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

Assistant Doorkeeper Padget: "Let us pray. Dear heavenly Father, we ask today that you give those in authority wisdom in every decision and help them to think clearly. Grant them discernment and common sense so they'll be strong and effective leaders. Help them to lead and govern with integrity, and may their integrity guide them and keep them on track. Lord, we pray for your protection over our leaders. Protect their hearts and minds, as well as their bodies, so that no evil may befall them as they do their work. Bless them as well, for they carry a heavy burden on behalf of this great state. And heal our state, O Lord, of hatred and evil that has been allowed to permeate our society and make whole so that may... so we may truthfully say that we are one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all. These things we pray. Amen."

Speaker Hoffman: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Leader Hernandez."

Hernandez, L. - 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."

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

Gabel: "Speaker, let the record show that Representatives Ammons, Flowers, Guerrero-Cuellar, Ladisch Douglass are excused today."

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

Keicher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. After some absences earlier in the week, I'm proud to report that all Republicans are done meditating and ready to conduct the people's business."

Speaker Hoffman: "Have... 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 113 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 15, 2024: recommends be adopted and referred to the floor is Senate Bill... is Floor Amendment #3 for Senate Bill 3112; and approved for consideration and referred to Second Reading is House Bill 299, House Bill 302, House Bill 394, House Bill 582, and House Bill 3765; and approved for consideration and referred to Consideration Postponed is House Bill 793. Representative Will Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education reports the following committee action taken on May 14, 2024: recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 71. Representative Moylan, Chairperson from the

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Committee on Transportation: Regulations, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on May 14, 2024: recommends be adopted as amended is House Joint Resolution 66. Representative Kelly Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action taken on May 14, 2024: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 2703, Senate Bill 2878, Senate Bill 3155, and Senate Bill 3476. Representative Costa Howard, Chairperson from the Committee on Adoption & Child Welfare reports the following committee action taken on May 14, 2024: recommends be adopted, and it's Short Debate, is Floor Amendment(s) 5 to House Bill 4781. Representative Jones, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on May 14, 2024: recommends be adopted for Short Debate is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 2641, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 3414, and Floor Amendment(s) 1 for Senate Bill 3538. Representative Mussman, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies reports the following committee action taken on May 15, 2024: recommends be adopted Short Debate for Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 3349. Representative Moeller, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on May 15, 2024: recommends be adopted Short Debate is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 587, House Resolution 718, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 647, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 860, and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 3753. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following

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committee action taken on May 15, 2024: recommends be adopted Short Debate for Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 29... Senate Bill 2919. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on May 15, 2024: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 536, Senate Bill 692, Senate Bill 951, Senate Bill 3216, and Senate Bill 3302; and recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 2662. Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Availability & Accessibility reports the following committee action taken on May 15, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 581. Representative Andrade, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on May 15, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 3 to Senate Bill 1960, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 2667, and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 2959. Representative Morgan, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on May 15, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 5 to Senate Bill 774, and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 3467. Representative Guzzardi, Chairperson from the Committee on Housing reports the following committee action taken on May 15, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 2740. And Representative Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy & Environment reports the following committee action taken on May 15, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 2876, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to

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Senate Bill 3448, and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 3481, and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 3686."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Hammond, for what reason do you arise?"

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Hammond: "I would like to introduce my guest for the day, and my friend every day, Colin Randolph. Colin is down here in front of our Members. Colin is a resident of a group home in Havana, Illinois and is a trained advocate for the DD community. And I wish you would join me in welcoming Colin to our Capitol."

Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome. Representative Severin."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Severin: "I have a special guest up in the gallery on the Republican side this afternoon. I'd like to welcome my nephew. He's the president of the Illinois Coroners and Medical Examiners Association, Mr. Marty Leffler. I'd like to welcome him. This is his first time to Springfield in the Capitol."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Davidsmeyer."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Davidsmeyer: "So, today, I have with me Jake Williams. Once again, I'm going to brag a little bit about our... the 100th District. He got third place in the National Hoop Shoot in Chicago, right? That's where it was? So, he got... he got first place in Jacksonville, and then ended up going to the National Hoop Shoot in Chicago and had a great experience. And basketball

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is not even his favorite sport, right? Baseball is number one. And... and he also likes math, which I appreciate. We can... we use a little more math around here sometimes, so I... I appreciate. Keep working on that. If we can give him a warm Springfield welcome. We... we passed House Resolution 726 in his honor to celebrate his... his third place victory in... in Chicago at the National Hoop Shoot. And we're proud of him. We're looking forward to see what he does next year. Thanks, Jake."

Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome. Representative Tarver. Representative Katz Muhl."

Katz Muhl: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Katz Muhl: "Good morning. I want to take a minute to welcome my husband, Charlie Muhl, and my son, Nate Muhl, fresh from freshman year at college, on their first visit here to House floor today."

Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome. Representative Coffey, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Coffey: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "State your point."

Coffey: "I'd like to introduce today Dalton Scott. He lives right here in the 95th District, goes to Chatham High School. He's getting ready to go to the University of Missouri. And, more importantly, he's getting ready to join the United States Air Force. So, let's give him a big round of applause. Yeah. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ugaste."

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

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Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Ugaste: "I'd like to welcome to the floor former House Member Mike Fortner, formerly representing the 49th District, based in West Chicago at the time, and Representative of many fine suburbs. While he didn't win a championships as Representative Davidsmeyer's people do, he probably was one of the brightest men ever to grace the House floor. Let's welcome him."

Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome, Mike. Representative McLaughlin."

McLaughlin: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

McLaughlin: "Thank you. I rise to wish a happy birthday to my second daughter of five, Morgan McLaughlin, today. I've got five daughters, but their birthdays do not occur during Session. So, Morgan, this is to make your sisters jealous. Happy birthday. Proud of you. Villanova Wildcat. Go Wildcats. Love you, and I'll see you later this weekend. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Chung seeks recognition. Representative Chung."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Chung: "Hi. I just wanted to recognize some friends I have up in the gallery. We have folks from the Illinois Stewardship Alliance here who are also lobbying with the Black Farmers and Growers today. I did not want to step on Chair Harper... Chair Harper's toes, but I don't see her in the gallery, so I wanted to recognize these folks. Thank you for what you're doing, and welcome to Springfield."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome. Very enthusiastic group.
Representative Benton."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Benton: "Today, we have some special guests, both myself and Representative Yednock. We have Mike and Debra Hufendick. They have a farm down in Marseilles, a 50-acre farm that's in Representative Yednock's district. And over in my district, they have a Hufendick family... or, I'm sorry, Hufendick Farm Market. They also do a lot of farmer's markets around the states, so they might be coming to a district near you with their food truck and their... their meat options. And they just were honored on Friday for receiving a... a USDA grant, the Rural Development Value-Added Producer Grant, through the USDA, and they had Congresswoman Lauren Underwood, the USDA Deputy Secretary Torres was there. And they offer some really great stuff. We love our Illinois farmers, and we love our small businesses, and wanted to make sure that we highlighted them and the... the products that they offer are Black Angus, Wagyu, free-range chicken, Berkshire pork, lamb, eggs, and more. And Lance... or, Representative Yednock, when we were talking about it, he said the it's the best porkchop I've ever had. So, we want to make sure that we highlighted that. And they brought down some great food for us. They have braised Wagyu beef sandwiches and pulled pork over in 305. So, make your way over there, everybody try it, and come on over and introduce yourself. And we just want to do a warm welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome. Representative Tarver."

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Tarver: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the chamber to be quiet. This is... this is not one of those happy points of personal privilege. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is my first point of personal privilege since my daughter was down here five years ago, but I feel compelled to speak. Yesterday, you may have read in Capitol Fax, and it was in the news otherwise, that the Chicago Public Schools paid an expert \$40 thousand to testify in her deposition, and this is a retain... this is a F3, this is a retained expert, to testify that not all sexual assault is traumatic. That was taxpayer money that was approved by the general counsel of CPS. The mayor appoints the board. The mayor appoints... excuse me, the mayor appoints the board. The mayor has the ability to have a conversation with CPS top brass. CPS's general counsel, Ruchi Verma, needs to go. Not only did she sign off on this expert, but they filed a motion, I have a filestream copy right here, to force this woman to use her real name. This has been going on for a couple years. It just got to trial. Motion in limine. Now, all of a sudden, they want her to use her real name instead of Jane Doe. Why do you think that is? Maybe it's because they had a mediation last week. They put \$50 thousand on the table, and she didn't take it. So, to penalize her, to punish her, to shame her, they want her to use her own name. So, the 30-something-year-old woman now will be known as a person that had sex with a high school damn teacher. It's shameful. It's shameful. Walter Glascoff is a rapist. He's a rapist. He lied to CPS initially, but ultimately in his deposition he testified he did not have sex with her. He only had oral sex until she was 17. Sex is in

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the very definition of what he said. He then starting having sex with her when she was 18 as well. We can't do anything about that. But he groomed her. He groomed her, and what happened? CPS confronted him. He lied about it. They allowed him to resign. So, who do you think pays his pension? We do. I want to read to you a little bit from what I FOIAed, so this is public information, so the judge doesn't get upset. 'For relevant time periods when you were a teacher at Hubbard High School during the 2001 to 2004 school year, you were involved in a sexual relationship with Jane Doe, a student at the same school, date of birth. Between January 31, 2002 and January 2003, you engaged in sexual intercourse with Jane Doe. During the spring of 2004, sexual intercourse, Jane Doe.' Took her to Navy Pier. Took her to his home. Drove her to her home and met her parents. You know what happened between 2012 and 2016? He was transporting other students. All under CPS's watch. I don't have a dog in the race. This ain't my case. It's not my daughter. But we should all care. And there's no way on God's green earth that a duly licensed attorney, who takes the same exact oath we take when we're sworn in, the same exact oath, should ever put defending a case over what's right. Now, the mayor came down here and everybody's saying Chicago is owed a billion dollars. CPS does need more money, so does the rest of the state. I'm all for public education. That's not the question. The question is, what is Jane Doe owed? And I don't mean financially. We can't even talk about justice without basic respect. Forcing a woman, or male, or whoever to use their name in a lawsuit to pressure them, to shame them is unconscionable and is worth... I know the mayor

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doesn't discuss personnel issues in public, he says, but this is something that needs to be addressed. And I'll be wrapping up here in just a moment. Representative Elik had a Bill, I believe a year or so ago, House Bill 1275. One of the things that it says is that you cannot use comparative fault or contributory negligence with a minor. I don't know what happened to the Bill. It never moved. But I would hope as a chamber, on a bipartisan basis, we would look at that. Whether it needs an extension or otherwise. How do you have a defense to suggest that a child, a child, is comparatively at fault for their own being raped? I had a Bill. I'm not biased, but I had a Bill that said at least in these situations we should have a process, an administrative process, to strip the pension of individuals. You can't say, well, if you rape the kid on Hubbard's campus, we can take your pension. But if you take them to the Navy Pier or to your house, we can't 'cause it's off school grounds. So, I appreciate you all indulging me. I am beyond frustrated. It's not..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Reick."

