver to close."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4846 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 91 voting 'yes', 10 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby passed. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Hollman: "Rules Report. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on April 19, 2024: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 5428 and Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 5371."

Speaker Hoffman: "Remaining on page 12 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4896, Representative Mussman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4896, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Mussman, has been approved for consideration."

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

Mussman: "Since the Amendment becomes the Bill, could we adopt the Amendment and discuss it on Third?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Yes. Representative Mussman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4896. All those in favor say 'aye'; all 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 Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4896, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Mussman."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 4896 is a trailer Bill to Faith's Law. As provisions of that law have gone into effect, stakeholders have been gathering feedback on suggested improvements or areas that could benefit from language adjustments. Here we clarify that a school only needs to gather an employee history review from a current employer if the employee in question works directly with children in that job. It also clarifies that guidelines for transporting a student, having photos of a student, communicating with a student outside of their professional role, and steps for reporting violations must be posted on the website and printed in any handbook given to staff, students, and parents. In order to reduce duplication of effort, we also create guidelines so that regional offices of education and intermediate service centers may collect and share employee history review documents with... for substitute teachers that are able to work in multiple buildings and districts within those service areas. We believe these are modest changes that can have a big impact. I am aware of no opposition and thank the stakeholders for their ongoing attention to improving how we protect our students. I'm happy to answer any questions. Would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

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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. I have a question around employment history reviews. I believe we had passed a law recently that dictated those for all school employees, and this appears to place a limitation on that. If you could describe what that change is."

Mussman: "So, this particular limitation, again... so, when we passed the law originally, it basically says you only need to gather an employee history review if your employment had you in direct contact with children. We sort of had two sections. One for your current employer, and one for previous employer. The language was written a little bit differently and people were presuming that you had to collect from your current employer even if you were not interacting with children. So, if you are currently working at Home Depot, they do not need to collect an employment review because you are not interacting with children."

Windhorst: "And in a school setting, would this apply to cooks, janitors, secretarial staff?"

Mussman: "Yes. There are provisions that cover all levels."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Reick."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "To the Bill."

Reick: "First of all, I'd like to thank Representative Mussman for bringing this Bill. It's a good Bill, and I strongly urge its support. But there's one thing that's overhanging a lot

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of the stuff that's going on. We just passed a Bill earlier today dealing with sexual misconduct. We got a Bill here that's doing the same thing. The one thing we have not been able to do, and this goes back, my goodness, it goes back probably five years when we had a hearing in the Bilandic Building on sexual misconduct in the Chicago public school system that went back 30-some years. The one thing we need to do, the one thing that I swore to the young ladies in that... in that hearing that we would do, if I had anything to say about it, is that anybody, anybody who has any contact with children and sexually molest them or anything else, I... we need to find a way to keep those people from being able to quit their jobs and preserve their pensions. We need to find a way to take the pensions away. Regardless of the outcome of the investigation and what happens to those folks, whether their convicted or whether they resign, we need to take away their pensions. The one thing they can do is they can retire to Florida or go up to Wisconsin and spend hours and days on the lake fishing while these young ladies and men who are molested in schools spend a lifetime trying to recover from that kind of trauma. We do not have a mechanism in place to take away the thing that's the most important to these people who are doing these horrible things to children. We need to take away pensions. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Mussman to close."

Mussman: "Thank you. Once again, this proposal just makes adjustments to Faith's Law that make it even more practical. We continue to seek out advice from people who are actively

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using our tools. And we look forward to continuing to protect our students. I appreciate your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4896 pass?' All... all those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. 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. House Bill 4814, Representative Didech. 4914, I apologize. Out of the record. House Bill 4972, Representative Schweizer. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4972, 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 Schweizer."

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

Schweizer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 is just changing the time frame from 120 days to 60 days, and I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Schweizer moves for adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4972. 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."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4972, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Schweizer."

Schweizer: "Thank you. So, back in 2020 when CMS changed over to Aetna, Carle Clinic, which is one of the largest providers in my area, was not offered to buy Aetna at the time. So, a bunch of my retired teachers got dropped from Carle, unbeknownst to them. So, this Bill is just allowing them to have the clarity of mind to know that if CMS is going to make changes in the future, that they have to post it to their website within 60 days. And I'm available for any questions."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Davidsmeyer: "Representative Schweizer, is this your first Bill?"

Schweizer: "Yes, Sir. It is."

Davidsmeyer: "And I will be brief, Speaker, so I understand the time constraints. I... I keep hearing, you know, I... I served with Representative Chad Hays, as well as your predecessor Mike Marron, and they always talked about this Carle guy. Did you specifically work with this guy named Carle to get this figured out?"

Schweizer: "I do not work with this gentleman named Carle."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay."

Schweizer: "My understanding is he is a bunch of different facilities and not an actual person."

Davidsmeyer: "Oh, okay. Not actually... 'cause I've never heard... I've never meet him. So, good work on this Bill and congratulations."

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Schweizer: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Schweizer to close."

Schweizer: "Thank you, everybody. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4972 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, take the record. On this question, there are 106 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5000, Leader Hammond. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5000, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill has been read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 has been adopted. No further Amendments, but several notes have been requested by the Sponsor and have not been filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would request that those notes be removed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Hammond requested the notes be removed. She was the individual who filed the notes. They shall be removed. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5000, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 reinserts provisions of the underlying Bill but deletes the changes

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made to a provision concerning the circumstances under which the individual wound... wound care needs would prohibit them from being accepted into a facility. Happy to take any questions and discuss it on Third."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5000 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 104 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5034, Representative Mason. Out of the record. Rep. Slaughter on House Bill 5070. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5070, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Slaughter."

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

Slaughter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. Represents robust discussions in committee. We pulled in a recommendation from Members. It also encouraged the State's Attorneys Association to get involved on this Bill in which they are neutral. I move for its adoption."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Slaughter moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5070. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of



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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 5070, a Bill for an Act concerning  
courts. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Slaughter."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 5070 is a narrow Bill focused on protecting a... a child's right to a speedy trial and release from detention pending trial by closing loopholes that ensure the protections already passed by the General Assembly are effective in our state's courtrooms. This Bill has no opposition, and the Illinois State's Attorneys Association is neutral on the Bill. Mr. Speaker, just a bit of trivia history here. This Bill clarifies juvenile court standards that have existed for 25 years since they were first championed by Republican Representative Tom Cross and Republican Senator Carl Hawkinson and signed into law by Republican Governor George Ryan. That standard is 30 days to trial for juvenile court cases. This Bill does not change existing timeline extensions in the law for cases causing death or great bodily harm. For those most serious crimes, juvenile courts can extend the speedy trial and pretrial detention standards to 70 days, more than double the default 30-day standard. This Bill and Floor Amendment 2 also retains the court's ability to extend deadlines based on the DNA lab reports that are late through no fault of any court actor. That extension gives up to 120 days for the most serious cases. I want to thank

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Representative Vella for working with me on that... on those Amendments. In addition to providing important clarifying provisions in the Juvenile Court Act, this Bill also enhances efficiency and accountability in this system, incentivizing law enforcement to timely provide the prosecution and defense with documents and evidence, also creating uniformity across the state in the application of the Juvenile Court Act standards so that a child does not face a different system in big counties versus smaller ones, or in Cook County versus the rest of Illinois. And lastly, reducing state liability and saving money by reducing unnecessary incarceration of children. It's also important to note that the courts and judges can impose numerous conditions of pretrial release for any child that is released under this Act. With that being said, Mr. Speaker, I urge a 'yes' vote on House Bill 5070."

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

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

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

Vella: "Thank you. So, just to clarify, this does not substantially change the speedy trial rights of juveniles. Is that correct?"

Slaughter: "That's accurate."

Vella: "And it's still basically 30 days, 60 days. The only real change is that we're trying to speed up state's attorneys to ask for DNA quicker. Is that right?"

Slaughter: "That's correct."

Vella: "There's also other provisions in the Act that... that aren't changed in... you can get 30 days additional time for EJJ petitions and a 30-day additional time for adult petitions."

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So, the state's attorneys really can hold these children for a long time, but we just want to make sure they're doing it in an effective and expeditious way. Is that right?"

Slaughter: "That's correct."

Vella: "Okay. And... and in reality, I'll just... as we have talked about, kids are moved through the system a lot quicker. This is to just make sure the... the bad actors move the people through the system as quick as possible. Is that right?"

Slaughter: "That's correct, Representative."

Vella: "And just to be clear, there's... the State's Attorneys Association, who would really be working with this, is neutral at this time?"

Slaughter: "Yes. They engaged in the discussion on this Bill. I'm glad that they were there to be collaborative. And, yes, they're neutral on the Bill."

Vella: "And... and it's your intention to see if they have any other issues that you would work with the Senate Sponsor to kind of help them along if... if necessary?"

Slaughter: "If there are continued discussions, yes, I'm committed to working with them."

Vella: "Perfect. Thank you very much. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I appreciate the efforts of the Sponsor. The Amendment vastly improves the Bill over the original version. But this is not the only Bill that is dealing with time frames in the courtroom. You know, as we have all discussed over various sessions, the SAFE-T Act has put additional burdens on not only law enforcement, but state's attorneys' offices requiring hearings be

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conducted in a quick time frame, which is putting burdens on smaller state's attorneys' offices. This is just another effort that will speed up time frames and put more burdens on those offices. So, I will not be able to support this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Slaughter to close."

Slaughter: "Thank you. And to that last comment, I really appreciate Leader Windhorst and his ability to... to be involved in these discussions. And, again, the Body should know that courts and judges have a multitude of different conditions that they can impose in regards to this particular matter. I urge a 'yes' vote on House Bill 5070."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5070 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed '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 69 voting 'yes', 38 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5057, Representative Scherer. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5057, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 2 and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment is offered by Representative Scherer."

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

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 and 3 just take away any kind of extra fiscal responsibility for ISBE."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Scherer moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5057. 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: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Scherer."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Scherer moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 5057. 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 5057, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Scherer."

Scherer: "Thank you, again. Ladies and Gentlemen, today I present to you House Bill 5057. The Bill addresses the teacher shortage in Illinois by streamlining the elementary education content test for prospective teachers. It came out of committee bipartisanly with a unanimous vote on both sides on leave. So, right now, in order to obtain a license, elementary school teachers must pass a test that goes well beyond the scope of an elementary school curriculum, covering topics including college statistics, calculus, and music theory. Testing all teachers on this broad content is keeping otherwise passionate and qualified teachers out of our elementary school classrooms. It's for grades one through

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six. ISBE statistics show, in particular, that this test is an unnecessary barrier for teachers of color. And I left the data on everyone's desk today. So, on your desk is the pass rate that ISBE sent. We've got around 38 percent pass rate for African Americans, and I think it's like 52 percent for Hispanic. And we have right now in my district sixty-, I think, seven classrooms without a teacher. So, we have to do what we can to take down these barriers. I really would 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: "The... how would this change the actual scoring of the content area test?"

Scherer: "There's really three parts to it. So, the first part is if a... if a student teacher, let's say, would take the test and fail just the social studies part, this Bill would say they only have to retake the social studies instead of retaking the whole entire test. That's kind of like how it is if you go to get a CPA."

Windhorst: "And are there current vendors that allow for this type of scoring?"

Scherer: "Yes, and that's what one of my Amendments does is it... it puts in the caveat that if the vendor cannot do what we ask, then they don't have to do this. But right now, we're in a situation where ISBE is getting a new contract with Pearson, currently. So, this is a prime opportunity to make those necessary changes."

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Windhorst: "We show that the State Board of Education is opposed as well as the Illinois Education Association. Would you... have they, number one, explained their opposition to you? And if you could tell us what that is."

Scherer: "Okay. ISBE asked me to continually keep making changes. That's why I have three Amendments on the Bill. And I am not opposed to continue to work on it as it moves over to the Senate. As far as the IEA goes, they do support a lot of teacher testing. And so, I think that's probably what's this is about. I'm not confident that the person that made that decision has seen these statistics that you guys have at your desk. We do agree, though, that we've got to do something about putting more teachers of color in the classrooms and doing something about this severe teacher shortage."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Crespo."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates she will."

Crespo: "So, Representative, I understand that you... you introduced some Amendments to appease the State Board of Education. Are there any other outstanding issues that you couldn't agree with? What are the issues that they still care about?"

Scherer: "You mean ISBE?"

Crespo: "The State Board of Education, correct."

Scherer: "So, ISBE cares about two critical pieces of this Bill. One being that there are questions on the test that refer to advanced calculus college... very high-level college algebra and music theory. We will still test on math. We will still test on music. Just not at these extremely high levels for

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people that want to teach first through sixth grade. So, like mode, median, range, graphing, things that you would teach in fifth, sixth grade, those kinds of things are still on the test."

Crespo: "Okay. So, I remember many years ago, we were looking at the fail rate of some of these... some of these folks that were taking the test. And we were able to trace them back to certain... certain schools. It seems like certain schools had a history of... of somehow prepping these students and they were failing the test. Did you look into that?"

Scherer: "You just mentioned that to me yesterday. When I produced this Bill, I did it anecdotally for people in my area, which would be Illinois State University, used to be called the Teacher College. It's where I got my degree from and many others in here. Also, Eastern Illinois University, Millikin. I've heard the same problems for Northern Illinois University. So, these are highly accredited schools. I'm not saying that there aren't problems at some of the others schools too, but there's a problem at well-known, well-recognized schools."