Reick: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Reick: "When's this going to end? It was, I think, five years ago, I sat in the Bilandic Building in a committee hearing when two young ladies from... who were in Chicago Public Schools back in the early 2000s came forward, identified themselves, and told us their story. The fact that they had been sexually assaulted in their schools, and the people that did it were also allowed to resign and keep their pensions. Rep. Tarver is very brave bringing this up because he's focusing on a

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problem that we just all tend to ignore. I had a Bill, as well, to set up an administrative procedure where anybody who was accused of doing this and found to have be more likely than not to have done it would lose their pensions. It went nowhere. When are we going to take the word... you know, we... we all say, you know, we have to listen to the children and all this kind of stuff. Why aren't we listening to the children who are being raped? Why aren't we listening to the people who see this every day and transfer teachers from one school to another, or administrators, or whatever? This was going on 35 years before we had our hearings in Chicago, 'cause I was pulling up *Chicago Tribune* articles from the 1990s. This has gone on far too long. We have an obligation not just to the people who represent the people who are doing this and... and hear their... hear their... their defenses of this because they have none. We have a responsibility to those people who are powerless and are being abused day in and day out. This has not... this isn't new. It's been going on for a long time. It's time it stopped, and it has to stop here. It has to start here to stop. When Bills come forward to strip teachers, or school administrators, or school employees of their pensions because they've committed things that we... that are... we can't even speak of, when are we going to make the choice to say, yes, this is what we are going to do. I don't care if there's a constitutional prohibition against diminishment of pension benefits, but damnit it's time we took a choice here. We choose. We choose to actually take care and protect our children, the one's we entrust to these schools. There are a bunch of teachers here today who I dare say are going to

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listen to what I have to say, if they listen to it at all, and are going to say, oh, it never happens here. It does happen here. It happens everywhere in every school in Illinois. I'm not pointing out it is at... at Chicago Public Schools. But for some reason we tend to overlook the fact that there are predators among us, and we continue, we continue to give them the support that we're not giving to the people that they're abusing. It's time we woke up and did this. I stand with Rep. Tarver on everything he said. This is... this is unacceptable. It's time for us to act. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Elik."

Elik: "Thank you to you both for your passionate words. A few weeks ago, we passed my Bill, House Bill 4241, on the House floor unanimously. After months of work with advocates, we crafted a Bill very, very carefully. I would've loved for it to be the strongest throw-the-book penalties, but I knew that that was not realistic. But I was careful to craft that Bill so that it would not just get through the House but get through the Senate. And that Bill is still sitting in Assignments in the Senate. We sit here, and we talk about wanting to protect kids. We hear from advocates. I had advocates in my office this morning. We see news story after news story. When are we going to pay attention and protect the kids? I was on the phone with another advocate 10 minutes ago who said, 'This isn't about us. This is about the kids.' The kids are asking for the adults to be responsible and to stand up for them and protect them. Whether their 16, whether their 17, whether their 18 or older, it is not appropriate. It is a crime, and we should pay attention to the fact... and

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make it a crime that teachers and school staff should not be taking advantage of students at any age. I will stand here and call on my friends in the Senate to pick up that Bill. We have plenty of time. I promise you if you do, it will get through committee. It will get through the... the Senate floor. Pick up the Bill, run with the Bill, do something. And in fact, again, I will admit I wish it was stronger. If they want to make it stronger, I will be happy to bring it right back over here and bring it back to you on concurrence. But for God's sakes, pick up the Bill and do something. If you pick apart different parts of the Bill because you don't like 'em and it doesn't go through, then you've done nothing. Do something. Work with me to make it better. Work with Senator Bryant in the Senate to make it better. But for God's sakes, do something. Pick up the Bill. Pick up Bill... House Bill 1275. Start paying attention to the kids who are asking for help and those victims like Jane Doe who are desperate for someone to listen... listen to them. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Cabello."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Cabello: "Representative Tarver, that was amazing what you had said, and I want to work with you anyway we can to get some of this stuff taken care of. I had the unfortunate job of investigating these for a very long time. And in the City of Rockford, I was 1 of 10 assigned to the youth and sex crimes division. It is so cumbersome to be able to prove a case. All of the steps that you have to take, there's times we're investigating these for six months because you know something

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happened, but you can't get a state's attorney to authorize the charges because they don't believe that they can win that case in court. In the meantime, usually if there's one victim, there's more. This is a serious problem that kids have to live with for the rest of their lives. Some of these kids think they are in love with this other person, but later on in life have major issues. You're a brave man. I stand with you. Please work with Leader Elik and myself, and others, whoever wishes to try to do something. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Moving to the Order of Third Readings, page 5 of the Calendar, appears Senate Bill 2735, Representative Morgan. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2743, Representative Ann Williams. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2743, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Out of the record. Moving back to Senate Bill 2735, Representative Morgan. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2735, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Morgan."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. 2735 is an initiative to clarify when an insurer can charge an additional fee based on the payment and reimbursement to a health care provider. This is something that is just increasingly burdening health care providers in the state hospital systems as they seek to get reimbursed for their... their billings. I know of no opposition, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Is there any federal rule or law that has implicated a reason for this change?"

Morgan: "That is a great question, Leader. I'm not familiar with any federal change. There has been... there have been a variety of rules about this coming from the feds. I think this... this really is related but not necessarily identical to some of the rules that are coming from the feds about this. So, there has been rulemaking over the last six, seven years about the reimbursement that... and the different ways in which providers are protected from insurance reimbursements. So, I think that that is the origin of this... this legislation."

Windhorst: "And who brought this initiative forward?"

Morgan: "This is something that we heard from some constituents. This was raised, I think it was Senator Fine in the Senate, that had heard about this. It is an ongoing issue. And, again, worked with a variety of the agencies to make sure that this is clarifying what is already happening at the federal level."

Windhorst: "And it looks like you have supporters, proponents, from the State Medical Society, Health Care Council of Illinois, among... the State Ambulance Association, among others. Is that accurate?"

Morgan: "That's right."

Windhorst: "Are you aware of any opponents to the Bill?"

Morgan: "No. And as usual, I would love a unanimous roll call."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2735 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, there are 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Buckner on Senate Bill 2745. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2745, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Buckner."

Buckner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2745 requires retail establishments that are licensed to sell alcohol to post a sign that... that provides the name and number of an authorized alcohol and substance abuse hotline and that provides the Surgeon General's warning about women drinking alcohol while pregnant. It amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934. It removes some statutory references to an outdated phone number. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2745 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 112 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

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appears House Bill 2747, Leader Barbara Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2747, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Hernandez."

Hernandez, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Bill will allow IDNR to add exotic weeds through administrative rule instead of by statute."

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. Leader, I... currently, as it relates to exotic weeds, that those are added or removed from list based on legislative changes. Is that accurate?"

Hernandez, B.: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "And this Bill will allow it to be done by the department through administrative rule?"

Hernandez, B.: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "So, I... I think we'll see several Bills over the... this week relating to changes from... legislative changes to administrative law changes and part of that is philosophical. You know, we, as Legislators, should be legislating and... and setting out forth what the... the law is. Now, there are certain items that are particular or specialized where we may want a department or agency to set them by rule. So, if... if you could, why do you feel it's a good idea to move this from something we directly legislate to something that is done by administrative rule?"

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Hernandez, B.: "For this item, it's something super simple as issuing permits relating to buying or selling and distributing exotic weeds, putting them on the list. If they discover anything new, I... I feel like if we keep them in the statute, they will have to come to us every year. It will take, as we know, potentially five months or more just to get some things that they need super simple. So, by doing this, it would remove it and it will just be administrative rule, like we said. And it was a 1970s rule that was in the statute, so it's... it's just really outdated."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Hernandez to close."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall... shall Senate Bill 2747 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', 6 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining on page 5 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 2751, Representative Kifowit. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2751, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Senate Bill 2751 amends the Counties Code. Provides building permits fee waivers for veterans with disabilities and their caregivers if the improvements are required to accommodate

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the disability of a veteran. As we know, supporting our veterans maintaining in their home decreases veteran homelessness and helps them with their disabilities. 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: "Thank you. Representative, to make sure I understand correctly, the disabled veteran would still be required to apply for the building permit but would not be charged a fee. Is that accurate?"

Kifowit: "That's correct, Sir. So, it waives the fee. They would still need to go through all the processes, the planning, and the approval process of the municipality in which they're in. It's just any fee that would be levied with regards to this permit would be waived."

Windhorst: "And what is the remedy to the veteran if the fee is not waived? How do they enforce the fee waiver?"

Kifowit: "If... if he doesn't get the fee waiver?"

Windhorst: "If the local government does not approve."

Kifowit: "I'm sure it's the same remedy of any other else disregards the rule. They would go through legal recourse for that. But I would think that this cost is minimal. It's minimal to the municipality. The disability that we're talking about would be profound to need changes with regards their... their house or accommodations. So, really, I think the cost would be much... much of a small portion to the permits that the municipality goes over well... overall."

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Windhorst: "And I may have got ahead with that question. Each unit of local government will have the ability to determine whether the... the criteria is satisfied for a disabled veteran. Is that accurate?"

Kifowit: "Correct, Sir. So, they would have to provide documentation, most likely documentation from the VA, that really specifies... and from their doctor which specifies just what their disability is and what the accommodation is needed for that disability, and that's within the local realm of the review process with applying for the permit."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Kifowit to close."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Members of the General Assembly. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "I... I apologized."

Kifowit: "Oh."

Speaker Hoffman: "I... I just... Representative Reick."

Reick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sorry, I was a little bit slow on the switch there. Question of the speaker, please."

Speaker Hoffman: "Sponsor yields."

Reick: "Rep... Representative Kifowit, the IML, in our... in our analysis, shows that they are opposed to it because it's a preemption of local authority. Do you... do have an... do you have an answer for that... for that objection, please?"

Kifowit: "Thank you, Sir. IML has not reached out to me. Again, this was started in the Senate with regards to Leader McConchie, so it's a bipartisan effort. They have not reached out to me. I believe it's mostly on a philosophical level in which we are having them waive fees that they would readily

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take in, and that this is preempting a little bit of that process."