Crespo: "Okay. Did I hear you state that you're going to continue to working on this in the Senate?"

Scherer: "I'll be happy to ever work on any Bill with anybody."

Crespo: "But you expect this to... to pass the Senate as is?"

Scherer: "I hope so. That's my hope."

Crespo: "I also understand..."

Scherer: "Because we have got to address this problem."

Crespo: "Well, I agree. Did this go before the teacher shortage work group?"



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Scherer: "Yes."

Crespo: "Did it receive unanimous support?"

Scherer: "I... I'm not the chairman. Perhaps I shouldn't speak to that. But my understanding is eight out of nine."

Crespo: "Okay. Thank you."

Scherer: "But I would leave that up to the chairman to speak."

Crespo: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative... Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "I just... I want to thank you, Representative Scherer, for all your work on this. I know in original iterations of this that you were trying to do, I actually was not in agreement because I thought we were taking away too much. But I really think this is the great compromise. In that, I think people... if people don't know, I am a former math teacher. I used to train those who were going to be math teachers in their coursework. They are learning the concepts, and they are taking... required to take math courses. They are fully prepared in those fields. So, if we're worried about what they are learning in college, they are learning what they need to learn. This is simply one standardized test, and we're making sure that's what's targeted on this test is really what they need in the classroom. And I think you did an excellent job of pinpointing and narrowing it down, and that's why, in our working group when we discussed it with all the Members, it did receive overwhelming, and Representative Scherer is correct, 80... 8 out of 9, which is 89 percent voting in favor of passing this along."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Hammond. Final speaker."

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Hammond: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Will the Sponsor yield?"

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

Hammond: "Representative Scherer, thank you for this Bill. I... I don't think it's ironic that a lot of this language looks extremely familiar to me. I think a lot of the language that I had in the Bill that I presented in your committee, that I had asked for you to join me as a cosponsor, chief co, reflects a lot of the language that I presented in your committee. The Bill that... that I presented, the final iterations of it, I did not have opposition from the Illinois Education Association. I think much like Representative Crespo's Bill as well. My ask to you, while I think this will help with a lot of the issues that we have discussed for a number of years with constituents, for example, that have 4.0 averages and have taken this test 11 times, now we'll have a new vendor. They... they will have to take the complete test again and will be subject to whatever the results of... from the test from that vendor. But my ask to you would be, while you're working with whoever the Sponsor is going to be in the Senate, that perhaps you'd peel out some of the language from my legislation, some of the language from Representative Crespo's legislation and see if we can't actually get to a product that the Illinois Education Association, the very people that are teaching our children, can be on board with. Thank you."

Scherer: "I feel like their..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Scherer to close. Please close."

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Scherer: "Okay. Thank you. I would appreciate an 'aye' vote. I think that it's time that this Body really decides they are going to do something about the teacher shortage, and I'm extremely confident that this is going to make a huge difference. It is a huge barrier."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5057 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 85 voting 'yes', 20 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Will Davis, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Davis, W.: "Mr. Speaker, a brief point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, if you've ever asked yourself the question, 'Who is responsible for me?' Well, I just want you to know it's this guy standing right here next to me. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is former Member Dr. David Miller, who represented the 29th District prior to Representative Jones. He's visiting with us today. Please give him a round of applause."

Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome, David. You haven't aged. Leader Spain."

Spain: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of celebration."

Speaker Hoffman: "Point of personal celebration."

Spain: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, I just wanted to draw your attention and give you sincere thanks. It's the three-year anniversary since we passed House Bill 1879, which

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created the state microbe in Illinois, and that is the penicillin microbe of Peoria, reflected in this very incredible hockey jersey that I was presented with today. And so, I want to thank all of you for your great leadership, recognizing the development of penicillin in Peoria during World War II. Thank you for your great work on that."

Speaker Hoffman: "Moving to page 17 of the Calendar appears House Bill 5405, Leader Evans. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5405, 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 Evans."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Evans on Floor Amendment #1."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the great Members of the Assembly. House Bill 5405 is a Bill that seeks to improve diversity and reduce barriers to participation in clinical trials across the state. Clinical trials are key to advancing the new standards of care that can improve survival and quality of life for people with many health conditions like cancer, but they often suffer from lack of diversity in the research. Racial and ethnic minority groups, older adults, rural residents, and those of lower socioeconomic status tend to be underrepresented in clinical trials. We need to increase participation in clinical trials, and this Bill goes along way. It has three main provisions. It requires hospitals and state entities receiving funding from the National Institute of Health, NIH, to take specific steps to increase diversity. It requires DPH, Department of Public Health, in consultation with the University of Illinois, community-based organization

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of the key stakeholders to study and analyze those groups to be targeted. And it requires DPH, Department of Public Health, to establish a program to encourage participation in clinical trials. So, this legislation is an important step towards reducing disparities and improving health outcomes for all Illinoisans. I request your support."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one... Representative Evans moves for the adoption on Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5405. 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. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5405, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Evans, I believe that you discussed the Bill on Second Reading. Do you wish to add anything further?"

Evans: "No, I just request your support. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5405 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Evans. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 100 voting 'yes', 6 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader McCombie for a point."

McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. May I introduce all of you to West Carroll School District, which is my... my home county that

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comprises of folks from Thomson, Savanna, and Mount Carroll.  
Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Evans in the Chair."

Speaker Evans: "On the Order of House Bills-Second Reading on  
page 19, we have House Bill 5541, Representative Cassidy.  
Representative Cassidy. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5541, a Bill for an Act concerning  
criminal law. The Bill was read for a second time previously.  
No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by  
Representative Cassidy."

Speaker Evans: "Cassidy is recognized."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House  
Bill 5541 is a cleanup Bill on the sex offender registry as  
it relates to ISP's responsibilities for making contact with  
registrants. Currently, they are required to make regular  
paper mail, snail mail, contact with everybody on the  
registry. There are so many folks on the registry without a  
permanent address who are unhoused. A great many of these  
letters get returned undeliverable, resulting in a large  
waste of postage and paper and all of those things. This will  
create the opportunity for ISP to have registrants opt in to  
electronic communication. There will be an Amendment in the  
Senate that will... that removes a provision that would have  
permitted ISP to start to use palm prints instead of finger  
prints. That just... that was supposed to be... have been stricken  
earlier, and the Amendment left it out, and we didn't get it  
done in time. So, fixing it in the Senate. And I hope for  
your support."

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Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Seeing none, Representative Cassidy moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All in favor say 'aye'; all the 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 Cassidy."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cassidy on the Amendment."

Cassidy: "Oops. I was thinking I was already on Third. So, everything I just said. Let's go."

Speaker Evans: "Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk? Representative Cassidy moves for the adoption of Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; all 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5541, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cassidy is recognized."

Cassidy: "Once more with feeling."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Windhorst."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Why was this Bill brought forward?"

Cassidy: "So, over the course of many years, I have worked with groups like the Chicago 400, which represents unhoused people on the sex offender registry, on their desire to bring about more sweeping reforms to the registry. The State Police

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liaison, Sergeant Thompson, has heard about the challenges faced by unhoused registrants and wanted to start to begin to engage with these challenges. This represents a very minimal first step and the beginning of conversations about ways that we can keep folks safe, both the folks that depend on the registry, but also the people who are on the registry and frequently are challenged by being able to maintain compliance because of their unhoused status."

Windhorst: "Do some of the changes bring our law in compliance with federal law regarding registration?"

Cassidy: "Absolutely. This... the mail change in particular makes it very clear that they... that we'll be back in compliance and will avoid any audit findings on the part of the State Police."

Windhorst: "And that hit the next point that this is also addressing audit findings..."

Cassidy: "Yes."

Windhorst: "...from the State Police. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cassidy to close."

Cassidy: "Please vote 'aye'."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5571 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 103 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving backwards to page 14 in the Calendar of House



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Bills-Second Reading. We have House Bill 5085, Representative Will Davis. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5085, 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 Will Davis."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davis on the Amendment."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. If it's okay, we can adopt the Amendment and discuss the Bill on Third."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davis moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5085, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of the House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5085, as amended, is an agreement that brings the Illinois Department of Public Health to neutral, but it works out a few items between the department and the Illinois State Ambulance Association. With the... as amended, the Bill seeks to do three things. It... it includes mental health in the definition of clinical observation. That ensures that all patients requiring an ambulance receive the appropriate level of care as ordered by a physician. What we find is that when doctors order transportation for someone either having a mental

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episode or possibly leading toward a mental episode that, right now, that transportation could possibly be a police car. So, can you imagine putting someone that's in the stages of a mental episode in the back of a police car simply to transport them to receive the necessary care? So, what this does is that this opens the door so that that kind of individual can be transported in dignity in an ambulance, you know, with the appropriate personnel in the ambulance there to treat them as they are being transported. The second thing that this does is that this allows for an EMT and for EMT and paramedic education to be performed outside of the EMS system overseeing such an education. The example that I used in committee last night suggest that if I am going through the training classes, my sponsoring hospital may not actually be in the region where I live. But because I want the training and that hospital is willing to sponsor me, I'm willing to go through the training because, at the end of the day, I want to be able to work in the community in which I'm from. And this gives me the best opportunity to be able to do that. The third thing that the Amendment does is that relative to teaching EMT classes in high schools, with high school teachers, allows for the combination of a trained EMT personnel as a lead instructor working with a high school instructor to be able to give our high school students, upon reaching the appropriate age, which we found out last night is 18, to then be able to sit for the appreciate licensure to put them on the path ultimately to becoming EMTs, possibly using the EMR pathway to become an EMT. So, the Amendment

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encompasses those three items, brings the department to neutral, and I'll be more than happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Windhorst."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "It appears that there... the Amendment was agreed language with DPH and the Ambulance Association. Did that address the concerns that were raised on the underlying Bill?"

Davis, W.: "Well... well, there's more that we'd like to do, but in terms of being able to get the department to neutral, those three items that were discussed between the two has brought the department to neutral."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davis to close. You have additional... any further discussion? We have discussion? Representative Reick for questions."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Reick: "Will, this is all good stuff. And the training and all that, I don't disagree with. But the one thing that is a real problem up in my district, and I'm sure many others, is the lack of staffing for ambulance and first responders. Getting a person to the hospital, whether it's through an ambulance, in many cases it could be a hook and ladder if they, you know, if they decide they have to do it. Ambulances are in short supply and first responder crews are even in more short supply. What was... I understand getting to... a person to the hospital in dignity but... is important, but getting them to the hospital at all is... is even more important. What gave

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rise to the motivation to requiring an ambulance to be the method of conveyance here?"

Davis, W.: "Well, I... I think the use of an ambulance is about, more about a better way of handling someone possibly in the throes of an episode. So, if they're in an ambulance, obviously an ambulance is going to at least have an EMT on it..."

Reick: "Sure."

Davis, W.: "...to be able to handle them medically until they arrive at their destination. I think the thought process was simply is that if we're not covering ambulance transportation, then the only thing that's available... well, I won't say the only thing, but among the things that is available could be a squad car. And, again, if we're talking about sensitivity to someone in the midst of an episode, I don't know if putting them in the back of police car, you know, with the cage and how police cars are, might be the best thing for them, considering what they're immediately going through. But it would just be that one officer, and that officer is separated from the individual unless something, you know, if something is happening to the individual, they can't attend to them at all."

Reick: "I understand... I understand that, but are you actually prohibiting the transport of someone in a situation like that with a squad car? Are you going to have to wait till an ambulance is available?"

Davis, W.: "Well, I'll... I'll say it this way. So, with regards to this Bill, if you go back a couple of Bills, I have tried... I have passed, not tried, but passed a couple of Bills that are doing work to try to make sure that this industry, which does

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have a current workforce shortage, is trying to address this workforce shortage. The EMR Bill that we passed a couple of Sessions ago, I think, is a pathway for someone, of course of the right age, to begin the process to become an EMT. EMRs are the drivers. So, you have an EMR driving, and, of course, you have the trained EMT in the back of the ambulance tending to that patient. So, that person that is an EMR, we like to think that they're interested in becoming an EMT. So, the idea is to give them a job so they're earning some money, and then at the same time, at least in the case of one of our ambulance companies, they're covering the cost of them to become an EMT. So, we're trying to... we're trying to do that."

Speaker Evans: "Please bring your questions to..."

Reick: "And to... to the extent you're doing that, I'm in favor of this. But the problem is one of accessibility to actual ambulance crews and that sort of thing in an era... in an era of great shortage. I think this might be a... just a little bit of a bridge too far as far as that requirement is concerned. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Davis, W.: "The reality, Representative, it's not. What these changes are, are helping to stoke that pipeline so we can get more young people into it so that we won't have to deal with these shortages. Just the idea of the fact that there is shortages... and if you look at the board you'll see the diversity of Members, particularly from your side of the aisle, that said 'yes'. This is something that we need to do. This is a path that we've got to go down because we have these shortages everywhere. There's no question about that."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Caulkins is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicates he will."

Caulkins: "Representative, is there a... a penalty... what... is there a fine or a remedy if... if the person doesn't get the ambulance if... if they're... that's what's prescribed?"

Davis, W.: "No, no. There's... there's no fine. What we're... again, what we're trying to do is just allow that if a doctor calls for the transportation, that an ambulance can be used to provide that transportation versus what we think the alternatives could be. So, there's no... there are no fines. Nobody's penalized if an ambulance doesn't show up. I think the previous speaker kind of really highlighted the problem, ultimately, that we're trying to get to solve. But in the midst of trying to solve that, we still want individuals who are being... who are in a mental situation to be able to still have the dignity that goes along with them being transported. No different than when I had my issue, an ambulance arrived and transported me to the hospital."