Reick: "And the economic impact of this will be felt locally rather than here in the state level. Is that correct?"

Kifowit: "It would be a local waiver. And, again, as I said, the amount of these waivers... the amount of these disabled veterans are minimal. And, again, they have to prove that the improvement to their residence is directly connected to their disability. So, they would have to prove that their disability warrants this... this modification and this permit."

Reick: "Okay. Thank you."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Kifowit to close."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2751 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 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Didech on Senate Bill 2765. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2765, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Didech."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2765 will clarify that limited liability companies are subject to court-imposed equitable remedies, such as the piercing of the corporate

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veil when those companies are utilized for fraudulent purposes. This legislation seeks to clarify that when the elements for piercing the veil are met, individuals cannot create an LLC to shield themselves from liability for fraudulent activity. Happy to answer any questions."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Ugaste: "Afternoon, Representative Didech. We've had conversations about this in committee. I just want to make certain it's clear, though. This Bill, does it... is it only effective today going forward or does it have some retroactivity to it?"

Didech: "It only has retroactivity to the extent... and let me... I'll read exactly the... the language in the Bill for how... how that works. Under subsection (e), the section applies to all actions with respect to which all timely appeals have not been exhausted before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly and all future actions commenced on or after the... the effective Act. So, it's forward looking, and for cases that are currently pending, it would apply to as well."

Ugaste: "Okay. Thank you. To the Bill. I... I understand the Representative's desire to amend the language in the statute as it currently exists, and I'm fully supportive of it going forward. I believe what he's doing is actually what was probably always intended under the statute. The problem is, is if we do it with some retroactivity to it, we are now inserting our decision into cases that are currently present

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and people may have relied differently based upon their lawyer's interpretation or advice they received, cost themselves substantial sums, and for... for very valid reasons. And now we're saying to them, sorry, it doesn't apply. I... in cases of fraud, I understand. I wouldn't want that to apply. Hopefully, there's still a way to get at these folks. Fraud's a different circumstance, but I... I just don't believe applying retroactivity to all cases where there may have been a good faith reason to do so is... is not just the way we should be handling it here in the Legislature. So, I won't be supportive, but do understand why you're bringing the Bill forward. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Didech to close."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to clarify that to the extent this applies retroactivity, it's only for limited liability companies that were established for the sole purpose of committing a fraudulent act and shielding an individual from liability for that fraudulent act. So, I... I think this is an appropriate way to address this issue, and I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2765 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Walsh. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there's 72 voting 'yes', 41 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby passed. Remaining on page 5 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 2767, Representative Benton. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2767, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Benton."

Benton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am presenting Senate Bill 2767. This is the companion Bill to the House Bill to take turkey hunting down to .410 from 20 gauge. This is an initiative of DNR. And it... the original House Bill passed out unanimously. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

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

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

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

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, you mentioned this a companion Bill to House Bill 4237. Is that correct?"

Benton: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "Meaning it's similar to that Bill, but not exactly the same. Is that right?"

Benton: "Yeah. So, the original Bill had an Amendment to define some of the... the ammo for a .410. This one clarified that out of the Senate and came over. So, it's... it's the same Bill from DNR with clarified language."

Windhorst: "This also provides for the department to make administrative rules regarding shot size, material, and density. Is that correct?"

Benton: "Correct. Some of the... some of the issues is the technology's always changing. So, they... they need to be able to adapt in the field to make sure that we don't have to go back and change the statute so we can make sure that hunters can get out there and enjoy hunting."

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Windhorst: "And that House Bill we referenced, 4237, was unanimous when it went through this Body. Is that correct?"

Benton: "Right. Yes."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Benton to close."

Benton: "I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2767 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 108 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby passed. Senate Bill 2778, Representative Moylan. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2778, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Moylan."

Moylan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the General Assembly. This is a simple Bill. It simply states that... provides the deputy sheriff applicant who is a veteran and who was discharged honorably or generally under honorable conditions no later than six months may apply and request examination to occur. I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one... seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2778 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes',

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0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2781, Representative Huynh. Representative Huynh. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2788, Representative Faver Dias. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2788, a Bill for an Act concerning.. a Bill for an Act concerning children. Third Reading of this... of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Faver Dias."

Faver Dias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to present Senate Bill 2788, which eliminates redundant reporting processes for DCFS. It is an initiative of DCFS. It does two main things. When a mandated reporter calls a hotline, the call floor worker gives them their name and an intake ID number, which is used as a confirmation of the report to the hotline and it makes the written confirmation of the contact an extra step. It is not based on current practice, so this Bill eliminates that procedure. And then secondly, under this Bill, DCFS will no longer be responsible for tracking if the final finding report is returned from a school if the finding... final finding report is found unfounded or overturned. So, this Bill eliminates redundant and time-consuming reporting processes, making DCFS more efficient. This passed out of the Senate unanimously and out of House committee unanimously. I would encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2788 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?"

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Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby passed. Leader Keicher on Senate Bill 2798. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2798, a Bill for an Act concerning property. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Keicher."

Keicher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a quick and easy Bill. This is an IDOT matter where they're transferring two parcels of land for the appropriate price based off the appraisal that's been gathered. This is a Senate Bill that passed unanimously. I'm available for any... or, sorry, had a couple dissents on transfer. I'm available for any questions."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2798 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 7... on this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby passed. Senate Bill 2799, Representative Mussman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2799, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Mussman."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Senate Bill 2799 is an initiative of the Department of Aging. It is identical to the House version HB4338, which passed out of

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the House committee unanimously in March. Senior self-neglect cases are on the rise in Illinois. This Bill accelerates the timeline by which investigators can conduct their initial assessment and more quickly implement a plan of action, meaning distressed seniors will more quickly find relief from risks to their health, their safety, and their financial security. It also creates parity for regional fatality review teams and the Fatality Review Team Advisory Council with similar review teams already at work under DCFS and regulated under Brian's Law by removing them from the Public Meetings Act and allowing for hybrid meetings. This creates a more appropriate and needs-based meeting schedule and ensures that candid and confidential discussions can take place as originally intended. I want to thank the department and members of our Area Agencies on Aging, AgeOptions, AARP, and other stakeholders who came together to thoughtfully negotiate these statute updates so that we can collaboratively work to protect our vulnerable older adults. I am aware of no opposition, and I appreciate your 'aye' vote."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. It appears to me that the... the Bill does two large things, one dealing with the Adult Protective Services Act. There looks to be an expansion of the term abuse on the Act... in this Bill. Would you explain why that... what that change is and why it's necessary?"

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Mussman: "So, again, basically, we are expanding the definition of senior self-abuse to make it easier for the agency to move in more quickly and offer a wider range of services."

Windhorst: "And is senior self-abuse the same as self-neglect, or are those different?"

Mussman: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Okay. And it also requires the Department of on Aging to establish mandatory standards for emergent case work and follow-up services to mitigate risk of harm?"

Mussman: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Why is that being changed?"

Mussman: "Again, it's an opportunity to modernize what they're already doing. They're changing some of their training standards to allow them to act more nimbly and start... start responding in a faster... in a faster way than what they had done before, especially using technology."

Windhorst: "There are also changes to the Open Meetings Act as it relates to the Fatality Review Team Advisory Council and the regional interagency fatality review teams. Why are those being exempted from the Open Meetings Act?"

Mussman: "So, again, this creates parity with other similar fatality review teams that already exist within statute. This is... basically, we are expanding on provisions that allow them to meet remotely. After COVID, we were finding that they were having trouble meeting quorum, and it also was difficult to have some of the more sensitive discussions because information was available for FOIA requests. So, we want to keep that information confidential so that people can disclose appropriately the information that they may have."

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And, again, we want them to be able to meet with quorum so they can officially get the business of their... of their task done. And we also want to adjust their meeting schedule because this allows them to meet quarterly, but also on an as-needed basis. And... and so, again, you're... you're getting a greater participation level."

Windhorst: "With the... regarding exempting them from Open Meetings Act as it relates to opening the meetings to the public, what occurs during these meetings? What type of information is discussed? Are... are names of individuals discussed?"

Mussman: "I would imagine that especially once the meetings go private, they could speak much more candidly than perhaps they have before. I certainly had not sat in on any of those review meetings previously. I would not have firsthand experience of what kind of things they were discussing. The... their responsibilities are laid out in... in their governing statute for the fatality review team, and I'm sure we could look for that for guidance."

Windhorst: "Thank you. I... I had a prior experience in... in another career where I sat on a child death review team, which I believe may be called a child fatality review team now. In... in those meetings, we would discuss the names of children who were deceased, the implication with DCFS. Do you know if there are similar topics discussed at these fatality review meetings?"

Mussman: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Mussman to close."

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Mussman: "Again, I think this is a really opportune moment to modernize our system and improve how quickly we respond to the rising threat of senior neglect cases. And I support... I ask for your support."

Speaker Hoffman: "Question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2799 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitution Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2803, Representative Slaughter. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2803, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Slaughter."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2803 is an initiative of the Secretary of State's Office to assist and aid our reentry population. More specifically, Senate Bill 2803 simplifies the process by which Illinois ID cards are issued to incarcerated individuals shortly before they released from the Illinois Department of Corrections, Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice, and also expands the program to county jails and federal correction facilities located in Illinois. As our state puts forth more effective and impactful reentry programs, it's important to know that both antidotally and from a research perspective, ID cards are a big factor as individuals reenter society. Mainly we see a big difference as it regards to housing, unemployment,

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going to establish a bank account. These things are very important to address recidivism. And with that being said, it's also important to note that the county jails, Ladies... Ladies and Gentlemen, are voluntary in terms of their participation in the program. There'll be minimal to no cost to correctional facilities, and the Secretary of State's Office is dedicated and committed to putting forth those resources that are needed to bring the ID card to fruition. With that, Mr. Speaker, I ask for a 'yes' vote on Senate Bill 2803."

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

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

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

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, I believe in... earlier in this General Assembly, we passed House Bill 3345, which provided free ID cards to those released from the Department of Corrections. That's currently the law, correct?"

Slaughter: "Correct."

Windhorst: "And that Bill, House Bill 3345, passed 92 to 16 out of this Body. This Bill would expand that to Federal Bureau of Prisons and county jails. Is that correct?"

Slaughter: "Yes, and the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice. Yes."

Windhorst: "And... and juvenile justice. Now, as it relates to county jails, there was some discussion in committee about the process of how this would work, but it's voluntary for the county sheriff..."

Slaughter: "It's voluntary."

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Windhorst: "...to be a part of it. And then if the county sheriff does decide to be part of it, this program, the county sheriff would notify the inmate of his or her right to receive a free identification card, and that would be made, then, to the Secretary of State. Is that correct?"

Slaughter: "That's correct. They would work with the particular individual to notify them. But going further from that, they would also initiate the process with... and you're correct. They would initiate the process with the Secretary of State to... to kick off the process of getting that ID made."

Windhorst: "Do you know how much an ID card cost if someone goes to the Secretary of State and just buys one over the counter?"

Slaughter: "It's very minimal. I believe 5 or 10 dollars."

Windhorst: "Five dollars or ten dollars, I believe, is that... does this provision have any means testing? Meaning does a person in order to achieve it, or receive it rather, have to show that they can't afford the ID card?"

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

Windhorst: "So, someone of means, and particularly a county jail, would get a free ID card even if they could afford to purchase one?"

Slaughter: "That's correct. And I think what we're saying here is what can we do as a state to facilitate that process for this particular individual, considering that we know how important it is in regards to having a successful reentrance into the community."

Windhorst: "I appreciate you bringing this forward. I, of course, I think expressed those concerns in committee. And I... I'm not

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going to be able to support your Bill today, but I appreciate your efforts in this regard."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Slaughter to close."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I urge a 'yes' vote on Senate Bill 2803. Let's assist in a... our reentry population to Illinois."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2803 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 73 voting 'yes', 40 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitution Majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining on page 5 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 2819, Leader Barbara Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2819, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Hernandez."

Hernandez, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Bill would remove the five-year cap on architect exams that the... I guess that they have enough time to complete the exams required by DFPR."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2819 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 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'present'... 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a

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Constitution Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Mah on Senate Bill 28... 2822. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2822, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Mah."

Mah: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2822 is an initiative the... of the Illinois Society of Pediatric Dentists. It codifies the educational standards currently recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation for training dentists to administer moderate sedation, deep sedation, and general anesthesia. In addition, SB2822 gives IDFPR the power to regulate and approve any other continuing education courses designed to qualify a dentist to receive an anesthesia permit from the department for moderate sedation. I know of no opposition. I'm happy to answer any questions."

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

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

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

Windhorst: "Leader, what are the educational professional requirements in order for pediatric sedation to occur in a dental practice?"

Mah: "They..."

Windhorst: "Under this Bill?"

Mah: "They are simply clarifying an ambiguity that led to some inconsistencies in the training... how the training requirements were applied. And so, it doesn't change anything or it... it also doesn't expand the current scope of the practice for... for dentists administering sedation. It was a Bill that was simply necessary to clarify some ambiguity in

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the language previously. So, it... it doesn't actually change any of the training requirements but updates... clarifies the language, if that... that makes sense."

Windhorst: "It does. So, a person would be required to be a dentist for... that is a requirement. Is that accurate to say under this..."

Mah: "Yeah, these are... this is for pediatric dentists."

Windhorst: "Correct. Pediatric dentists. The Bill does provide the minimum education requirements, as well as establish the possibility of continuing education requirements. Is that accurate?"

Mah: "It... it clarifies the current requirements for applying moderate sedation, yes. And... and the department can add continuing education requirements."

Windhorst: "Thank you for those answers. I will now defer to a more learned individual on this topic with further questions."

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

Hauter: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

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

Hauter: "I just feel like I must ask you some questions on this. I feel contractually obligated to ask you some questions. So... so, it's your contention that this will... this will increase the safety of pediatric dentistry and sedation?"

Mah: "Yes. That's what our licensing requirements are designed to do."

Hauter: "Okay. So, is it going to increase hours, or is it going to increase the, you know, in some specific way, going to

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increase the anesthesia criteria for licensure, or how is it going to do that?"

Mah: "So, it... it just codifies something that was unclear before. That's all it does."

Hauter: "Okay. So, it's not increasing hours? There's not an increase in the fee, more classes, more continuing education..."

Mah: "No."

Hauter: "...in this Bill?"

Mah: "No. It doesn't change the scope of practice. It simply clarifies something that was not clearly codified before."

Hauter: "Did the pediatric anesthesiologists have any comment or input into this Bill?"

Mah: "It's... it's their initiative. We... we're simply working with them to clarify something that was inconsistent in what current applicants were being required to do that hadn't been asked of previous... that... pediatric dentists."

Hauter: "Okay. I think I... I think I understand it. There's... you know, there's pediatric dentists that do anesthesia, and then there's anesthesiologist that do pediatric dentistry. And I was just trying make sure that the both pediatric anesthesiologists, pediatric dental anesthesiologists, and the dentists that do anesthesia all agreed to this increase."

Mah: "Yes. They don't... I... they did not have a position on this."

Hauter: "Okay. All right, thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Mah to close."

Mah: "I would appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2822 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting

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is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitution Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Hirschauer, for what reason do you arise?"

Hirschauer: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Hirschauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, I rise in recognition of the unique relationship between the sister cities of West Chicago and Taufkirchen, Germany. And I direct your attention to the Speaker's Gallery where we are joined by a delegation from the two sister cities. The story of the bond between West Chicago and Taufkirchen started with Bodo... Bodo Gsedl, who was born in Taufkirchen and attended West Chicago Community High School as an AFS exchange student. He is a proud graduate of West Chicago and a Wildcat for life. When the City of Taufkirchen was exploring a sister city relationship, Bodo suggested West Chicago. An exploratory visit was made, and the two cities made a proclamation declaring the relationship in 1999. A sister city or twin city is a unique relationship and a form of legal or social agreement between two geographically and politically distinct localities for the purpose of promoting cultural and commercial ties. In 1999, a group of West Chicagoans traveled to Taufkirchen, Germany to sign the official partnership papers. Nancy Smith, the city clerk of West Chicago, signed on behalf of the City of West Chicago, and Franz Hofstetter, the Burgermeister of Taufkirchen, signed on behalf of the...

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municipality of Taufkirchen. Over the past 25 years, there have been over 20 exchanges of visitors to each other's cities, introducing them to the customs of each country and exploring the German and American cultures. Visitors are hosted in family homes in each community, honoring the agreement set forth in 1999. West Chicago and Taufkirchen share a similar focus on enriching regional goods and businesses through annual festivals and markets, such as Blooming Fest in West Chicago, which is this weekend, if anyone's in the neighborhood, and the Adlberger Market in Taufkirchen. In 2019, the City of West Chicago celebrated the partnership's 20th anniversary in Germany. And last night, there was a celebration in West Chicago honoring the 25th anniversary of this unique sister city friendship. Today, we are lucky to have the delegation with us here in Springfield. We are honored to have Bodo Gsedl and his brother, Uwe; Stefan Haberl, the mayor of Taufkirchen; former mayor of Taufkirchen, Franz Hofstetter; and someone who's familiar to us, former State Representative and former mayor of West Chicago, Mike Fortner; and a few other lucky folks made the trip down here to Springfield. We are so happy to have him here. My Senator's... Senator Karina Villa was not able to be here to honor them on the floor, but can we all give them a great big willkommen to Springfield."

Speaker Hoffman: "The Chair would like... like to recognize a special individual in the chamber. In the gallery is the assessor of Saint Clair County, Jennifer Gomric Minton. Jennifer. Representative Mayfield, for what reason do you arise?"

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Mayfield: "Let the record reflect on Senate Bill 2822 I intended to vote 'yes'. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Record will reflect. Moving to page 3 of the Calendar, on the Order of Second Reading appears House Bill 5024, Representative Mason. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5024, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Mason."

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

Mason: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 simply changes a couple of words that were a drafting error by LRB."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Mason moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5024. 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: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Mason."

Speaker Hoffman: "Mason on Floor Amendment #3."

Mason: "Oh. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once again, we are clearing up some drafting errors."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Mason moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 5024. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

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

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

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5024, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Mason. Representative Mason."

Mason: "So sorry, Mr. Speaker. Okay. Bear with me one second. All right. Thank you so much. This Bill is an initiative of the Illinois Board of Higher Education. It is making some cleanup changes related to the new early childhood agency. It is changing things like how many times the board shall meet, other reporting requirements, and makes some changes to provisions concerning the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity Scholarship Program. 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 she'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. First, with regards to the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity, what are the changes that this Bill makes regarding that consortium?"

Mason: "Thanks for the... ope, sorry. Thank you for the question. I have so many notes. Sorry. Apologies."

Windhorst: "It's okay."

Mason: "All right. So, the changes that are being made, we're clarifying the terms for members of the ECACE's advisory board are determined by the cochairs, that we are determining meetings are twice a year instead of once a quarter, and determining what data is collected about students and how often that data is reported to the General Assembly."

Windhorst: "Are there any changes regarding the geographic regional hubs?"

Mason: "Yes. It removes, correct, the geographic regional hubs."

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Windhorst: "So, what impact would that change have on the operation of this consortium? My understanding is, of course, their regional hubs, so they're operating throughout the state. If we remove those, does it become statewide, then? Or what implications does removing the regional hubs have?"

Mason: "Okay. It's going to allow the consortium to function as one body working statewide. When there are regional works that are required, that's going to happen on a targeted strategic basis. So, they'll be able still address things in a regional manner, but as a whole, the Body is going to work statewide."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Let's discuss the early childhood scholarship, childhood educator scholarship program. Where will that program be located? What agency or department?"

Mason: "Through ISAC."

Windhorst: "And does that program currently exist?"

Mason: "It does. It was implemented in 2021."

Windhorst: "And how was it funded previously?"

Mason: "Through federal dollars."

Windhorst: "And we no longer have those federal dollars. Is that correct?"

Mason: "They are running out. That's correct."

Windhorst: "Is this, then, subject to appropriation?"

Mason: "Yes, it is."

Windhorst: "And what is the estimated appropriation need for this item?"

Mason: "So, let's see. So, for... after this academic year, the Governor's budget recommendation is for \$5 million appropriation. However, there are also some appropriation

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Bills filed by individual Members that might provide up to \$60 million. But, again, as you know, the budget is still in process, so that is to be determined."

Windhorst: "Previously, this was, I believe, a \$20 million program when it was federally funded. Is that accurate? I'm sorry. I'm being told it was 60 million, but IBHE recommended 20 million. Does that sound correct?"

Mason: "That sounds correct. Yes."

Windhorst: "And.. and with this Bill would now be 5 million?"

Mason: "Five is the Governor's current recommendation."

Windhorst: "And we don't yet know if this will be appropriated or not in the budget?"

Mason: "We do not yet."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Mason: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Mason to close."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "I'm sorry. I didn't see a few lights. Representative Crespo."