Caulkins: "But if they're prescribed for an ambulance to transport, but they're... but that doesn't happen, the person gets put in an Uber or a police car or whatever, what's... what's that person's remedy for not getting an ambulance? I mean, are we going to see lawyers chasing these ambulances or these cars around trying to... to sue?"

Davis, W.: "Well, if... if that were the case, Representative, that's what would see now because the current regulation allows for those other modes of transportation. We're just trying to expand that to allow ambulances to respond if the doctor calls for it so that they can transport. So, what you

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just described could be what we're doing now. These changes, again, are trying to expand the availability of a different transportation for individuals."

Caulkins: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Kelly is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Kelly: "Does this... is this the entire State of Illinois? Does... is anybody carved out or is this include the City of Chicago?"

Davis, W.: "This is the entirety... as far as I know, this is the entirety of the State of Illinois."

Kelly: "Okay. And I'm not perfectly clear on this. Is it that the police cannot transport now?"

Davis, W.: "This doesn't prohibit that."

Kelly: "It doesn't prohibit it."

Davis, W.: "It doesn't prohibit that."

Kelly: "Okay. 'Cause I... there are situations where we are waiting a long time. And the previous speaker mentioned that you can hop in a hook and ladder or engine and they could transport. We're not allowed to do that with the Chicago Fire Department. So, we have to wait for an ambulance. So... but a lot of times, the police will offer to take them. And they can take them to a mental health care facility, as opposed to a hospital, where our ambulances can only go to certain... certain hospitals in the city. Our... in our resource hospitals that they can go to, where the police can take them. So... to the mental health care facilities. So, you are saying they can still do that as an option and it's not necessary that we wait 40, 45 minutes on

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scene for a mental health patient to be taken in an ambulance, as opposed to them agreeing to go in a police car?"

Davis, W.: "Again, this doesn't prohibit what was being used previously. We're just expanding to allow for an ambulance... which may not necessarily be in Chicago. Sounds like you're describing some kind of local rules. We aren't trying to preempt anything there. We're just expanding, I guess, in other areas in the state. Where ambulances are available, they can be used to transport."

Kelly: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "Mr. Speaker, we've reached the time in the week where we'll need to excuse Representative Sosnowski for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. The record will reflect."

Keicher: "And also Representative McLaughlin."

Speaker Evans: "The record will reflect. Representative Davis to close."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate all of the questions. Again, we feel we're trying to, you know, create a broader pathway. As many of you have expressed the shortages, the Ambulance Association has been working diligently over the last several years to try to address those shortages. But in the meantime, these are efforts, again, supported by the Department of Public Health that we can provide expansions, at least in the... in the situation of mental health patients, that ambulances that have trained personnel on them can be used. But also, in addition to that, we're trying to expand using high schools as a way to help



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address the... the shortage of appropriate EMTs, EMRs. And this will... this will continue to evolve, Lady... Ladies and Gentlemen. So, this is not the end of this discussion, and we'll continue. We look forward to continuing to work with you on those. So, I thank the Department of Public Health for its work. And certainly thank Chair Morgan for allowing us this pathway through his committee to get to this point. And I encourage a 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5085 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 18 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading. We have House Bill 5431, Representative Cassidy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5431, a Bill for an Act concerning government. 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 Cassidy."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cassidy on the Amendment."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to adopt the Amendments and debate the Bill on Third."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cassidy moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; the opposed

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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 #3, offered by Representative Cassidy."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cassidy on #3."

Cassidy: "I'd like to adopt the Amendment and debate the Bill on Third, please."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cassidy moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3. All those in favor say 'aye'; all 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5431, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 5431 is referred to as the Birth Justice Bill. Many, many years ago, we were a leader nationally in prohibiting shackling of inmates in IDOC during labor. So, giving birth while shackled. And I think a lot of folks thought that we had eliminated all shackling of pregnant inmates. But we were still... we left open the possibility not only of folks in our county jails being forced to labor while shackled, but also left in... left available a very dangerous practice of... of shackling folks who are pregnant while they're being moved around. And... and anybody who's ever been pregnant knows your

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center of gravity changes dramatically. It is hard enough to stay upright without having your hands restrained or held in a... in an odd way. And so, we... we are taking the next logical step, removing all opportunity to shackle pregnant inmates or detainees during movement or during labor. Additionally, what we are... we've seen an uptick of folks who are out on EM, who have... have given birth... had to give birth with their ankle monitors on. Those ankle monitors are... weigh about a pound and a half to two pounds. Very often women, when they're pregnant, their ankles swell. We've had folks show up at the hospital with injuries from their legs swelling within... within those monitors. So, we've added a provision that those monitors will be removed during delivery, but they will also, with a doctor's order, be able to be removed and an alternate could be put in place. One of the Amendments that we adopted today, and I'm really thankful to Leader McCombie for this, in talking about what we wanted to make sure happened in a jail... a jail or prison setting when someone comes in and is found to be pregnant, we wanted to make sure and... and we shared this desire that... that folks were given all the information necessary to make a smart and thoughtful decision about a pregnancy that they may not have even known about when they were brought into custody. And so, we added an Amendment that makes sure that... that folks are given access to accurate information about adoption and guardianship, which is a huge and incredibly important option to be available to folks who might not really want to give up permanent custody of... of their baby but have an ability to have... know that their child is well cared for while they're

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in custody. And so, I am grateful to her for her partnership and cosponsorship of the Bill, and I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Representative, appreciate you going through that Amendment and the changes you made at the request of some of our Members, including Leader McCombie. This Bill applies to both the prison setting and the county jail setting. Is that correct?"

Cassidy: "Yes, it does. And I think it's important, I should have noted, there are exceptions when there are risks when... when somebody is actually acting out in a way that puts the people that are trying to keep them safe at risk. So, there are safety standards available if somebody is very much in need of being restrained in some way that that does allow for that still."

Windhorst: "The Sheriffs' Association is neutral. Is that correct?"

Cassidy: "The Sheriffs' Association has been a partner in crafting this policy, and they are now neutral."

Windhorst: "And what change was made to bring them to neutral on the Bill?"

Cassidy: "A great deal of it was really just making sure it was operationally possible for them. For example, what is the... at what point do have to offer a pregnancy test? And so, talking through what it meant for somebody to be fully in their custody, was somebody who perhaps just being processed in and

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out through Pretrial Fairness Act, that doesn't apply to them. It applies to people who have been remanded to the custody of a jail. So, we... we walked through some of those things. We made sure that we were clear about thing, the various ways that different jails take to... to meet the needs of their... of their pregnant detainees in terms of comfort, access to additional calories as recommended by... by physicians, that kind of stuff. So, we... it was really more... it was never philosophical. It was more operational."

Windhorst: "And based on the Amendment related to pregnancy tests, at what point would a female prisoner be offered a pregnancy test?"

Cassidy: "Under the County Jail Act... excuse me. Under the county jail governing statute, they are required to have a health care screening within 14 days of coming into custody. In reality, most places do it probably the day they are remanded to custody or, you know, the first business day in some cases, but they have that flexibility of 14 days. And at that time, they are to be offered a pregnancy test."

Windhorst: "I have still heard some concerns about the local mandate portion of this, but I appreciate you making the changes that were requested and to... to improve the underlying Bill. Thank you."

Cassidy: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cassidy to close."

Cassidy: "Please vote 'aye'."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5431 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The 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, there are 105 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back in the Calendar to page 14 of House Bills-Second Reading. We have House Bill 5089, Representative Johnson. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5089, a Bill for an Act concerning government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments, but several notes have been requested and not filed."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Johnson on the notes."

Johnson: "Move to deem the notes inapplicable."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I filed three notes that I believe are applicable. We have the Home Rule note, as this Bill does impact Home Rule, pension note, and the state mandates fiscal note. I believe all three of those are applicable to this Bill and would ask that we have a recorded vote and that everyone vote 'no'."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Johnson has moved to rule the notes inapplicable. Representative... all those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are voting 68 'yes', 34 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And the notes are deemed inapplicable. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5089, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Johnson."

Johnson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5089 amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. In the definition of supervisor, as used in the Act, provides that the term supervisor includes only those individuals who devote a preponderance of their employment time to exercising that authority, removing the exemption to police employment. Currently, many working frontline supervisors are forbidden from collectively bargaining. This Bill ensures that those working police officers have the same collective bargaining right as other public employees. This Bill enjoys the wide support of organized labor, including the AFL-CIO, PBPA, MAP, APPO, and the FOP Lodge. I would ask for... I'm here to take any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. There were Floor Amendments that were filed but are not part of the Bill. Is that correct?"

Johnson: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "They've... they've been withdrawn. Why are those not moving forward?"

Johnson: "Those... those Amendments that were filed ended up creating more opposition. And in... in all reality, I... I don't think I... in working with other stakeholders, I wanted to

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provide them with a little extra security that I think they already had. And... and I don't see that that's necessary at this time."

Windhorst: "Do we... do you know... I know we've requested notes that were deemed inapplicable. Do you know what the fiscal impact of this change in law would be?"

Johnson: "One fiscal note was filed with no fiscal impact."

Windhorst: "And where are... there is law enforcement administrative agencies, such as the Chiefs of Police, the Sheriffs' Association. Where do they stand on the Bill?"

Johnson: "I believe the sheriffs... I believe they are both still opposed."

Windhorst: "And the... in support is PBPA, FOP, and MAP. Is that correct?"

Johnson: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Did the..."

Johnson: "Yes, correct. Amongst other organizations, but yes."

Windhorst: "Did the opposition express their concerns about the Bill?"

Johnson: "They did."

Windhorst: "The Chiefs of Police and the sheriffs, what was their concern?"

Johnson: "Their concerns... they were concerned that they would not have certain exemptions, and they asked for certain exemptions. But the reality is that any truly supervisory, managerial, or confidential positions will just continue to be excluded by the existing exemptions that are currently contained in the Labor Act. There... there just are no unintended consequences, and we have over 40 years of labor



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work precedent to know that these exemptions will still be applied."

Windhorst: "So, for example, with the sheriffs, will chief deputies still continue to be considered managerial?"

Johnson: "As long as the majority of their duties apply to supervisory administrative, then yeah. Yes."

Windhorst: "And as... with the regards to jail administrators?"

Johnson: "It would be the same."

Windhorst: "And I think there are concerns when we talk about jurisdictions that aren't large with multiple tiers of supervision where sometimes the sheriff is out doing patrol and also doing administrative duties, the chief deputy is doing the same. How will those determinations be made, whether they are applicable or not in this case?"

Johnson: "It would depend... the sheriffs and the chiefs have a great deal latitude in how they assign the responsibilities to their staff. If they continue to apply the preponderance of the majority of supervisory and administrative staff to them individuals, then they would not organize. They would not have the option."

Windhorst: "And we show that the Illinois Public Employer Labor Relations Association has concerns with this Bill. If you could... are you aware of those concerns? And if you could address those."

Johnson: "I... I am not aware of their concerns. I will tell you that while I... I believe that the exemptions exist, I have already talked with the Senate Sponsor as well, and any stakeholder, including the sheriffs and chiefs that have any concerns, we already... I've already set meetings up to try to

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work through this. I do want to get all the stakeholders on the same page, but they have not given me their concern, no."

Speaker Evans: "Please bring your questions to a close."

Windhorst: "Yes. Thank you for your answers."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cabello is recognized."

Cabello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, in large departments, there are lots of sergeants that this would apply to. In smaller departments, there are fewer. But these sergeants are working the street just exactly like every single line officer. They are putting their lives on the line. They have actually sometimes less desirable working conditions because there are fewer of them. They have more tasks to do, yet they are still on the street trying to make sure that you and your families are safe. So, what we're trying to do here is to make sure that there is a way to protect some of these folks to make sure that they're not being overburdened and making sure that they have the opportunity of doing their job, which is to supervise the officers on the street instead of being inside the office going through paperwork, being overburdened with the things that they have to do on a daily basis. This is an opportunity of making sure that they have the opportunity of bargaining to do a job that is very, very important. They are working the streets, and they are supervising the everyday officers on the streets. So, I would ask respectfully for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5089 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who

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wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 85 voting in 'favor', 16 voting 'against', 2 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining on page 14 in the Calendar, we have House Bill-Second Reading. We have House Bill 5095, Representative Moeller. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5095, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Moeller, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Moeller on the Amendment."

Moeller: "Yes. I... I wish to adopt House Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5095."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Moeller moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the 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: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5095, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Moeller is recognized."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5095 is an initiative of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman in the Department on Aging. It sets forth provisions that provide, in circumstances where a resident's Medicare coverage is ending before the full 100-day benefit period, the... the facility in which the resident resides is required

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to notify the resident and their representative that their Medicare coverage will end in 5 days. The Amendment specifies that the resident not be required to move until the end of the five days. And in cases where the facility is notified in a shorter time frame than five days, the facility must provide a minimum of two days notification. This language is the result of negotiations between the nursing home industry and the Department on Aging, and I know of no opposition. Happy to answer any questions and would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. The Amendment removed the opposition, as you mentioned, that existed from the Illinois Health Care Association and HCCI. Is that correct?"

Moeller: "That's my understanding, yes."

Windhorst: "And this is an effort to bring state law in compliance with federal law?"