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

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

Crespo: "Representative, I.. I apologize. I wasn't paying that much attention, but I heard some.. some numbers here. I've heard 5 million, and I've heard 60 million. Can you tell me again what.. what do those.. the 5 million, 60 million, what do they represent?"

Mason: "Yeah. So, the \$5 million is the Governor's recommendation. However, there are some Members that have submitted letters of support asking for that to be expanded. So, it's still to

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be determined, as you know, as are most things in our budget currently... currently being weighed. So, the number of scholarships ultimately that are provided are going to depend on the final appropriation. So, you know, if it's 5 million and the funds run out, then that's the number of scholarships that will be provided. If it's more, then we will be able to provide more scholarships."

Crespo: "How... so, the \$5 million, is that in the Governor's introduced budget?"

Mason: "Yes."

Crespo: "How did they come up with \$5 million?"

Mason: "I do not know the answer to that."

Crespo: "Okay. And who's going to administer the program?"

Mason: "ISAC."

Crespo: "And is ISAC in support of this Bill?"

Mason: "Yes. They're... they're currently no opponents to this Bill."

Crespo: "And is... ISAC is in support because the Bill is subject to appropriations, correct?"

Mason: "I imagine that's one of the reasons."

Crespo: "Thank you. To the Bill, Speaker. And... and what I've heard recently, it seems like many agencies or departments are asking Sponsors of Bills to insert subject to appropriations in the Bill so they can be neutral. That's supposed to be... they're complicit. They should demand that these Bills be funded, and if they're not, they should be against the Bills. Thank you, Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Mason to close."

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

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Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5024 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 76 voting 'yes', 36 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitution Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Davidsmeyer, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Leader Evans was distracting me when we had Senate Bill 2822 up. I would like to be... I would like to be recorded as a 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "The record shall reflect. Remaining on page 3 of the Calendar, on the Order of Second Reading appears House Bill 4781, Leader Evans. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4781, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Amendments 2 and 3 were adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #5 is offered by Representative Evans."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Evans on Floor Amendment #5."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the great Members of this Assembly. House Floor Amendment #5 is a technical Amendment. It clarifies the term of fictive of kin to ensure that foster parents won't lose eligibility for federal guardianship subsidies as a result of the KIND Act. Existing statutory language was unintentionally missing from a definition. And number two, it clarifies that the intent of the KIND Act is not to exclude DCFS staff from being able to assess relative home. Both DCFS and providers can do this. AFSCME just wanted to be clear, and this wasn't an issue, and it wasn't being privatized. So, request adoption of the Amendment."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Reick, can we adopt the Amendment and debate on Third? Representative Evans moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #5 to House Bill 4781. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say '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 4781, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Evans."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and, again, the great Members of this Assembly. This Bill is probably the most complex and emotional Bill I've ever worked on. We've all had complaints with regards to DCFS. We've all attempted to micromanage and criticize the work of DCFS. But now, it's time to give them more tools and support to do their job and place these young people, these children, mostly that look like me, in stable housings. We recognize that there are children who may need to be removed from their parents to ensure their well-being. We recognized that family separation is traumatic, and we need to have policies that would do whatever's possible to make that disruptive experience less traumatic for our families and children and give DCFS the tools. We also recognize that children deserve permanency and should not grow up for years in foster care away from their original family. Kinship placements are not only more stable, they are shown to reduce the time to permanency when both subsidized guardianship and adoption aren't available as permanency

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options. By making the duration in foster care shorter, kinship placements can help to mitigate the long-term consequences of federal... excuse me, of family separation. For these reasons, child welfare systems are adopting a kin-first culture, one in which child welfare stakeholders consistently promote kinship placement, help children in foster care maintain connections with their family, and tailor services and supports, and I say it again, supports to the needs of kinship foster families. Illinois welfare system must do so, and this policy goes a long way. House Bill 4781 creates a statutory vision and authority for the Department of Children and Family Services to execute a kin-first approach to service, delivery, and direct the juvenile courts to provide necessary oversight to the department's obligations to maintain family connections and promote equitable opportunities for youth and families to thrive with... with rational permanence. House Bill 4781 is comprised of Amendments to the Illinois Child Care Act, the Children and Family Services Act, the Juvenile Court Act, the Adoption Act, and are aligned with a kin-first vision for our state. In this legislation, it maintains the children's connections with kin. It requires DCFS to identify and notify relatives when a child enters care within 30 days of entry and requires ongoing engagement so we're not just leaving the children. It's ongoing engagement. It amends the Juvenile Court Act to require the juvenile courts to oversee DCFS ongoing efforts to maintain family connections through the life of the case that amends the family... the Children and Family Services Act to require rulemaking to implement family findings and

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relative engagement. This Bill strengthens kinship care and makes kinship care viable for more families by providing increased resources and support, giving them the support to take care of their family members, and the KIND Act reduces barriers to achieving family time permanency for youth who cannot be reunited with their families. It gives children more eligibility for guardianship subsidies from the federal government. Again, this Bill will tap into federal resources to help families. And so, I request your support, and it goes on and on. This Bill can give DCFS the tool to not just unite families, but strengthen families, and solve a problem, too many children without permanency in their homes. So, I request your support, and I'm available for questions."

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

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

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

Reick: "Leader Evans, we had a very good conversation about this Bill in committee, and upfront I will say I'm in full support of this Bill. But I'd like you to go into a little more depth as to what the motivation was. I know you... you spoke in terms of the... the aim and everything of the Bill, but what kind of research exists to show that kinship placement actually helps secure better outcomes for the... not just... not the family, but for the child, him or herself?"

Evans: "No, thank you. That's been decades of research, including findings from the federal government, the NEKC Foundation, the American Bar Association. Our great University of Illinois actually shows us that children fair better when placed in the care of a residence... excuse me, relatives than

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foster care with strangers. These are outcomes related to education, physical and behavioral health, helps school stability, placement stability, keeping siblings together in foster care, timeliness to achieve permanency, reentry, and et cetera."

Reick: "The... the question I have is, is this going to be a mandate to DCFS to look at kinship first, or is it just another tool that's being given to them with the... with the imprimatur of the General Assembly to make this... make this a priority? And my next question is, what kind of financial assistance or financial incentives, shall we say, are associated with this?"

Evans: "I think to answer your first question, there is a push based off the research for kinship connections. So, that answers your first question. The second question, as... as was mentioned, this is going to open a door for more federal funding and opportunities. The biggest piece that I'm most interested in that I think is important is that those kin relatives, those individuals now will have access to resources so that, you know, they can take care of their family members. I mean, a lot of people want to take children and want to support, they just don't have resources. Now, we can tap into more federal resources, help those families stabilize so those kids cannot be under our care, but in a stable home."

Reick: "Are those resources that were otherwise not available or previously not available?"

Evans: "They were not available in kin situation, is my understanding. I know we have experts here, you know, as our

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Chairwomen Costa Howard. But those resources were not available for kinship guardianship, but they were available for adoption. We're trying to even it out so that it be more available for kin."

Reick: "One concern I have and... is the fact that if we deal with... if we put a child with an aunt or an uncle or a cousin, or something like that, the person... the parent who is... from whom the child is being taken, obviously, is still in the family. Are there protections for the child in the event that there's some kind of a relation... you know, a maintaining of some kind of relationship here? Or is this meant merely to give a respite to a parent maybe that's at the edge of... of becoming abusive or neglectful and giving them an opportunity to take... sit back, reassess, and start all over again?"

Evans: "No. It's my understanding that DCFS wants to stay engaged. There's already a mechanism now for DCFS to stay engaged. (Unintelligible) legislation is not a sense of dumping the child off. DCFS wants to remain engaged. They're already engaged. They just want permanency for this person so they can get used to then... to actually have a home."

Reick: "Does this make... does this Act make it more... or easier for there to be permanency should the child not be able to go back to his or her birth parents?"

Evans: "Well, it's not... are you referring to adoption?"

Reick: "Yeah. Permanency in whatever form it takes, but adoption, sure."

Evans: "Yeah. Well, it's... my understanding, it's not what the data tells us in Illinois. One key difference in this population where... versus adoption is the results show the

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youth discharged to guardianship experience no less lasting family relationships than the... than their permanency options were restricted to more legally binding commitment of adoption. So, I don't know if it's a plus or minus on either side. It's really situational. And this Bill is saying that me and you are not the professionals. We have folks in DCFS who are the professionals. We want to give them more tools, push them to guardianship and kinship, but still have adoption as a strong option and... and let them make that final decision. But it shouldn't be one is better than the other, one is more, you know, beneficiary to either the guardian or the child. Let's make the best decision and keep... keep them even-keeled."

Reick: "To the Bill. First of all, I have to commend Leader Evans for the work he put in on this. This is not a small Bill. This is a big move. And I think it's another tool that we are trying to give to the department as we try to reform the department into something that's much more responsive to the needs of children. I... I stand in favor of this Bill. I think it's a good step forward, and I certainly urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you very much. Thanks, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Mason."

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

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

Mason: "Thank you. Leader Evans, thank you so much for this Bill. I just have a couple of questions for legislative intent. Is that okay?"

Evans: "Yeah. Why not."

Mason: "All right. Question number one. For the purposes of legislative intent, is it accurate to say that the term

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'certified relative caregiver home' in this legislation is intended to meet the federal definition for family foster home licensed under standards for relatives, since the KIND Act references the licensing of relative foster homes as relative caregiver home certification?"

Evans: "I think the answer's yes."

Mason: "Okay. Great. Question number 2. The KIND Act establishes parameters for the minimum standards required for certified relative caregiver homes. For the purposes of legislative intent, can you confirm that the following is an accurate representation of the KIND Act? By passing the KIND Act, the Legislature is endorsing the federal government's recommendation that states adopt separate standards for certifying relative caregiver homes, such as that our state will place as few burdens on relative caregiver families as possible by adopting standards that meet the requirements in Social Security Act and not include additional standards DCFS requires nonrelative foster family homes to meet. Through this legislation, the Legislature intends to limit DCFS's ability to adopt policy that denies children and their families access to federal funding and the associate... associated benefits for kinship foster homes. Therefore, DCFS's standards for certification of relative caregiver homes shall be no more or only minimally more restrictive than necessary to comply with the requirements under Sections 471 and 474 of the Social Security Act and shall be reasonably in accordance with national organizations' recommendations for assessing relative homes. At present, there is one set of model standards developed by a consortium of national

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organizations concerned with standards for foster care licensure related to safety, sanitation, protection of civil rights, use of the reasonable and prudent parenting standard, and background screening for caregivers and other residents in the caregiver home. It is the Legislator's intent that DCFS's relative caregiver homes certification requirements will be reasonably in accordance with these national standards to allow our state to access federal funds for as many families as possible while also providing appropriate supports for families caring for relative related foster children. Adding more restrictive standards would mean our state restricts the opportunity to leverage federal dollars to pay for relative care and subsidized guardianship assistance payments even when relative placement and permanency goals are in the child's best interest."

Evans: "Yes. That is an accurate description of the intent of the KIND Act."

Mason: "Thank you so much."

Evans: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Costa Howard."

Costa Howard: "Thank you. To the Bill. I want to make sure that the Body is aware that this committee has done a very lengthy review of this Bill. This is the language, that Representative Mason read, was to make sure that we actually get the federal IV-E dollars, which is one of the reasons to do this. But I want to highlight the fact that Leader Evans mentioned, which is the goal is for families who want to take in their... their family as a foster child actually gets the services that they need. This is a really important tool for the department. And

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while the department already places a large number of children with family, this is just another tool that's going to make sure that, that family is not just children are dropped off and off goes the department. We want to make sure the department actually follows through and gives those families the resources they need so that child has everything that he or she needs as well. Thank you. I'd vote 'aye'."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, Leader Evans to close."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you to Chairwoman Costa Howard who understands these issues. Thank you to all the advocates, the ACLU, Nora, you know, the Public Guardian of Cook County. You know, we got to pass a budget on the 24th. I want to go home. And right now, my son is at home. He has a nice home. He's very fortunate. But these children deserve a home, and they don't have a home. And the children without homes look like me. Thousands of children without homes. Thousands of children that don't know what home is. And this Bill gives another tool to ensure that, just like my son has a home, just like we have homes, these children deserve homes. How do you go to school, how do you listen to your teacher without a home? How do you focus? How do you remain safe? No peace without home. These children deserve a home. Let's give them a home, and let's support DCFS so we can tell DCFS, look, produce. And they're going to produce, and we're going to give them tools to. So, please vote 'yes'. Thank you for your time."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4781 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The

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voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have voted who wish? Have voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 3 of the Calendar, on the Order of Third Reading appears House Bill 2900, Representative Moeller. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2900, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2900 would ban contests with the objective of taking or killing any fur-bearing mammal in the State of Illinois. Participants, sponsors, organizers, officials, and promoters of any such contest would be committing a Class A misdemeanor subject to a fine from 500 to 5 thousand dollars. This legislation is an initiative of the Humane Society and Project Coyote. It applies only to fur-bearing mammals in the state. It does not ban hunting, and it does not impact any other laws or regulations that concern hunting. This legislation is being brought forward because there is a concern about the mass removal of vital wildlife species from the environment and its impact on ecological health of our... of our state. And it's also being brought because these contests do not help with any type wildlife management. They're seen as being blood sports and antithetical to ethical hunting practices. Happy to answer any question. Would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Evans is in the Chair."

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

Meier: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "Indicates she will."

Meier: "We've had this discussion before, and I respect you for bringing this Bill. We're from two different parts of the state. As we were in committee in discussing this Bill, it was brought to our attention that, you know, the federal government pays \$20 million in wildlife damage abatements to farmers because of coyotes. The federal government, the USDA and their studies and their research staff kills over 80 thousand coyotes each year trying to manage the overpopulation of coyotes. The USDA has found the cost benefit ratios of livestock protection and activities reduced to predation from coyotes are between 1... 1 to 3 and 1 to 27. This is an incredibly efficient way of saving property owners and their livestock. For every federal dollar spent on predation management, \$10.88 is saved. These contests, yes, maybe they should be out on Facebook or pictures, but they are very beneficial to towns and to agriculture. Raccoons can carry many diseases with them. They're overpopulating in our cities. Squirrels also do much damage. Right now, at a site in my hometown that's on the National Register of Historic Places, we cannot get ahead of all the squirrel damage. We have to be careful with what we do our old buildings. We can't change the siding on them, and they... come right through 'em. These contests were organized as a way of protecting Illinois citizens' private properties that they own from the damage being done. It does make a difference on how we control the

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population. We need to work together. The... letting them keep increase... you know, I have a nephew that lives over in Missouri, and they put out in the... the police will put out the fact that they've seen a raccoon running down the streets, make sure you've got your kids out. They worry about that. A coyote's a lot bigger. I've seen reports of coyotes running through Chicago. They're not an animal that you want to come face to face with. They are an animal that does a lot of damage to the environment when they get over-populated. We've really use to not have many coyotes, and then all of sudden we've found ourselves overrun in Southern Illinois with coyotes. We lost our quail. We lost our rabbits. Other wildlife has suffered. These competitions bring a lot of revenue in, and it's not revenue going into somebody's pockets. These competitions are hosted for revenue for our not-for-profits to benefit from. Some of them bring hundreds of thousands of dollars into veterans across the State of Illinois. Trying to ban them will have great consequences to our State of Illinois. They... more damage will be done. Raccoons and squirrels both love crewing wires off when they get in the attic of your house, which causes fires. Destruction of the property totally. These animals have to be managed. Now, I asked my local equipment dealer how much money do farmers lose ever year. Because a raccoon likes to go into your machine shed, and its favorite spot, for some reason, is to get up over the engine right where the radiator is, and there it sleeps. You start your tractor, you start your combine, you start your sprayer, that fan starts going around. All of a sudden, you've just cost yourself 12 to 20 thousand

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dollars because there was a raccoon sleeping in that engine. You don't know it's there. You can't see it when look at it from up there. It's all in an enclosed area. They can go through a little hole not much bigger around than this glass to get in there. That's why these contests were started, to try and stop the overpopulation. You know, if you want to outlaw them in your district, fine, in your county, fine. But let agriculture take care of the problems that we have, and some of these animals cause a lot of problems in.. in and throughout our districts. So, I would encourage you to vote 'no' on this, pass this in your county, pass it in the next county. Where we need it, let us use this tool that's in our toolbox to help protect our properties. There are shed fires, there are the combine damages, all done by what you're calling this cute little animal that is overpopulating the State of Illinois right now and bringing other diseases with it. So, please, I encourage everybody, when you vote on this Bill, think about the damages. Yes, our insurance will cover a lot of this. But when you have to insure the size of equipment we have, we have a 5 or 10 thousand dollars deductible we have to pay first for that cute little four-legged furry animal taking a nap next to our equipment. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If this Bill would receive the constitutionally required number of votes, I request a verification."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Rosenthal, reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Rosenthal: "Representative, do you have any coyotes in your area?"

Moeller: "Yes. We have coyotes in... in the area where I live."

Rosenthal: "Is... are they overpopulated there?"

Moeller: "I don't... I don't know if there's an overpopulation. I know there's a healthy population. We see them along the bike path where I live. We see them in the forest preserve near my community. I've seen them in my yard in the past. I know that there are coyotes all over the state, and they're part of the ecosystem. They're native to our state, and... and they're, you know, they're part of the web of life."

Rosenthal: "So, I see that your... this is an initiative of someone from... from California. Have you talked..."

Moeller: "No. This is..."

Rosenthal: "...to DNR about this?"

Moeller: "...this is an initiative of the Illinois Humane Society."

Rosenthal: "So, have you talked to DNR about this?"

Moeller: "Yes. I've had several conversations with the Department of Natural Resources."

Rosenthal: "Are they supportive?"

Moeller: "They are neutral on the Bill."

Rosenthal: "They're neutral?"

Moeller: "Yeah."

Rosenthal: "So, you... are you saying you don't... don't respect their ability to manage the wildlife resource in Illinois?"

Moeller: "I do. I do respect their ability, and these contests are not run through the Department of Natural Resources,

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they're not managed by the Department of Natural Resources, they're not authorized by the Department of Natural Resources, and they're not... they're not recognized as an official means of managing wildlife populations. That's part of the impetus for introducing this legislation. There's no scientific basis in... in these contests having any positive impact on the populations of wildlife, either preserving them or managing them, or addressing some of the issues that Leader Meier just mentioned in his... in his remarks. And there's nothing... there's nothing in this legislation that would prohibit the Department of Natural Resources from... from managing wildlife population so that they are not causing problems with private property or equipment damage that was described. This Bill does not address that. It does not take away the ability of government or conservation organizations from... from managing wildlife populations. All this legislation does is prohibit these killing contests that encourage mass slaughter of animals for cash prizes. That's all that this legislation does. Hunting would... is still... would still be allowed under this legislation. Gatherings of people hunting together, you know, to... to take fur-bearing animals would still be allowed under this legislation. Fundraisers would still be allowed under this legislation. The only thing that is bans is the cash prize element for... again, for the mass killing of fur-bearing animals."

Rosenthal: "So, let me get this correct. You're saying that if there is no cash prize, then they can still have these competitions?"

Moeller: "Correct."

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Rosenthal: "Okay. Do you know if there's any rules or regulations that are being broken during these competitions?"

Moeller: "You'd have to clarify what you mean by rules or regulations."

Rosenthal: "Any of the DNR's wildlife rules?"

Moeller: "Well, as I said, DNR does not... does not manage, license, authorize these contests. These contests are operating outside of any type of regulatory framework."

Rosenthal: "But they're all... but they're during the season and within the... the DRN rules and regulations, the pamphlet they put out annually."

Moeller: "There... there are no rules or regulations around these contests."

Rosenthal: "For normal... for normal harvest of... of wildlife, there are rules and regulations, and they follow those rules and regulations."

Moeller: "And this would..."

Rosenthal: "Do you disagree with that?"

Moeller: "Well, this would not change those rules or regulations. All this legislation does is ban... again, ban these contests for cash prizes."

Rosenthal: "So, as long as there's no cash prize for the individuals, then this would... then they can continue what they're... what they're doing currently?"

Moeller: "This legislation does not change any other hunting regulation that exists under state law. Correct."

Rosenthal: "Yeah, that... well, that's not what our analysis shows. And for instance, and Charlie mentioned it... or Representative Meier mentioned the... the benefit of being... provided to local

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organizations, the squirrel bowl which happens to happen in... be conducted down in Carlinville every year, started in 2016. In the first year, they took in \$1400. They support operation... or, Project Third... or, Third Day, which is over 900 needy kids within the local area. This past year, they took in over \$203 thousand at that competition. It's two days. It's two-man teams. Sons, mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, brothers and sisters that... that compete with this. There's no cash involved, but they raised 203 thousand this year. They also support HOOAH, which is Healing Outside of a... of a Hospital for veterans, Specials Ops Wounded Warriors, SOWW, HAVA, which is Honored American Veterans Afield, and these are all done with... with this program that would be eliminated with this Bill."