Moeller: "It's my... that is my understanding as well. Yes."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5095 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back in the Calendar on page 3, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 612,

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Representative Kifowit. Representative Kifowit. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 612, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Kifowit."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Kifowit on the Amendment."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask that we adopt the Amendment to House Bill 612, and it becomes the Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Kifowit moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the 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 #2 is offered by Representative Kifowit and has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Kifowit on the Amendment."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment 2 is some technical changes that we needed to adjust for the Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Kifowit moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the 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: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 612, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Evans: "Rep. Kifowit is recognized."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 612, if you see it, you might be thinking you have déjà vu because we have passed this provision now twice in the House. First, it was a component of the property tax omnibus Bill last year that the Governor amendatorily vetoed. And second, it was in the omnibus Bill that we passed in Veto Session and... which it is not been called in the Senate. Currently, this is adjusting definitions for the veteran homestead exemption. We currently, now, are in a place where disabled veterans, 70 percent disabled or more, are having to go through the property tax appeal process because of the fact of a couple assessors that are interpreting the legislation within the, for lack of a better word, the literal sense instead of the spirit of the law. The Department of Defense gives benefits to veterans who they deemed were honorably discharged. An honorable discharge does say honorable discharge or it can also be honorable under general conditions. And in some rare cases, it could be circumstances that had an other than honorable discharge, but still maintains a coding that allows them to have that benefit. So, therefore, this clarifies that a disabled veteran that is deemed disabled through the Department of Defense, eligible for... for benefits, gets the homestead exemption. In addition to that, it also clarifies that up to 250 thousand of EAV value is exempt, and then properties above that would pay the tax only on that amount. We have some assessors that are eliminating this exemption all together. Our disabled veterans do not have the funds needed that would now, out of

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the blue, come with this property tax bill. They have not escrowed. And I ask for your support, again, for the third time."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. There's a portion of this change that just applies to World War II veterans. Is that correct?"

Kifowit: "Yes, Sir. We.. we maintain that from the prior Bill that passed two times. As our World War II veterans, to be quite honest, they diminish every day. So, I hope that there might some out there that can take advantage of it. But we did maintain that as well from the other two versions as well. So, thank you, Sir, for pointing that out."

Windhorst: "Do we have an approximate number of living World War II veterans?"

Kifowit: "I.. I believe it's around a thousand, but it could be a little less. I just went to four funerals within the last six months of World War II veterans. So, definitely they're within the 95 to 100 age range if they're around still."

Windhorst: "There's also a portion of the Bill that redefines veteran generally for the exemption. If you could explain what that change does and the definition."

Kifowit: "Well, right. That's.. that's what I said prior in my discussion is we're defining the veterans based on their disability. For example, other than honorable would be if you got wounded. Say you blow out your knee with less than one year of service, you'd get an other than honorable. It's still an honorable under the DOD, and you'd still be a disabled

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veteran, versus somebody who served three years would get an honorable with this same injury, would blow out their knees. So, that's... that's the crux of the definition."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 612 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Reick is recognized."

Reick: "Thanks, Mr. Speaker. I had my light lit to speak on the previous Bill. So, I was here. You missed me."

Speaker Evans: "My apologizes. Moving forward to page 15 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading. We have House Bill 5189, Representative Davidsmeyer. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5189, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davidsmeyer on the Amendment."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment just reflects a change in language that was negotiated between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen and the Illinois Association of Railroads."



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Evans: "Representative Davidsmeyer moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the 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: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5189, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davidsmeyer is recognized."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you. This Bill is... was brought to me by a friend at the Illinois... the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen. And... and the goal behind this is, if there's an accident with a train, in other states there been problems with their names being... the names of the employees being left in the... in the reports. And then they, as well as their family, have been harassed. And so, what we're asking for here is to redact the names and ensure that it's there for those who may need it, whether it's the railroad, whether it's the... the union themselves, maybe the police, or even possibly the ICC if they should need... have a need to have access to those names. But outside of that, we would redact it to keep these individuals from harassment."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hanson is recognized."

Hanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the speaker yield... or will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "Indicates he will."

Hanson: "Thank you, Leader, for bring this forward. On behalf of the 4 thousand men and women that actually operate trains

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every single day, the essential everyday workers, this actually is needed. Our BA accurately states that this protects the privacy and safety of rail employees, who, through no fault of their own, are involved in some sort of train accident. We've been bamboozled to think that every single accident is preventable. Unless we stay home, they're simply not. And should they happen, especially when they involve extensive property damage, loss of life, serious injury, unfortunately sometimes our names and our identities are shared with the public. So, this gives us protection. Thank you very much for doing this, and I urge everyone to vote 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davidsmeyer to close."

Davidsmeyer: "I... I want to thank everybody who helped, everyone who signed up as a Sponsor or a chief-co, Representative Hanson. I want to thank Chairman Andrade for helping me get this through the committee. And I want to... I want to thank everybody for the opportunity to bring the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, who has a new government relations individual, together with the Illinois Railroad Association to work together on their first Bill. So, thank you so much. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5189 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, are 105 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is

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hereby declared passed. On page 15 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 5247, Representative Ladisch Douglass. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5247, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. This Bill was read a second time previously. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5247, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ladisch Douglass is recognized."

Ladisch Douglass: "Hello, Mr. Speaker, and thank you. I move for the adoption of the Floor Amendment #1, which simply changes the term 'city' to 'village' in the language of the Bill to conform to the legal descriptions that are part of the Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Continue Bill discussion."

Ladisch Douglass: "House Bill 5247 is an initiative of the City of Elmhurst to acquire a strip of land and to obtain a construction easement under the quick-take powers of the Eminent Domain Act to construct a sidewalk as part of a public sidewalk expansion construction project. The strip of land is at the intersection of two roadways next to a gas station. This Bill passed out of committee unanimously, and there is no opposition. I'm happy to answer questions and encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

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Windhorst: "Thank you. Have the private property owners who will be impacted expressed an opinion, whether they are in agreement or whether they oppose this measure?"

Ladisch Douglass: "Negotiations related to purchasing the land started in 2022. Those negotiated... negotiations did fail, which prompted this action being filed. There were... there was a professional appraisal done on the property. There's over 76 pages of documentation related to the negotiation process in trying to acquire the land, which literally sits along the edge of a road where there's a sidewalk next to a gas station. So, they had stopped communications at a certain point and we've undertaken this in order to build the sidewalk for the public good."

Windhorst: "How many property owners are... would be impacted?"

Ladisch Douglass: "One."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5247 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 78 voting 'yes', 27 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. At the bottom of page 15 of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 5271, Representative Kifowit. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5271, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. This Bill was read a second time previously. No

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Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Kifowit, has been approved for consideration." Speaker Evans: "Representative Kifowit on the Amendment."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Kifowit moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the 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: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5271, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Kifowit is recognized."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the General Assembly.

I am here to present House Bill 5271. House Bill 5271 is an initiative of the Kane County State's Attorney Jamie Mosser and the State's Attorneys Association over all. Back in 2022, the General Assembly passed a law in response to the fact that there is 11-year-old that was raped by a drunk family member and the drunk family member used the drunkenness as an excuse for his behavior. The law was to indicate that if somebody voluntarily is intoxicated that that is not a defense for their mental state. In December of 2023, the Illinois Supreme Court had a different interpretation of this law, and that brings together to 5271 to adjust and to ensure that if somebody voluntarily gets intoxicated and drugged, that that is not used as a defense for their behavior. Most recently, we are aware of an individual in the Rockford area that killed

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individuals and stated that they were high on drugs. Now, we understand, and in working with the opposition, that this could be submitted as evidence into the courtroom, but it, again, can't be an... in... a defense for their bad actions. Now, if an individual was involuntarily intoxicated or drugged, it's a different defense. But this is if somebody willfully gets drunk, willfully gets high on drugs and does a crime, they should be held accountable for it. And I ask for your support."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5271 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 104 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 16 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading. We have House Bill 5285, Representative Olickal. Representative Olickal. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5285, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Olickal."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Olickal on the Amendment."

Olickal: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment returns the Bill's language to the current definition of conviction. It was discussed... it was made in partnership with the Illinois

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State's Attorneys Association, which brought them into support. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Olickal moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5285, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Olickal is recognized."

Olickal: "Thank you. House Bill 5285 is a technical Bill that will clarify the status of certain special probation programs so that employers, landlords, and others are reading records know that the participation in this... in these programs is not a conviction. The participating in them to avoid a felony conviction on the record as long as they don't violate the terms of the program. This is crucial because it keeps... helps keep participants in the program get... keep jobs, maintain housing opportunities and other opportunities. And despite the Legislature's intent for pleas and sentences to these programs to not be convictions, unfortunately, some of the... during background checks, some of these are being misinterpreted as... as convictions. And so, the Bill adds explanatory text to the statute to clarify that those who are successfully participating in the program are not convicted.

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I'm... I urge an 'aye' vote, and I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, this Bill's designed, as you outlined, to deal with individuals who are... who receive a special type of probation or supervision that's not to result in a conviction to make sure there's not an unintended consequence. Basically to provide that clarification in that definition. Is that right?"

Olickal: "Yes. And like I said, right now, practically what's happening is when someone is participating in one of these programs, background checks show that they pled guilty and were sentenced, even though judgement is withheld. So, oftentimes it's being misinterpreted as a felony conviction."

Windhorst: "And you mentioned the State's Attorneys Association is in support of the Bill with an... with the Amendment. Is that correct?"

Olickal: "Yes. With the Amendment, the State's Attorneys Association is in support."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5285 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all the opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, are 105 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is



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hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 22 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading. We have House Bill 4500, Representative... Leader Buckner, presented by Representative Cassidy. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4500, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. As mentioned, this is a Bill I am helping Leader Buckner with, as he is at a funeral today. House Bill 4500, first of all, the... the Amendment that was adopted removed all law enforcement opposition, all opposition from the Bill. So, for those who... who were following in committee, I want to make sure that that's clear. It... it's a really simple concept. We are changing the titles of two offenses to more accurately reflect what happens when these offenses are committed. And it's not purely semantics. It's really comes out of the reentry space, where... where people who don't live in this world as we do see the title of the offense and think it means something much more nefarious than it really does mean. So, we are proposing changing unlawful use of a weapon to unlawful possession of a weapon, which reflects what really happens, and armed habitual criminal will be turned... will be changed to persistent unlawful possession of a weapon. And as I said, it has no impact on the charge, on the consequences, or anything. And I ask for your support."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

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Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, the Amendment removed the retroactivity?"

Cassidy: "Yes, it did. It took away... because the original Bill did contemplate having the State Police go back in perpetuity and change those, the people's records who had previously been convicted of unlawful use, and the Amendment removes that. So, it is purely prospective."

Windhorst: "And that removed the law enforcement opposition as you mentioned?"

Cassidy: "And I did... I actually checked with the Sheriffs' Association 'cause our... I... I wanted to make sure, since I hadn't been walking this path the whole time. I spoke to... to the Sheriffs' Association this morning and confirmed that they... they remain neutral."

Windhorst: "The concern I have is not with the change of unlawful use of weapon to unlawful possession of weapon. There may be some technical arguments to that, but I... the bigger concern I have is the change of armed habitual criminal to persistent unlawful possession of weapons. I understand it was explained in committee why that's being done. I... I just personally don't feel that's appropriate, so that's why I'll be voting 'no'. Thank you."

Cassidy: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4500 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 68 voting 'yes', 36 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'.

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And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 16 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading. We have House Bill 5294, Representative Faver Dias. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5294, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #4 is offered by Representative Faver Dias."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Faver Dias on the Amendment."

Faver Dias: "Yes, the Amendment removes opposition and cleans up language on suggestions of the Department of Labor."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Faver Dias moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #4. All those in favor say 'aye'; all 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5294, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Faver Dias is recognized."

Faver Dias: "House Bill 50... thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5294 is a Bill that provides additional unpaid leave for parents of babies who are in the neonatal intensive care unit. This leave is an addition to FMLA and any paid leave that the parent is already entitled to. One of the largest predictors of child development and developmental outcomes is based on the baby's ability to attach to their parents. A stay in a NICU can create a significant barrier in developing this

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attachment. Children born preterm have higher rates of attachment disorders and HB5294 will allow parents to spend critically needed time in the NICU. Parental involvement in the NICU reduces acute pain responses, improved weight gain, improved infant growth and development, earlier discharge, better cognitive outcomes in childhood. Parental involvement in the NICU leads to better long-term outcomes in every area of development. For this Bill, employers who have between 16 to 50 employees are required to provide 10 days of unpaid leave. Employers who have over 51 employees are required to provide 20 days of unpaid leave. On average, nearly 70 percent of babies were in the NICU for less than 10 days. But for those babies who were in the NICU longer, the 20 days are truly critical for the care and development of the baby and the mental health of the parents. This passed unanimously out of committee, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5294 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 92 voting 'yes', 9 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. At the bottom of page 16, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 5344, Representative Faver Dias. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5344, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time previously.

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No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Faver Dias."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Faver Dias on the.. on the Amendment."

Faver Dias: "Yes, the Amendment brings parties to neutral."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Faver Dias moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5344, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Faver Dias on the Amendment."

Faver Dias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Applied behavioral analysts provide therapy for people with autism, which we have been learning a lot about this month in this chamber. During the 22... 2022 Legislative Session, to help spur the administration to join the 48 other states who already provided this Medicaid benefit, Illinois passed legislation to provide for the licensure of board certified behavior analysts. HB5344 seeks to extend the deadline for 24 months under Section 150 for ABA providers to restructure their boards, if necessary, in order to ensure that all directors, officers, and board members are ABA certified. The original licensure Bill for ABA providers was passed in 2021. However, IDFPR did not release the rules regarding its implementation until February 2024. This extension is a practical measure that ensures ABA

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providers can continue providing this important therapy while addressing their boards if necessary. It passed out of committee unanimously, and I would encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Just if you could, big picture, what is the overall goal of the legislation short term and then potentially what'll happen long term in this area?"

Faver Dias: "I... I'm not aware of any potential long-term plans with this. The short term is simply... private providers have been providing ABA therapy for, if I remember correctly, don't quote me of this, but over 15 years, we'll say, in Illinois. And so, with... when this... when the licensure Bill went into effect, it required a change to their boards, corporate officers, and directors. And because of the delay in some of the rules by IDFPR, this gives... simply gives them 24 months from the date that this becomes effective to continue that work to be ready for that restructuring, which was part of getting it covered under Medicaid."

Windhorst: "And at the end of that 24 months, where will we need to go with... or do we know yet where we'll need to go with the law after this is done?"

Faver Dias: "I have not had any other conversations about what... what becomes at the 24 months, if there's any additional work that's needed."

Windhorst: "And I think you mentioned this in your presentation, the Amendment removed opposition, but there's still concerns being expressed by those who were opposed?"

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Faver Dias: "Yes. So, it did bring the Illinois Association of Applied Behavior Analysts to neutral. The speech pathologists have some questions remaining. And so, there can be work that's going on in the Senate."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Faver Dias to close."

Faver Dias: "I'd encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5344 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 89 voting in 'favor', 14 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 17 in the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading. We have House Bill 5367, Representative Benton. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5367, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendments 3 and 4 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Benton."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Benton on Floor Amendment #3."

Benton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment 3 clarifies agreed upon language. I would move for the adoption."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Benton moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes'

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have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #4, offered by Representative Benton."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Benton on Floor Amendment #4."

Benton: "Amendment #4 is a technical change, agreed upon language to bring Illinois Gaming Board to neutral."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Benton moves for Amendment... moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #4. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5367, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Benton is recognized."

Benton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What this Bill's intention to do is take some of the gaming concerns and put it back into local control. It puts provisions in that mirror some of the Liquor Code, but more extensively. The Liquor Code, which is Chapter 235, Section 6-11 of the Compiled Statute states that, 'Notwithstanding any provision in this Section to the contrary, a local liquor commissioner may grant an exemption of prohibition in subsection (a) of the Section if a local rule of ordinance authorizes the local liquor control commissioner to grant the exemption.' This does that, but it also puts in provisions for say... so for the local church, school for exemptions within the 100 foot."



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

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicated he will."

Keicher: "Thank you. Representative, I raised a concern with you a little bit. So, can... can you start out and share with me, as you understand my concern, where my worries lie?"

Benton: "Yes. As addressed in committee, within the section that states the principal religious leader at the place of worship has not indicated his or her opposition to the waiver in writing. That was... the Gaming Board had addressed some of those concerns for the renewal process. If something is missed, they can always file again within the renewal. We do want to address your concerns. This has been a long-negotiated process, as you know with committee."

Keicher: "Are... are you looking to do anything about that in the Senate side?"

Benton: "As of right now, no. But with the Senate Sponsor, I... the Senate Sponsor's very good and will negotiate to make sure that this is right."

Keicher: "Okay. To the Bill. The heart of this is not bad, but the... the situation arises where if a house of worship does not respond, they're presumed to accept. I worry about that, especially with some of the church locations that have part-time folks leading the congregations and just some concerns that I think can be cleaned up on the other house. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Benton to close."

Benton: "Yep. So, this is an initiative to help my businesses. As you remember Jamie that came down and ended up doing Cajun

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food for the House, a single mother that lost her husband, trying to make sure that her business thrives. This could pay her lease after we had multiple businesses close in our downtown. It's a pro-business initiative, puts it back into local control, and I appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5367 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 67 voting 'yes', 31 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Gabel is recognized."

Gabel: "Speaker, please excuse Representative Cassidy for the rest of the day."

Speaker Evans: "Record will reflect. At the bottom of page 17, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 5394, Representative Faver Dias. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5394, 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 Faver Dias."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Faver Dias on the Amendment."

Faver Dias: "It simply clarified language."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Faver Dias moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the opposed say '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."

Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5394, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Faver Dias."

Faver Dias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to present House Bill 5394, which is an initiative of the American Heart Association. In 2022, there were 122 cardiac events for students in Illinois who were under the age of 18. In the last several years, the General Assembly has passed legislation requiring AEDs to be available on school property. HB5394 requires a school to create a cardiac emergency response plan, which includes, but is not limited to, procedures to follow in the event of a cardiac emergency, a listing of every AED and location within the school, and information on hands-only CPR and use of AEDs. The creation of these plans will use evidence-based best practices for the placement of AEDs, which will save lives and provide significantly better outcomes for students and staff who experience cardiac events while on school grounds. This passed out of committee unanimously. I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5394 pass?' All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 104 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is

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hereby declared passed. On page 14 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 5089... 5086, Representative Yednock. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5086, 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 Yednock."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Yednock on the Amendment."

Yednock: "The Amendment just changes some language that says the Department of Labor is not responsible for enforcement. I'd like to adopt the Amendment, please."

Speaker Evans: "Rep... Rep. Yednock moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All in favor say 'aye'; all the 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5089... correction, House Bill 5086, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Yednock."

Yednock: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5086 seeks to amend the Nurse Practice Act stipulations on contracts between nurse agencies and health care facilities. Specifically, the Bill adds that a health care facility has a right to be compensated, including for fines, expenses, and damages incurred related to liability for a negligent... for a negligent act performed by a nurse or a certified nurse's aide employed, assigned, or referred to by the nurse agency."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Ugaste is recognized."

Ugaste: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I appreciate the Sponsor's willingness to talk to me on this and hear all my concerns. But I... I wanted everyone here to understand what we're starting to do now is negotiate contracts between two parties. And why we're doing this, I don't know, especially when it seems like it's the larger party we're giving the benefit to. It isn't the situation where we have a person who can't negotiate on their own behalf versus a large corporation or a very small business versus a very large business. These are two usually either equal size or a larger business versus a smaller business. And now we're starting to benefit the larger business. There's always going to be a reason why someone's unhappy about something or someone believes they need some help with something. But if we start going down a road of negotiating contracts, we're entering dangerous territory. And I would suggest we... we think hard about this and vote 'no' in this instance because I just don't believe it's necessary. This is something the parties can get for themselves should they so desire it in their own contracts."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hauter is recognized."

Hauter: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "Indicates he will."

Hauter: "So, make me feel better about this than I did in committee. This seems to me that this will greatly advantage regular employed nurses or... over nursing agency nurses. And you know how dependent we are on agency nurses. Why would a agency contract with the hospital when they know that they

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can be liable over a employed nurse? I... I just think it puts a great disadvantage to agency nursing."

Yednock: "Well, I think agency nursing is sort of the new model, and... and by all means, all of our health care facilities are dependent on it because we don't have enough nurses. And they have had the advantage of, you know, being able to send nurses at the last minute to... to wherever needs them the most and... and bid pretty high for them. And the hospitals and the health care facilities, you know, in this case, where this Bill comes from, senior living homes, they don't... they can't say no to things. And so, for them to have enough nurses to... to do the job that we do taking care of seniors, they're at a disadvantage. And if something happens, they are... they're eating all the... the fines and eating all the liability for this. And a lot of these places are closing some of this. I had a hospital in my own district close, and a lot part... a big part of that was the expense of the agency nursing. We're not taking away the model of agency nursing. We're saying if an agency sends nurses to, you know, any health care facility, they have to have some responsibility for who they're hiring also. They have the advantage in the contract at this point."

Hauter: "But won't this decrease the availability of nurses when we do something like this, that they can be liable? So, agency... agencies, it just seems to me, would be very hesitant to supply nursing staffing to... to certain hospitals if they're put at this disadvantage."

Yednock: "For... for one thing, it doesn't say... the Bill doesn't stipulate that the health care facility has to go after the nursing agency civilly. What it says is that they have to

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accept that there could be penalties, expenses, and fines that the nurse agency could be asked to pay for, either through civil action or... or whatever else. I don't think it's going to lower it. It's... nurses agencies have to make sure they're doing a better job, background checks, hiring, not sending a nurse that has problems from place to place in order to, you know, keep them and keep the profits that are coming in. This is to protect our health care facilities."

Speaker Evans: "Please bring your questions to a... a close."

Hauter: "Thank you. All right, I'll... to the Bill. I just fear this will decrease in nursing staffing. This will put a great burden on nursing agencies, which have become very vital to supply nursing staffing. Please vote against this."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Yednock to close."

Yednock: "I ask for a favorable vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5089 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Again, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5086 pass?' Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 68 voting 'yes', 35 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 7 of the Calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 4209, Representative Yednock. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4209, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill was read for a second time previously.

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No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1, 2, and 4 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Yednock."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Yednock on the Amendment."

Yednock: "I actually would like to adopt House Floor Amendment 2, which is gut and replace, becomes the Bill. And House Amendment 4 fixes a little bit of language."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, please withdrawn Floor Amendment #1. Any further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Evans: "On the... Representative Yednock on the Amendment."

Yednock: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment 2, what it did is removed language prioritizing marginally productive agriculture, which brings the... hopefully, I think brings the Farm Bureau into neutral or support of it. And it requires a project labor agreement throughout the whole Bill. So, I ask to adopt Floor Amendment 2."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Yednock 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 the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #4, offered by Representative Yednock."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Yednock on the Amendment."

Yednock: "Thank you. Floor Amendment 4 further clarifies for the Farm Bureau that we... how we're going to prioritize any land



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that a solar array goes on. This was to bring the Farm Bureau into neutral to support."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Yednock moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #4. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4209, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Yednock is recognized."

Yednock: "Thank you. House... House Bill 4209, as amended, authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to construct clean energy projects and electric vehicle charging stations on DNR land. It also... to acquire body worn cameras and law enforcement software and hardware and materials and services for the clean energy projects outside of the normal procurement process, that is they are going to do the procurement process. 4209 also adds the requirement of a project labor agreement with the local building trades to obtain any leases to build solar arrays on our property. Happy to take any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Any... any discussion? Rep. Severin is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Severin: "Sorry for my voice. I'll quit doing cheerleading for a while. So, I appreciate you bringing this and discussing this

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Bill. So, Farm Bureau was opposed, but now they're... they're in favor of it. Is that correct?"

Yednock: "I believe they're neutral, if not in favor."

Severin: "Okay."

Yednock: "And yes, that was what the point of the last... we went through two or three different Amendments to get it just right. And Mark Raney and actually went down to LRB to make sure we had it just right for them to be at least neutral."

Severin: "So, what happens if... I think if I understand this correctly. So, if IDNR owns some property and a private company wants to lease property, they can put solar panels on that. And they would lease that for a period of 25 to 40 years, correcting the money that they would make from that, the private company would keep that. IDNR would get the funds from the lease. Is that correct?"

Yednock: "Yeah. In the... in the example of the solar array, we would get lease... the state would get lease money and get cheaper energy costs."

Severin: "Okay. And so, the concern that we had was that we really don't want the IDNR to get into the... the solar business, but... so, if IDNR owns some property that could possibly be used for farm ground, will they... will that have an opportunity to change that into solar property?"

Yednock: "Well, what we... what they did is they set up a prioritization where they're going to look at, you know, land that had been used as strip mines, or had been disturbed, or what have you. That would be the last thing they would do, in... in their own words."

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Severin: "Thank you. I appreciate that. I wanted to hear that from your mouth because that's the important part. The... the strip mining is... I think it's a good opportunity, but as far as taking good farm ground and making that into solar farms, I think that's going to come back to bite us. No pun intended."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davidsmeyer is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Davidsmeyer: "Representative, have you been made aware of any specific projects where they're planning on doing something like this? And where are the dollars coming from to purchase the land?"

Yednock: "The... the land is... is land that we already control our own as a state. DNR controlled properties are State of Illinois owned properties. They are looking at a few sites that are pretty remote, but, of course, they need to be towards, you know, infrastructure to be able to put the energy on the grid. So, the money, when... when you say that, it's going to be a private entity that will lease the land and build the solar array and... and, you know, get the... the credits, the RECs, or sell it onto the market. And we will get revenue from the lease of the land that, you know, benefits the park systems."

Davidsmeyer: "Yeah. No, and I understand that. So... so, the reason... the reason I ask this... and I just want to get this on the record because I... I have a concern that the Department of Natural Resources... the reason for the Department of Natural Resources is conservation, preserving, you know, state parks

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and things of that sort. And in... in my district, I have Pere Marquette State Park, which is a beautiful park, certainly needs a number of updates and renovations, but it's still a beautiful park with great trails. It's my understanding that the Department of Natural Resources recently purchased land that's contiguous to their land. And I've been told that it... they purchased it for the purpose of putting up a solar farm. And I was told no, that's not why. But I want to get this on the record here because, if that does become a... a solar farm, that means that we just purchased good farmland to turn into a solar farm and we used funds that are supposed to be used for conservation to put up a solar farm. Now, I... I could see if like the IEPA or the, you know, Illinois Power Agency, IPA, came in and said we're doing this to create energy. That makes sense for those departments or... or, you know, environmental side to do something like that, but the DNR should not be in the business of doing this."