Moeller: "This... this Bill would not end fundraising for these organizations. It eliminates the cash prize to a person, an individual who killed the most, you know, coyotes, squirrels, fur-bearing animals, as defined by the legislation, as... as part of that contest. This doesn't eliminate the ability to hold an event that raises money for an organization."

Rosenthal: "So, you're saying... okay. So, right now, the local farm bureaus pay for coon tails, which means that local FFA chapters and other individuals are going out and harvesting coons and turn them in, and they're getting paid for it. Last year it was five dollars a tail, but they ran out of money, so this year it was two dollars a tail. So, would that be eliminated with this?"

Moeller: "If it's a... if it's a contest for cash prizes, yes, that would... that would be eliminated."

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Rosenthal: "It's not a contest. It's a way to manage the overpopulation of, in this case, coons, but it also does it for coyotes."

Moeller: "Well, I guess, if it's not a killing contest for cash prizes, then it would not be affected by this Bill."

Rosenthal: "So, are you saying it's strictly a cash prize? What about trophies that they get with this?"

Moeller: "It would... it would be a... a prize that has a monetary value."

Rosenthal: "So, if they get trophies, then that would be... that would... you're saying that that would not be a valid event, then? That this... this legislation would restrict that?"

Moeller: "The... the way that the... the Bill is very... pretty straightforward and rather brief. The way that the... the language was written is that you... fur-bearing mammal killing contests are prohibited under... notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person shall not organize, sponsor, promote, conduct, or participate any contest, organized competition, tournament, or derby that has the objective of taking any fur-bearing animal as defined in Section 1.2g for cash prizes or other inducements. So, the way that I... and I'm happy to make this legislative intent. It's... it's a contest for cash or some type of prize that has a monetary value. Which, in my mind, does not apply to a trophy or certificate or, you know, prize that is of... nominal value."

Rosenthal: "I don't... I don't think that's what your legislation says, and I don't think that's the way it would be interpreted, but..."

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Moeller: "Well, I think that was the... that is the intent of the legislation. And for purposes of legislative intent, that is how I am interpreting how this legislation is drafted."

Rosenthal: "So, you would say that it's cash... or cash prize only?"

Moeller: "A cash prize or a prize of monetary value."

Rosenthal: "Trophies."

Moeller: "You know, as an example, we've seen these contests where they would, you know, a... a gun, or a weapon, or something that has a monetary value has been, you know, part of that. The intent of the legislation is to ban the contests that have, you know, those either cash or something that has monetary value."

Rosenthal: "So... okay. So, are you aware that, I'm sure, that coyotes are predators?"

Moeller: "I... coyotes are part of our... the ecosystem in our state."

Rosenthal: "But you... do you... will acknowledge that they are a predator and they... they are at the top of the food chain and that they have no natural enemies?"

Moeller: "I wouldn't... I don't know what the relevance is to this legislation. Coyotes are an important part of... of our landscape, of our natural resources. They're native to Illinois. And as such..."

Rosenthal: "The relevance is..."

Moeller: "...they're... they're important to our ecosystem."

Rosenthal: "The relevance is, is that when you have an overpopulation, they have to be controlled somehow, and the only control is human intervention is by hunting or other means. We... I happen to have multiple trail cameras. Deer... we have deer trail cameras out where we have six coyotes in one

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picture. Six. And coyotes, when they get... run in a pack, they... they stalk animals, they stalk pets, they stalk humans. When my youngest son, who's now 32, was 5, I was out planting trees, and he's about 50 yards away from me. He's five years old. And I look up and see a coyote, and then I see that he's being stalked by three coyotes. They won't attack humans, adults, but they will attack children. So..."

Moeller: "Well, this legislation does not prevent someone from protecting their property, from protecting their children, from protecting their pets. Under... what this legislation..."

Rosenthal: "But what this Bill does is take away the opportunity..."

Moeller: "Regardless of whether this legislation..."

Rosenthal: "...for competitions and a way to control that population."

Moeller: "No, it's not. It's... it has been recognized... you know, there have been studies that have been conducted that show that these contests have... have no bearing and no significant benefit in managing wildlife populations. If anything, they're detrimental because they are... because they're not done in a scientific way. They're not... they're not managed by wildlife management... experts. There's... there's no ecological benefit to these contests. They're done for sport. They're done for entertainment. This... these contests are not being held because of management... wildlife population management. And whether or not this Bill passes and is signed into law, the Department of Natural Resources will continue to have the ability to manage species that are seen to be overpopulating, creating a nuisance in the environment. People will still be able to defend their property. People will still be able to

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defend their pets and their children. All of the situations that were described by the former... the Representative from Southern Illinois, where I had the privilege of... and honor of... a great day to tour his farm, he would still be able to manage all of the situations that he describes when this Bill is passed. So, the... the fear that has been created around this legislation, I... I believe is invalid, it's... it's misleading, it's not relevant. This is... it's a very narrowly defined piece of legislation that merely bans these contests for cash and monetary prizes. That's all it... that's all this legislation does. If you have a problem with a coyote on your property, you can still shoot that coyote. This does not change that."

Rosenthal: "Well, I would recommend that we... we allow the Department of Natural Resources, if they thought this was a problem, that they could bring this forward, and they haven't. And you... you may say they're neutral, but this was not their initiative, and I would urge an 'aye'... a 'no' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? We have Representative Cassidy is recognized."

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

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

Cassidy: "Representative, is there anything in this Bill that would prevent someone who, you know, had a problem with squirrels or raccoons damaging their property or... or their equipment from inviting everyone they know to come over and help them manage the population of these small mammals on their property?"

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Moeller: "No. This Bill would... would not prevent that or affect that. That would still be allowed whether or not this legislation is signed into law."

Cassidy: "I appreciate that. And are there any provisions in here that make sure that this doesn't impact legitimate hunting activities?"

Moeller: "This... correct. This does not affect any other hunting regulations that currently exists under state or... state law or administrative rule."

Cassidy: "And so, I grew up in Florida, and they used to have... our department used to do bounties on invasive reptiles because people released their snakes and... and we've... we've got a lot of... of overpopulation of... of things without predators. This would not prevent things... anything around... contests around reptiles or birds or any of those things. It that correct?"

Moeller: "Correct. This only affects fur-bearing mammals. So, fishing derbies are not affected. Reptile hunts are not affected. This is only limited to fur-bearing mammals."

Cassidy: "And are there other states that have passed this?"

Moeller: "Yes. There are 10 other states that have either passed legislation or implemented administrative rules to ban these contests. Arizona, California, Colorado, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington. In addition, local governments in Arizona, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin have condemned the events. So, this is... this would not be unique to the State of Illinois. Other states, both

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red and blue, both rural and more urban, have implemented these types of prohibitions."

Cassidy: "And just curious, have... have those states seen problems with those populations exploding or, you know, challenges in... in the nonprofit space?"

Moeller: "Not to my knowledge. No."

Cassidy: "To the Bill. The... the idea that we are spending this much time talking about whether or not we, as a state, support killing for money is kind of mind-boggling to me. It's... it... I think we're better than that is what it comes down to. We are not... we don't need to be about suggesting that it's... I mean, I'm just having the imagery of like gladiator fights or something crazy like that. This is plain and simple about the fact that we need to treat animals humanely. Blood sport is not the business of the State of Illinois. But we also acknowledge in the way this Bill is constructed that people do need to protect their property, that people do need to manage populations. And... and giving people the tools they need to do what needs to happen while maintaining a sense of decency, I think, is a really good sweet spot to land in. So, I urge an 'age' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? We have Representative Weaver is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicates she will."

Weaver: "Representative Moeller, are you familiar with a disease known as EPM, equine protozoal myeloencephalitis?"

Moeller: "I'm sorry, can you repeat that?"

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Weaver: "Are you familiar with the disease called EPM that horses get?"

Moeller: "I am not. No."

Weaver: "When I was nine years old, I got a horse, her name was Val. She was my favorite animal I've ever had in my life. When I was 22 years old, she died from EPM. EPM is a disease that horses get. It's a neurological disease where mold starts growing on the brain. They get nervous system damage, spinal damage, and they die because they have hay that is contaminated with raccoon poop. And so, I appreciate the point that we love animals and we don't want to harm animals, but the reason that we approach raccoons this way is to protect animals. My mom has a chicken coop. I've only killed one raccoon in my life, it's when that raccoon was trying to get into the chicken coop. And so, this point that I don't really understand how you say that these contests don't have any impact on the population, I just don't get where that research is from because, obviously, the contests take animals out of the population. That has an impact on the population. Am I missing something?"

Moeller: "Again, that there would be... this Bill does not affect any type of scientific, rational, logical means of managing populations. If you have a raccoon infestation on your property, you can manage that with this... with this legislation. All this does is ban contests that are organized around killing animals for cash prizes."

Weaver: "Yeah. But... but my point isn't about the organization. My point is that these contests take animals out of the population, and you're saying that those animals coming out

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of the population has no impact on the population. I don't...
I don't see how that can be true."

Moeller: "Well, these are... these contests are not organized
around... again, they're not organized around any purpose
except for entertainment and... and sport. They're not
organized to manage wildlife populations. And in some
instances, when you... when they are... because they're not done
with the mind of managing wildlife populations, opposite... you
can have unintended consequences where animal species, if
they've been... if there is, you know, a lot of hunting and
mass killing, animal populations will try to repair that...
that deficit in the environment and..."

Weaver: "But the goal is to have a deficit in the environment."

Moeller: "...and make up for... and make up for that."

Weaver: "The goal is to control the population."

Moeller: "The bottom line, these... these contests are not managed
by scientist, they're not managed by people who have an
understanding of ecosystems..."

Weaver: "Farmers don't have an understanding of ecosystems?"

Moeller: "...or how wildlife reproduction works. These contests
are... are being conducted by organizers that are organizing
them for sport, not for scientific or rational population
management reasons."

Weaver: "To the Bill. I... I appreciate the reason for this Bill.
I love animals. I'm a farm kid as much as anybody. But the
reason that we have these contests is to protect animals, to
protect horses like Val from getting EPM, which was
heartbreaking to watch her die from. It is a sick, sick
disease. And to watch my mom and my... my nieces and nephews

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see their chickens dead in the yard because coyotes and raccoons and possums eat 'em, that's the reason why we do this. I... I'm not really a hunter. I... I like to shoot. I've killed animals before. And I would do one of these contests to remove the raccoons from the population. So, to say that people do it for fun, I'm sure some do, but I'm right here raising my hand saying I don't. So, I strongly urge an... I strongly urge a 'no' vote. The populations are bad for animals. We're trying to help animals. We're trying to help horses like Val from getting a disgusting disease. I would strongly urge a 'no' vote. That's all."