Speaker Evans: "Please bring your remarks to a close."

Davidsmeyer: "I... yes. Yes, Sir. So, I just want to make sure that the department is not purchasing property for the purpose of putting up solar panels, that they're using... going to the strip mines and things of that sort. So, I... I trust that you... you're doing the right thing here. And I am not opposed to solar energy. And I'm not opposed to that specifically in rural areas that our... that our parks are at. So, thank... thank you for bring this forward, and I... I hope that is not the case that they're using funds for that reason."

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

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Wilhour: "Question of the Sponsor, please."

Speaker Evans: "Sponsor yields."

Wilhour: "Yeah, so I just want to be really, really clear, Representative. This... this legislation does not explicitly prohibit taking land out of agriculture use to be used on solar panels. It's... I understand, I think, that you said it... that is the last priority, a low priority, but it does not prohibit it."

Yednock: "I... you're correct about that. I don't think the language in here say's it's exclusively prohibited, but we worked with the Farm Bureau to make sure that there was a prioritization. It would be, you know, disturbed land, strip mines, land that already has issues on it, it's been built on before. The last thing they would do, I... I would assume, and I'm going to assume this, would be to look at very low productive land. I know that they're not talking about buying any land, any farmland to do this. They really want to look at sites and parks or other controlled land that we're not doing... not growing crops on in order to be able to put a solar array up if... if they can."

Wilhour: "I understand that, and I... I appreciate that. I do have a lot of concerns that it does not prohibit that because who knows what they're going to do in the future. So, thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4209 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 80 voting in 'favor', 24 voting 'no', 0 voting

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'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward in the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading. On page 18, we have House Bill 5418, Leader Barbara Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5418, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5418, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hernandez."

Hernandez, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Bill would allow regional offices of education to be included in school maintenance grants for publicly owned property."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5418 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 104 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Keicher, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Keicher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would you please let the record reflect that Representative Spain and Reick are excused for the remainder of the day."

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Speaker Evans: "The record will reflect. Continuing down page 18 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading. We have House Bill 5429, Leader Lilly. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5429, 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 Lilly."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Lilly is recognized on the Amendment."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment is technical in nature, and I would love to debate the Bill on Third."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Lilly moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5429, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Lilly is recognized."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HB5429 requires architectural drawing and... and specifications to be submitted to the Department of Public Health for review and approval prior to the commencements of a construction on new establishments, additions and alterations of existing establishment, or shared housing establishment cost greater than \$100 thousand."

Speaker Evans: "Leader... Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Initially, there was opposition to the Bill. And the Amendment dealt with that opposition, or at least brought them to neutral. What... how did... what changes brought that... the opposition to neutral?"

Lilly: "We accommodated their... their concerns and the Bill is... has consensus."

Windhorst: "The Bill will still involve the Department of Public Health being involved with construction, alteration, and addition requirements."

Lilly: "That is correct. The Bill is basically to ensure that physical health and safety of the residents. It will allow DPA... DPH to regulate and assist owners of facilities in identifying a change of noncompliance construction plans prior to construction. And it also hires more surveyor for assisted living facility. As... at this point, there's a shortage."

Windhorst: "Is there a fiscal impact with this Bill?"

Lilly: "As I mentioned earlier, these apply to constructions greater than \$100 thousand."

Windhorst: "And that will... will there be any fees that'll be collected by the department to deal with costs?"

Lilly: "No additional fees."

Windhorst: "There's been concern expressed about essentially putting too much in the hands of the Department of Public Health that will create red tape and being able to get these projects started and completed. If you could, just address that concern."



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Lilly: "Well, a lot of Bills have a lot of concerns, but I try to address the concerns here to ensure the physical health and safety of the residents, which is truly important, and to allow DPH to regulate and assist owners of these facilities in identifying changes for noncompliant construction and those construction plans. And, unfortunately, these types of issues arise frequently enough and the department want to be involved, what's happening, when."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5429 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 68 voting 'yes', 34 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative West, for what reason do you seek recognition? Moving down page 18 in the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading. We have House Bill 5433, Representative Harper. Representative Harper. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5433, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Harper."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Harper on the Amendment."

Harper: "I ask for the adoption of the Amendment. It removes opposition from the community associations industry."

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Evans: "Rep. Harper 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. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5433, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. Third Reading of this House... Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Harper is recognized."

Harper: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members. House Bill 5433 would be subject to appropriation and create the Prairie Lawns Program for individuals and neighborhoods to establish pollinator habitats. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "There are... you mentioned the subject to appropriation that will be the part that covers individual support grants up to \$400. Is that accurate?"

Harper: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Do we know what the cost, if that were to implemented and appropriated, what that would be?"

Harper: "Not at this moment, but I'm sure we can figure that out."

Windhorst: "Also, is there a prohibition regarding common interest communities banning the planting of a pollinator habitat?"

Harper: "Can you repeat that for me?"

Windhorst: "Yes. Our analysis shows that the Amendment provides that common interest communities shall not prohibit any

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resident or owner from planting a pollinator habitat within the boundaries of the resident or owner's property."

Harper: "Yes, that is correct."

Windhorst: "And so, this would be... we are intruding in that area that basically, if there's a disagreement, we're putting ourselves on one side of that disagreement."

Harper: "Well, what I'm doing is I have taken the concerns of the Community Associations Institute and I inserted their concerns into this Amendment. So, we shouldn't have any problems there."

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

Harper: "No."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Crespo is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Crespo: "Representative, I just heard that you're not sure how much this program will cost."

Harper: "No, I do not have a fiscal analysis at this moment."

Crespo: "Have you consulted DNR? Do they have any idea?"

Harper: "Yes, I have consulted DNR."

Crespo: "But they had no idea how much they think this would cost or the impact it would have on their budget?"

Harper: "They didn't report one to me."

Crespo: "Okay. And this would be coming out of GRF?"

Harper: "I believe so. It is subject to appropriation. So, wherever we decide for it to come from."

Crespo: "Okay. And once again, it... it seems like a great idea. I just... reminder to... to the General Assembly that every time we

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pass a Bill that's subject to appropriation, you create a line item. And it's like giving someone a blank check, 'cause especially if we don't know how much this could potentially cost. And if it does pass, becomes that line item. If you don't put any funding, it will be a audit finding for the agency. And not only that, once you create the line item, you're leaving this at the hands of a few to determine whether it gets funded or not, and we have no control. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "To the Bill. So... and I... I just go to the Bill 'cause I want to bring up a point that I made last night with the Gentlewoman from Grayslake on this. So, we are, in fact, infringing on a set of circumstances, an agreement that folks agreed to live by and abide by when they move into an HOA. And so, we have to be very careful because now we're... we're not only getting into the habit of passing mandates and requirements on local units of government and costing them money, but we're also disturbing agreements that neighbors have come together and agreed to abide by when they live in that neighborhood. And I... I don't think that's a proper infringement. I think there is a mechanism already in place within that local board that controls the HOA to decide what their appearance and planting should look like, and I think we should leave it to the residents of that neighborhood to decide what that may be. I'm encouraging a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Moeller is recognized."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I want to thank the Sponsor for bring this legislation and the Sponsor who

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brought the other legislation that would encourage and... and provide flexibility in regulations that govern these types of plantings. I had legislation a couple years ago that would ban the use of a very harmful pesticide called Dicamba, which is commonly used in lawn applications and has led to the destruction of native plants species that are important to our native pollinators here in Illinois. Native pollinators are important in maintaining our food industry. They're important to our natural ecosystem. And we are losing them at an alarming rate because of the pesticides and herbicides that are needed to maintain the traditional lawn care that has been ubiquitous throughout our state. We need to reimagine and... and reset how we manage our natural landscapes. And programs like this, policies, grant programs like this that raise awareness and give people the resources needed to start these types of gardens and... and natural lawn plantings are really important. They're low cost. The plants that we're talking about are native to Illinois. They're grown across the state. They don't need to be maintained once they're planted. They replant themselves because they're native to our... our state and are incredibly important to our ecosystem. So, again, thank you to the Sponsor for bring this Bill. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "Thank you, Chair. Does the Representative yield?"

Speaker Evans: "Indicated she will."

Jacobs: "To my knowledge, when I researched making alcohol, which we did a lot of back... we did prairie grasses. We thought that would be a great idea. Prairie grasses, to my knowledge, have

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to be grown to about 12 inches, which I don't think... if we're going to use these in cities, I don't think that you can grow it that tall. And it can be mowed down to about four to six inches, which I don't think you can leave it that tall. So, I... and the... the equipment to mow a 12-inch-tall set of grass, setting grass is pretty expensive. So, I don't know if it's really something that's feasible. I love the idea 'cause I love prairie grass and I love pollinators, the bees, et cetera, but I don't know if we're maybe getting a little bit further ahead of what... what we should really be. What do you think? Anything? How's your lawnmower? Is that..."

Harper: "I'm sorry, I missed the question. Can you repeat?"

Jacobs: "On the maintenance... on the maintenance issue, how do you get city dwellers to mow 12-inch grass, and is it legal for them to have 12-inch grass?"

Harper: "I'm not sure the legality of that, but I do have a community garden. And sometimes, especially when I'm down here in Springfield for three or four weeks in a row, that grass gets pretty tall. Matter of fact, I got grass to cut when I get home, so I'm hoping we get out of here soon."

Jacobs: "Yeah."

Harper: "But I did want to reiterate, I don't know if you guys have the Amendment, but this Bill in no way restricts homeowners or the associations from placing rules around planting in common areas. This simply just allows people to plant them in their own homes."

Jacobs: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Harper to close."

Harper: "I encourage an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5433 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 68 voting 'yes', 34 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. We have House Bill 2161, Representative Guzzardi. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2161, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Guzzardi."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Guzzardi on the Amendment."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment removes... it makes some clarifications... my goodness, the hour's getting late. Makes some clarifications to the Bill, removes some opposition. I ask for the Amendment's adoption. We'll debate the Bill on Third."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Guzzardi moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2161, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Guzzardi is recognized."

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Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2161 simply adds the category of family responsibilities as a category against which someone may not face discrimination in the workplace. So, the... the example I've given to many Members in discussing this Bill is a real-life example of a woman who applied for a promotion at work, and her boss said, 'You got kids at home, right?' She said, 'Yeah, I have four kids.' And the boss said, 'Well, listen, you're a stellar employee. You're doing a fantastic job, but it sounds like you got a lot on your plate at home, so we're going to give the promotion to someone else.' In that instance, the employer gave the promotion to a man who also happened to have four kids at home. They didn't ask him that question. So, in that instance, the woman had a gender discrimination claim. But had they given the promotion to a woman with no kids at home for instance, that would've been perfectly legal. That kind of discrimination isn't currently prohibited under Illinois' Human Rights Act. So, this Bill simply closes that loophole in our discrimination protections. It adds family... it defines what family responsibilities are using terms that are already well known to our employers, they're defined in the Employee Sick Leave Act, and prohibits this kind of discrimination in the workplace. Our Amendment that we just adopted clarifies one really important point I want to make, that this Bill does not require that employers make any accommodations for employees with family responsibilities. So, it's not saying you have to give them time off, you have to let them work from home, you have to let them show up late. None of those accommodations need be made under this Bill. The Bill also



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does not require that employers treat people differently if... if family responsibilities are affecting your work performance, you can still be disciplined, suspended, fired as a result of that. It simply requires that you not be discriminated against simply on the basis of having these kinds of responsibilities. One last point I'll make, which just anticipating some questions we might hear, is this going to open folks up to a whole lot of new lawsuits? An interesting finding is that in the states that have passed this legislation already, the number of discrimination suits filed in those states has actually declined. Number of suits about discrimination has gone down. And the reason that researchers believe that's true is that right now this is kind of a gray area. Employers don't know how they're supposed to act. Employees don't know what their rights are. And once you define the rules of the road and you lay out very clearly what the law is, everybody knows how to act and those discriminations suits go down. So, this is a good Bill for working folks, for people who are caring for children, parents, sick family members just to ensure that they're not facing unlawful discrimination at work. I urge for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Ugaste is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Ugaste: "Representative Guzzardi, the action you talked about on the floor, the real-life situation we know about, you stated there was a lawsuit going on for that because there is a discrimination involved there, correct?"

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Guzzardi: "Sure. Yeah. Yeah, because the... the person who got that promotion was a person of a different gender, but in otherwise substantively similar circumstances. So, gender discrimination was at play there."

Ugaste: "And this was brought to you by the National Employment Lawyers Association?"

Guzzardi: "Yeah. They have been the... one of the key stakeholders in working on this Bill."

Ugaste: "And many of the rights you seek to protect are already covered in other parts of the Human Rights Act, correct?"

Guzzardi: "You know, I don't believe they are. In... in some of these cases there are overlapping protections around pregnancy or gender. But as I said, you know, imagine the same scenario I described, but a woman with no kids is given the promotion instead of a woman with four kids. That's where the gap exists here, right? Where it's not gender discrimination, it's not pregnancy, it's not disability, it's these family responsibilities. And I think we, on both sides of the aisle, believe in the importance of people taking care of their families, providing care to their families, and still being able to work and succeed in their careers. So, that's all this Bill is really ensuring."

Ugaste: "To the Bill. The reason Bills are filed are to expand rights, not to contract them, at least I... I know that's the case in this situation. We all believe caring for family's important. I don't believe we need lawsuits in the State of Illinois based upon whether or not someone may have to go get groceries for grandma and grandpa, because that's what's contained in this Bill, or making certain that they've cared

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for their hygiene or things of that nature. This Bill is another expansion of basically the ability to file lawsuits, and it's not even being brought by our trial lawyers. It's some national association who is now giving ideas on what lawsuits they need to be able to file within the State of Illinois. Every business group is opposed to this because it's not going to reduce claims, it's not going to reduce lawsuits. It's going to increase them. And that's a problem for business and in attracting business to the State of Illinois. And I know you've all heard me say this before, but I'm... I'm going to give it again, and I'm going to read right from Moody's report describing the state of our state, its economy in 2024. 'Illinois will be a below-average performer in the region and among the United States, with gross state product, employment, and income increasing less than elsewhere. The state will be a step behind the Midwest average and a few steps behind the nation in job and income growth over the long term.' This is what we need to think about when we're passing these Bills. This is not helpful. If people were suffering discrimination on a routine basis, we'd all be hearing about it. I'm for helping families. I just got done making certain with my wife..."

Speaker Evans: "Please bring your remarks to a close. Representative Keicher yields two minutes."

Ugaste: "Thank you. I just got done making certain my grandchild got to school because my daughter was unable to drive with my wife 50 percent of the time. I help take care of my father-in-law. There is no need for a Bill like this. People understand. People work with people. We're all humans here.

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This is creating something for lawyers to make money on and to tell business... unfortunately, the... the purpose isn't to tell businesses not to come here, but that's the end result. We have to stop passing these Bills. It's not helping us, and they aren't needed. If there weren't other discrimination laws in place that would take care of almost every one of these situations if not more, I wouldn't be saying this. We need to make certain our citizens are protected, but they already are. We already have more laws and regulations like this probably than almost anywhere in the nation, and we just keep piling on. We just keep piling on. The report, Moody's report from 2024, also tells us, in the area regarding business climate, 'Illinois has what it needs to remain a top business center, if it can solve the problems that are eroding its edge.' These are the problems eroding our edge, folks. We were the pinnacle. We were the big dog. We're quickly wearing it down. We talk about the need for opportunity, and I know it exists, so we don't have to create grants to take care of grocery deserts and other opportunity deserts within the State of Illinois. There's no reason we should have any of those, none whatsoever. This is a better state than that, far better. When are we going to stop? Do each... do I need to bring that 19-year-old's eyes, who I'd had to look into, who told me if only I had the opportunity for us to stop passing Bills like this that just aren't necessary and drive businesses away? Vote 'no'."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel is recognized."

Gabel: "Please excuse Representative Yednock for the rest of the day."

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Speaker Evans: "The record will reflect. Representative Blair-Sherlock is recognized."

Blair-Sherlock: "Thank you. To the Bill. I'm glad that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle live in this ideal world, but I've seen this discrimination. I've seen especially women being discriminated against because their children have medical issues, or disabilities, or special needs. And so, they don't get the job or they don't get the promotion that another person without children gets. It happens. It happens all the time, but you don't hear about it because people aren't complaining out of fear that they're going to lose their jobs. I'm glad that you think the world is perfect and everybody acts in good faith and there's no discrimination, but it's there. It's happening, and it happens every day. And these people deserve this protection, and I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Manley is recognized."

Manley: "You know, I don't typically do... will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "Indicates he will."

Manley: "It is so easy to stand there and assume things are okay. And what Representative Sherlock mentioned, we're living this in my house. Oh, my God. Representative, can you explain, very simply, what this Bill does?"

Guzzardi: "Sure. And I think it's helpful to explain what the Bill doesn't do first."

Manley: "Yeah, let's start there."

Guzzardi: "The Bill doesn't require employers, and it's in black and white in the Bill language, does not require employers to make accommodations for workers on the basis of family

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responsibilities. So, it's not, as the previous Speaker implied, I have to go pick up groceries for grandma. You got to give me time off work. That is not what this Bill does. All it says is that you can't be discriminated against on the supposition that just because you have responsibilities for caring for your family, you will not be as good an employee as someone else would be. If you're not living up to your responsibilities at work, your employer can certainly suspend you, terminate you, fire you, if you're not doing your job. But just the mere supposition that you have to care for a sick kid, you have to care for an ailing parent, therefore, I'm not going to give you the promotion. That should be illegal. I think everyone in this room probably thinks that's illegal today, but it's not, and that's what this Bill would fix."

Manley: "I guess if you don't have the sole responsibility of a child or other people that you're obligated to take of, it's easy to say it's not happening. You don't take off work to get groceries. I'm so angry. I never get this angry. My God, people live like... this is a real thing. I've lived it myself. My family's going through it. You don't leave work because you got to pick up groceries. You know what you do? You get up a 4 a.m., you make sure things are... and you stop at the store after you drop your kids off, or you run out on your lunch hour and you go to get the groceries and you stick 'em in the refrigerator at work. That's reality. That's what's going on. Please, the world is much bigger sometimes than our... what's seen through our own lenses. We're trying to make the world better for people so they can productive at work.

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To get up and start talking about Illinois this, no, has nothing to do with this. There are people that want to work, but they also have to take care of their kids. Rep... one of the Representatives was talking about the lack of day care. Try having a special need kid and finding day care. Try that one. Vote 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Guzzardi to close."

Guzzardi: "Thank you for the debate, colleagues. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2161 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 69 voting 'yes', 29 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative West, what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

West: "As you see, I'm looking at the camera 'cause I just found out that my mom is watching on ILGA, and Sunday is her birthday. And so, I just want to give her a quick shoutout and say happy birthday to my mom, who I love dearly. And I want to ask the Body, I'm recording over here too, can you help me give her a quick shoutout?"

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Speaker Evans: "Moving forward to page 19 of the Calendar, House Bills-Second Reading. We have House Bill 5488, Representative Hirschauer. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5488, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Hirschauer."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Hirschauer on the Amendment."

Hirschauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 makes a simple change to the Bill, to language. For example, changing 'designation program' to 'recognition program'. Ask for its adoption."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Hirschauer moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All in favor say 'aye'; all the 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5488, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hirschauer is recognized."

Hirschauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5488 establishes the Legacy Tree Task Force, which will, hopefully, create a statewide program to promote the identification, awareness, commemoration, and preservation of significant trees within our state. The task force will, among other things, determine the feasibility of a statewide legacy tree program, establish criteria, explore partnerships with local governments for the evaluation of trees. It will be managed by IDNR. This Bill



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has broad support, including from the Illinois Environmental Council, the Illinois Municipal League, the Illinois Association of Park Districts, the Sierra Club, and Prairie State Conservation. I know of no opposition. We all have a story about that special tree in our neighborhood or on our property, maybe it was the tree you climbed with all your friends or hung your tire swing on. Raising awareness of the importance of our trees and celebrating the cultural, personal, and historical significance of neighborhood trees will lead to stronger preservation policies. I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, it appeared in committee, it was a partisan vote initially and then on the Amendment it was unanimous coming to the floor. Is that accurate?"

Hirschauer: "That's right."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Hirschauer: "Thanks."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5488 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 87 voting 'yes', 13 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining on page 19 in the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading. We have House

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Bill 5493, Representative Jones, presented by Representative Morgan. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5493, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No... Amendments 2 and 3 were adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5493, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Morgan is recognized."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Happy to present House Bill 5493, which is pretty much an annual exercise by the Illinois Department of Insurance. They call it the administrative Bill, their admin Bill. This cleans up legislation, consistent with state and federal law changes. It is a very, very long Bill, but it is, generally speaking, technical cleanup. I know of no opposition and happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. It appears one of the items in the Bill involves a fee increase. Could you explain that increase and who it applies to?"

Morgan: "Of course. This is something that we discussed a little bit in committee. There, over the last few years, have been these very, very large insurance transactions from one company to another. So, this raised fee was really an agreement to capture the costs for the Illinois Department of

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Insurance to manage, review, and ultimately approve these transactions. They're very... they're not rare. They don't have an often, but when they do, they're incredibly complex. And so, this does increase the fee just on those transactions."

Windhorst: "And is this a large scope, it will affect a lot of companies, or is it narrow?"

Morgan: "Incredibly narrow. I believe this is a handful every couple years. It's not a lot."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Morgan to close."

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

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5493 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 95 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving down page 19 in the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading. We have House Bill 5495, Representative Crespo. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5495, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5495, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Crespo is recognized."

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 5495 is a cleanup Bill for the Illinois State Police that, among other things, addresses audit findings, consolidates funds for the purposes of cadet classes, renames several police funds, and has language allowing the Illinois State Police to build and implement the Arsonist Registration Act. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "This Bill is an IS... Illinois State Police initiative to address audit findings, I believe you said."

Crespo: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "There was one, I believe, regarding Arsonist Registration Act. Do you have any information about that needed change?"

Crespo: "So, the Arsonist Registration Act was a Bill that was passed 20 years ago by former colleague Representative McAuliffe. And at that time, the Chicago Police Department was working on a software program called I-CLEAR, I believe. And the intent was to use that program statewide to meet the... the intent of the Bill. The program was never promoted statewide, so we never had that. Unfortunately, the State Police needed like a million dollars to implement this. And... and when it did pass 20 years ago, guess what? It was subject to appropriations."

Windhorst: "Imagine that."

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Crespo: "So, in response to audit findings, the State Police came up with an idea to create a database that meets the intent of the Bill 20 years ago."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Crespo: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Crespo to close."

Crespo: "Just ask for your 'yes' vote. And just a reminder that when you pass Bills that are subject to appropriations, these things can happen. I ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5495 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 99 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving down page 19 in the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading. We have House Bill 5546, Representative Walsh. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5546, 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 Walsh."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Walsh on the Amendment."

Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment... it brings the ICC neutral and addresses the concerns they had with underlying Bill, and I move for its adoption."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Walsh moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those

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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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5546, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Walsh is recognized."

Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 5546 is a rewrite of the JULIE Act, the Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators. So, when you have excavating or projects going on around roadways or in your neighborhoods and they come out and put the little flags up, JULIE is that one-stop.. or that one call center that contacts the locating services with the utilities and telecom, et cetera, to make sure that nothing's hit while they're doing any type of excavating. This Act has not been updated in over 15 years. And with multiple infrastructure projects, whether it's lead.. lead pipe replacement or the broadband expansion that Illinois was awarded over \$1 billion for, the need for updating the.. these services and its efficiencies were long overdue. This has been a two-year project of negotiating with over two dozen stakeholders and the ICC to come to an agreement. There is no opposition on the Bill, and as I said, the ICC is neutral. I'd be happy to answer any questions and would ask for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davidsmeyer is recognized."

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Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm... I'm just going to go the Bill. I just want to say, Chairman Walsh, you know, your approach to all these Bills that have so many different moving parts, I... I certainly appreciate it. Got all the people in the right... in the room together to make these decisions. And to come out with an agreed Bill, it's great. Just want to remind everybody to call before you dig. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Benton is recognized."

Benton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to thank the Sponsor, Chairman Walsh, for working on it as... as hard as he has, as well as JULIE and Executive Director Mark Frost. This has been a long process. It's a great Bill. I appreciate all your work. It's a long time coming, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? Leader Gabel is recognized."

Gabel: "Speaker, please excuse Representative DeLuca for the rest of the day."

Speaker Evans: "The record will reflect. Representative Walsh to close."

Walsh: "Respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5546 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 98 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 2 of the

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Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading. We have House Bill 255, Representative Mussman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 255, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Mussman."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mussman on the Amendment."

Mussman: "The House Amendment becomes... House Floor Amendment #2 becomes the Bill. Could we move it and debate it on Third?"

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mussman moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All in favor say 'aye'; all the 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 255, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mussman."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. This Bill is an initiative of the IDNR to establish a Youth and Young Adult Conservation Education Act, which creates a pilot program for youth between the ages of 15 to 25. The department will capitalize on new and existing partnerships with local community groups, schools, and nonprofits with a special focus on disadvantaged communities, which often lack good opportunities for youth to gain work experiences. We also know that for young people from predominantly urban areas, they are underrepresented in the natural resource field and



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time spent outdoors can be especially beneficial to their mental and physical health. The Governor's introduced budget requests \$2.5 million appropriation for this pilot program. Rough estimates believe that amount will serve about 85 to 100 youth in the initial stages and allow DNR to hire staff to assist with the running of the program. The Amendment also exempts the pilot from the Illinois Procurement Code to make it easier to contract with a wider variety of nonprofits to avoid complications that traditionally become barriers to these kinds of programs. The department may set the administrative rules for the implementation and running of the program. I'm aware of no opposition. I have some really great cosponsors, and I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, we'll move to a vote. The question is, 'Shall House Bill 255 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 98 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining on page 2 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading. We have House Bill 334, Rep... Leader Lilly. Leader Lilly. Out of the record. Moving forward in the Calendar. On page 7, under House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 4090, Representative Ness. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4090, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment

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#1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Ness."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ness on the Amendment."

Ness: "Thank you, Speaker. Floor Amendment 3 makes changes to the underlying Bill that brought all parties into neutral, and I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ness moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3. 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4090, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Ness is recognized."

Ness: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 4090 is a... an issue that... an initiative that came up from a constituent in my district who called about a year and a half, almost two years ago now. She was being overcharged for water. She was renting an apartment, and it was municipal water that was provided to her, third-party billing. She knew she was being overcharged. The property manager was not responsive. The village told me there was nothing they could do about it, even though it was municipal water. After making several phone calls, the ICC, the Citizens Utility Board, it was discovered that there's no authority, auditing authority, over municipal water. So, had this been a private water company, we could have done

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something about it. So, after months and months of being overcharged, we finally were able get a remediation done that was able to... to get her some money back, but not before we recognized that we had to solve this problem. So, 4090 makes some changes to the Property Utility Services Act and would allow an elected official or that municipality to go in and audit the... the records or the way the water's being charged, if it was requested. So, hopefully we can correct this issue and it doesn't happen to anybody else. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davidsmeyer is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Davidsmeyer: "I know that you've been working on this for... for some time now, and Chairman Walsh helped you out a little bit. And I appreciate you working with our side of the aisle to make sure that you... there's some changes to how the... the legal language, the... you know, we were making sure that it wasn't like a trial lawyer Bill. It's not... it's not an attempt to go after more dollars. It's... it's an attempt for transparency between landlords and their tenants. I... I appreciate what you're trying to do here, and... and I encourage an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Ness: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ness to close."

Ness: "Thank you, Representative, for that. And I do want to thank Chair Walsh for his help in getting this Bill done, putting me in touch with the right people. It was really frustrating, but I was so happy to let my constituent know that because of

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her we were able to close a loophole. So, I request an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4090 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 98 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 8 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading. We have House Bill 4404, Representative Didech. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4404, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Didech."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Didech on the Amendment."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment 2 removes the Act's retroactivity, incorporates stronger protections for third-party spouses, and makes other technical changes. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Didech moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4404, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Didech is recognized."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4404 creates the Uniform Cohabitants' Economic Remedies Act. Under current law, Illinois is one of only three states in the country, along with Georgia and Louisiana, that has an absolute bar to the pursuit of contractual and equitable remedies that arise out of a cohabitating relationship. This Bill will bring Illinois into the mainstream and allow injured parties to pursue these claims. The amended Bill we are voting on today incorporates much of the feedback about this proposal that we received from practitioners and Members of the General Assembly. Under this Bill, Illinois will have the strongest protections in the country for the assets of third-party spouses that are impacted by a claim under this Act. This Bill also clarifies that all affirmative defenses will be available to defendants under this Act, including the requirement that real property can only be transferred pursuant to a written instrument. Thank you for your consideration. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "First, this removed a retroactivity you said. So, these will only be claims from when this becomes laws going forward. Is that your understanding?"

Didech: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Who would be able to make a claim under this Act?"

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Didech: "So, this... this Act applies to any two individuals who are living as a couple. They would be considered cohabitants who could bring a claim under this Act."

Windhorst: "And what possible claims could be brought among that couple?"

Didech: "Any contractual or equitable claim that any other two people would be able to bring if they were parties to a contract or if they had rights under equitable remedies."

Windhorst: "And contractual rights would include oral contracts as well as written contracts?"

Didech: "Correct."

Windhorst: "And equitable claims would also be included?"

Didech: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Would you... could you give us some examples of what possible equitable claims would be covered by this?"

Didech: "The... the ones that would probably come up most often in these context would be unjust enrichment, quantum meruit, or constructive trusts. Those... those are the equitable claims that have been... that have come up in other states that have these types of actions."

Windhorst: "So, where... for instance, a cohabitating couple, one works to support another or one forgoes some economic right they may have on the benefit of the other, there may be an equitable claim after..."

Didech: "So long as they meet the elements to prove up the equitable claim, yes."

Windhorst: "And if the couple marries, what happens to the claims between them?"

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Didech: "The... the claims can only accrue prior to the... to the marriage. So, this would not impact... once they're married, going forward, there would be no impact."

Windhorst: "If the couple marries and then divorces, could those claims be part of the divorce?"

Didech: "So long as they... so, there's a five-year statute of limitations for the equitable claim. So, you would have to be a... kind of a series of unlikely events where the claim would accrue, a marriage would take place, the relationship breaks down, divorce takes place, a claim is brought. I... I think in most circumstances, you're not going to see equitable claims brought in the context of a divorce. But I... I think there are some unlikely, you know, unusual scenarios where it could happen."

Windhorst: "So, that statute of limitation will apply regardless of whether a marriage occurs?"

Didech: "Correct."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Didech to close."

Didech: "Thank you. I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4404 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 63 voting 'yes', 33 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 20 of the Calendar, House Bills-Third Reading. We have House Bill 2385,

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Representative Nichols. Representative Nichols. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, could you please read this... take this Bill to Second Reading? Please read the Bill on Second Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2385, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Nichols."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Nichols on the Amendment."

Nichols: "Hello? Yeah. Can you accept the Amendment please and then we move Third Reading?"

Speaker Evans: "Representative Nichols moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2385, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Nichols is recognized."

Nichols: "Thank you, Speaker. The Amendment extends coverage for the colonoscopy deemed medically necessary under group or individual policies, accident and health insurance, or managed care plans."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."



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Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, this Bill would mandate insurance coverage for colonoscopies. Is there an age range that is covered or is... is it unlimited, regard to age?"

Nichols: "Unlike the original Bill, the Amendment eliminates the age restriction for coverage, emphasizing the importance of colonoscopies for individuals of all ages when medically necessary, not mandated, medically necessary, eliminating the cost requirement in... in this particular Bill."

Windhorst: "It appears that the Illinois Life and Health Insurance Council is opposed. Have they told you their opposition or the nature of their opposition?"

Nichols: "No opposition in this Bill. All opposition was... they just wanted the effective date changed and that was it. That was that was the only thing. And the effective date is..."

Windhorst: "And the effective date is January 1 of next year?"

Nichols: "...January. Yes, it is. Yes, Sir. Absolutely."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Benton is recognized."

Benton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a quick point. I appreciate you for bringing this Bill. I lost my grandmother to colon cancer. I lost my father to cancer. He used to have polyps removed on a regular basis. Colon cancer is extremely invasive. It takes people very quickly. They need to start going sooner. I encourage people to go and get an early colonoscopy. People are getting cancer sooner. I would just want to say that again. I just lost my cousin a couple weeks ago to cancer. He was one of the best people. I lost my parents young, real young. And he was one of those people that would always ask, 'How are you doing?' Not just ask how

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you're doing. He legitimately cared how you're doing. And he used to say things like, 'Man, I'm really proud of you. Your parents would be proud of you, the man that you've become, where you've gone.' We need to make sure that we don't lose more people. We need to have these screenings at all ages, and this Bill does this. So, I appreciate the Bill's Sponsor. I appreciate the intent. I encourage everybody to go get screened at a younger age. And I encourage, very much so, an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "Thank you. To the Bill. We talked in committee about this. Changing the implementation date to... to January 1, 2026 makes it significantly easier for both the Department of Insurance and would put to neutral the Life and Health Insurance Association. It's a simple change. It helps us align with the cycle of the policy renewals that occur out there. As a result of that, I'll be voting 'present'. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Nichols to close."

Nichols: "Yes, this Bill... we have an opportunity to come down here and represent people. We have an opportunity where we can save lives right away. When I got my colon examination, thankfully, I had no polyps. But a lot of the guys that I urge to go this examination, 'cause I'm 58, they wasn't that blessed. And they're still here because they had an opportunity. A lot of people can't afford this. This is something that needs to happen. So, I... and we... we sitting here. We here way past hours. We have an opportunity to actually do something. And it's bipartisan support on this Bill. So, I urge an 'aye' vote. And thank you."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2385 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 95 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 22 of the Calendar, House Bills-Third Reading. We have House Bill 4925, Leader Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4925, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hoffman is recognized."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr... thank you, Speaker, Mr... and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill has... is an initiative of the Illinois Motorcycle Dealers Association. It adds to things regarding the relationship between the manufacturer and the dealer that cannot be done. They cannot coerce or require any dealer to construct improvements to dealer to that are substantial in cost. Some of these manufacturers are not treating their dealers properly and are requiring these huge expenses. I ask for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4925 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 99 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is

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hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 23 of the Calendar. At the top, House Bill Third Reading, we have House Bill 5100, Leader Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5100, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hoffman is recognized."

Hoffman: "Last year, this... this Body passed legislation that would allow for unsolicited proposals with regard to transportation projects. Unfortunately, what this did is we didn't address the issue of the prohibited bidder. We have, in Illinois, prohibited bidder status. If you are involved in the writing of the bid, you then cannot bid on the project. But how... however, by its very nature, an unsolicited bid is written by a third-party, an outside third-party is sent in to IDOT or the tollway. So, this just makes a very limited exception for that."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5100 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 98 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 22 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading. We have House Bill 4715, Leader Rita. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, please bring the Bill back to Second Reading. Please read the Bill on Second."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4715, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor

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Amendment #2 has been adopted. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Rita."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Rita on the Amendment."

Rita: "I'd like to withdraw Amendment #3."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, please remove Amendment #3."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #4 is offered by Representative Rita."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Rita on the Amendment."

Rita: "So, Amendment #4 makes some technical changes for the underlying Bill to clarify what... that we're not going over federal law, but I'll explain the Bill on Third Reading."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Rita moves for the adoption of Amendment #4. All in favor say 'aye'; all the 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4715, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Rita is recognized."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 4715 gives the authority to local governments or, per say, park districts to regulate the use of drones over their park property. IDOT was given the authority to make rules six years ago, and these rules haven't been made. So, this will give the park... local park districts the ability to make local rules until IDOT makes them rules. Be happy to answer any questions."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4715 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 97 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining on page 23 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading. We have House Bill 5317, Leader Rita. Mr. Clerk, please bring the Bill back to Second Reading. Please read the Bill on Second."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5317, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Rita."

Speaker Evans: "Amendment 2, Representative Rita."

Rita: "I'd like to make the adoption of Amendment #2. It changes the date one year to 2026, I believe, and then..."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Rita moves 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5317, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Rita is recognized."

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Rita: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 5317 just gives an additional year for dentists to come up with electronic filing for claims."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5317 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all the opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 98 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving down page 23 of the Calendar of House Bills-Third Reading. We have House Bill 5371, Representative Ann Williams. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, please move the Bill to the status of Second Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5371, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Ann Williams."

Speaker Evans: "Ann Williams on the Amendment."

Williams, A.: "I'd like to move to table Floor Amendment #2."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, please remove Floor Amendment #2."

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

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ann Williams on Floor Amendment #3."

Williams, A.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Amendment... I'd like to move to adopt this Amendment, and we can discuss the Bill on Third."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ann Williams moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3. All those in favor vote 'aye'... all

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those in favor say 'aye'; all the 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5371, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Williams."

Williams, A.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is an initiative of the Attorney General's Office in conjunction with the Department of Human Rights. It's kind of a hybrid of an omnibus Bill to strengthen the human rights protections in Illinois, but also includes some technical changes. We discuss it in detail, but it does a couple of basic things I'll review with you quickly. First, we clarify the definition of real estate transaction in the Human Rights Act to align it with federal standards. We strengthen the relief the state can obtain in discriminatory pattern and practice claims. And we provide for additional opportunities for aggrieved parties to take action to collect judgements when there's found to be discrimination. Most of the rest of the changes are technical in nature, and I'm happy to answer any questions."

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

Keicher: "Thank you. Representative, I want to thank you for working with both bankers and realtors to clear up some of the issues that they had. Can you review those?"

Williams, A.: "Absolutely. I should have... should've mentioned that. Really appreciate the work of the realtors, as well as the bankers, to get us to a place of agreement here. What



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we're doing is making sure that we can pursue the protections without impacting or having any intended... unintended consequences on real estate transactions, but still making sure we're aligned with federal law. I... it was... a lot of discussion led up to the agreement. But, again, really appreciate the work of all the parties involved to get us here."

Keicher: "Appreciate your willingness to work on it. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Williams to close."

Williams, A.: "I would appreciate an 'aye' vote. And, again, thank you for all the parties that... not much discussion today, but that's because there were weeks and weeks of hard work and effort put into the Bill. So, big shoutout to the Attorney General's Office, Department of Human Rights, realtors, and bankers for getting a really good product that I'm presenting to you today. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5371 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 71 in 'favor', 27 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 19 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading. We have House Bill 5559, Representative Katz Muhl. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5559, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time previously.

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No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #4 is offered by Representative Katz Muhl."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Katz Muhl on the Amendment."

Katz Muhl: "The Amendment adds an effective date."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Katz Muhl moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #4. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5559, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Katz Muhl."

Katz Muhl: "The goal of this Bill is to increase transparency around insurance companies' decision to total your vehicle. In Illinois, there might be 300 thousand accidents a year based on IDOT's most recent study, and about a quarter of those end up with the vehicle totaled. For that roughly 75 thousand families, it's a financial catastrophe, exacerbated by the opacity in the process of understanding how that calculation was made. So, this agreed Bill is about showing your math. We want to add transparency that will help people understand the components of a decision to total your car. Typically, the current market value, the estimated cost of repair, and the salvage value. We are excited to have worked with all of the consumer advocates, the community that is the body shop association, as well as insurance to reach agreement on this Bill. And we're excited to see customers, insurers be

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on a level playing field to discuss these important decisions.  
And we encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 5559 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 99 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 719, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolution. All in favor say 'aye'; all the opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Mr. Clerk, please read the Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Joint Resolution #58, offered by Representative Gabel.

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, April 18, 2024, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, April 30, 2024, or to the call of the President; and when the House of Representatives adjourns on Friday, April 19, 2024, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, April 30, 2024, or to the call of the Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. All in favor say 'aye'; all the

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opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Adjournment Resolution is adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory for the Clerk, Leader Gabel moves that the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, April 30. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."