Speaker Evans: "Moving forward, we're going to... implement a timer for Short Debate for two minutes. We're going to move forward to Leader Hammond is recognized."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. It is obvious from the conversation going on in this chamber that this is a tale of two regions. This is about an area that is largely agricultural in our state. Many of you may be privy to that if you are, in fact, adopted Legislators by the Illinois Farm Bureau. They spend a lot of time and money to educate adopted Legislators on the issues affecting those of us that live in agricultural parts of the state where we are growing the food to feed your families. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you want to do a Bill like this, how about you do a private pilot program in Cook County because we sure as hell don't need it in the rest of the state. This is a Bill that goes against the face of the health and safety of our livestock, as we just heard from the previous speaker. It does significant damage to our agricultural crops that we are growing to feed your families.

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The overabundance of these animals and the contests that are put forth to control this population are done so for just that reason, to control a problem in our agricultural counties. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any further... any further discussion? We have Representative Bunting is recognized."

Bunting: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, advocates of this Bill say what this does is inhumane. I will tell you what is inhumane. When your 14-year-old daughter calls you on the phone and tells you to come home and help tend to a calf that has been attacked by pack of coyotes. That is inhumane. Rural Illinois farmers and ranchers across this state do the best they can to protect their livestock. It is not an occupation. It's a way of life. As Leader Meier said before, this is a tool that we farmers across this state can use to protect our livestock and protect our livelihood. For those of you that vote 'yes' on this Bill, I want to have your cell phone numbers and I want you to come to rural Livingston County when I have to bury an animal attacked by these predators, attacked by these predators. Do not take this tool away from us. I strongly urge a 'no' vote on House Bill 2900. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? We have Representative Weber is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicates she will."

Weber: "Representative, did I hear you say there's no scientific evidence or anything that these things affect the populations?"

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Moeller: "That... that contests don't affect the population?"

Weber: "Yeah."

Moeller: "I've not seen any evidence that they affect the population in a positive way. These are not... these contests are not being conducted by wildlife management organizations."

Weber: "So, are... did I also hear you say that people should not be profiting from killing these fur-bearing animals?"

Moeller: "I didn't say they shouldn't be profiting. I said this Bill is very narrowly constructed in that it bans wildlife hunting contests for cash or monetary prizes."

Weber: "So, Representative, are you aware of the hundreds of thousands of deers... deer that are culled across our state every year?"

Moeller: "Yes. And this Bill does not affect that."

Weber: "All right. This is from one of our government agency's wildlife centers. 'Why do we manage deer? Deer are an important part of nature areas like other native species. They are beautiful and play a vital role in our ecosystem. Left unchecked, overbrowsing by deer damages habitat for other native plants and animals, including endangered species. One of our key roles to preserve a diversity of habitat for the future generations. To maintain a balance between deer and other species, our policy is to manage deer in the most humane and effective way possible.' And this is where they kill thousands and thousands of deer across our state, and they pay people to do it. So, yeah."

Moeller: "Again, this Bill would not affect that."

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Weber: "And you know why they do that? Because scientifically it does have an effect on the population and the area of nature around it. So, to the Bill. Please vote 'no'."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Moeller to close."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Members of the chamber. I appreciate the debate and views that have been expressed. I... I think, again, there has been some confusion and misinformation around this... this legislation. Of all... all of the situations that I hear, the heartbreaking situations that we were expressed on this... on the floor this afternoon would not be affected by this legislation. We are all stewards of the natural resources in this state, regardless of where you live. And these animals that... the fur-bearing mammals that are being protected from these gruesome blood sport contests for cash are part of our natural ecosystem that we are all stewards of, and we all have a responsibility to look out for them. As I have mentioned over and over in debate, if nothing in this Bill prohibits ethical hunting practices, nothing in the Bill prevents a homeowner or a landowner from protecting their land from any fur-bearing mammals, whether it's a coyote or a squirrel, or a raccoon, nothing in this Bill prohibits a landowner from protecting their pets, their children from a coyote, a squirrel, or raccoon. All this legislation does is end the very unethical and unsportsmanlike practice of mass slaughter of fur-bearing mammals for a cash prizes. And I would ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Members, Representative Windhorst has requested a verification. All Members will be in their chairs and vote

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their own switches. The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2900 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 62 voting in 'favor', 45 voting 'against', and 0 voting 'present'. Mr. Clerk, please read the names of those voting in the affirmative."

Clerk Hollman: "A poll of those voting in the affirmative. Representative Andrade; Representative Avelar; Representative Blair-Sherlock; Representative Buckner; Representative Burke; Representative Canty; Representative Cassidy; Representative Chung; Representative Costa Howard; Representative Crespo; Representative Croke; Representative Delgado; Representative Didech; Representative du Buclet; Representative Evans; Representative Faver Dias; Representative Ford; Representative Gabel; Representative Gill; Representative Gong-Gershowitz; Representative Gonzalez; Representative Gordon-Booth; Representative Guzzardi; Representative Hanson; Representative Harper; Representative Barbara Hernandez; Representative Lisa Hernandez; Representative Norma Hernandez; Representative Hirschauer; Representative Huynh; Representative Jiménez; Representative Johnson; Representative Katz Muhl; Representative Kelly; Representative LaPointe; Representative Lilly; Representative Mah; Representative Manley; Representative Mason; Representative Mayfield; Representative Meyers-Martin; Representative Moeller; Representative Morgan; Representative Morris; Representative Moylan; Representative Mussman; Representative Ness;

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Representative Nichols; Representative Olickal;
Representative Ortiz; Representative Rashid; Representative
Rita; Representative Scherer; Representative Slaughter;
Representative Smith; Representative Stava-Murray;
Representative Syed; Representative West; Representative Ann
Williams; Representative Jawaharial Williams; Representative
Yang Rohr; and Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Harper, present?"

Speaker Evans: "Representative Harper. Is Representative Harper
here? Representative Harper. Is Representative Harper here?
Representative Harper's here."

Windhorst: "Mr. Speaker, withdraw the verification."

Speaker Evans: "On this question, there are 62 voting in 'favor',
45 voting 'against', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill,
having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby
declared passed. On the bottom of page 3 of the Calendar,
House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 4491,
Representative Faver Dias. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4491, a Bill for an Act concerning
regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Faver Dias is recognized."

Faver Dias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to present House
Bill 4491. In this chamber, we have had a lot of
conversations, discussions, and planning around the child
care desert that exists in Illinois. Nearly two-thirds of
Illinois children live in a child care desert. House Bill
4491 is a practical commonsense step to address the worker
shortage in the early childhood care industry. This Bill

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allows for a license lead early childhood teacher to be present for the first and last hour of the work day in the place of the center's director. This Bill provides that the early childhood teacher would need to have worked at that facility for 2,880 hours, which is the equivalent of two academic years. Direct instruction does not occur during the first and last hour of the day, and the routine is centered around the logistics of a pickup and drop-off of children. Nothing in this legislation prevents a director from being present at these times should they determine it's necessary. However, it provides important flexibility that prevents directors from working nearly 12- hour-plus days, which often lead to burnout and additional staffing shortages. This Bill passed out of committee unanimously, and I encourage an 'aye' vote."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, it... this Bill is designed to address the day care center workforce shortage. Is that accurate?"

Faver Dias: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And I show in our analysis that the Department of Children and Family Services is opposed. Is that true?"

Faver Dias: "So, we have worked with them in... in multiple conversations and meetings. And it is our goal that when we pass this to the Senate, we have an Amendment that will be put forward that they will be neutral on. And that Amendment... their concerns were... are being around... they wanted to be able

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to put into role specifics. And so, we put in that Amendment will explicitly give them the authority to put things in rule around this idea, and then that would move them to neutral."

Windhorst: "So we should expect to see again if it passes today?"

Faver Dias: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Faver Dias to close."

Faver Dias: "I'd encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4491 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Olickal, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Olickal: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak you point."

Olickal: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to recognize a group of people that are in this chamber today. First, I want to recognize someone who is a constituent of mine, someone that many of us in Asian American community consider a trailblazer and a mentor to many of us, Ann Kalayil. She is here today for a couple of reasons, but first I want recognize her. She is... she served as an Obama appointee for six years, a bureau chief for Cook County, and now she serves as the... as a trustee for Northeastern University, and that's why she's here today. Again, someone I consider a mentor and a trailblazer, and

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she's here advocating with a group of incredible students. They are here advocating for a program, the Afghan Refugee Transition Program. And the students you see up in the gallery to my right, if you could stand up, they had the opportunity to participate in this program where they are earning academic credentials at Northeastern Illinois University, which they are going to... they're going to use to do great things. They're going to find fulfilling careers, which will allow them to stabilize their finances and future for themselves and their families. And the reason that they're able to do so is because our state's decision to fund this program. And so, I'm committed to making sure that this program grows so that we can have... ensure that more students are able to participate. Again, if you haven't got a chance to meet these students, I encourage you to. They're incredibly impressive, and I'm excited for what their futures hold. So, let's please give them a warm Springfield welcome."

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

LaPointe: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

LaPointe: "I also want to take a moment to recognize some people in the chamber, and these people are the backbone of providing mental health and addiction support in every corner of Illinois in addition to developmental disability services. Around the Capitol, we know them as members of the Community Behavior Health Association, the Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, and the Illinois Association of Behavioral Healthcare. They advocate for things like

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increasing the DSP wage and for increasing psychiatric rates for people on Medicaid. But more importantly than what they advocate for, these amazing professionals are our frontline community-based providers and they know more about mental health and addiction support than most of us ever will. On the day to day, they provide urgently needed therapy, group substance use disorder treatment, trauma support, daily living support, and to put it simply, they walk with people, us and our people, in every corner in Illinois during dark times. And to put it very simply, they provide health care, because mental health and addiction support is simply health care. We're so glad for their work every day. We're glad they're in the chamber today. So, please join me in recognizing their amazing work with a round of applause."

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

Benton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that I intended to vote 'yes' for HB4491. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "The record will reflect. The Clerk is in receipt of Motions in Writing to waive the posting requirements for several Bills. If there is leave, we will take these Motions together in one Motion. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Leader Buckner on the Motion."

Buckner: "Speaker, I move that the posting requirements be waived so the following Bills can be heard in the Revenue & Finance Committee: Senate Bill 3563 in Revenue & Finance, House Bill 1287 in Revenue & Finance, the Property Tax Subcommittee."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Buckner has moved to waive the posting requirements. All those in favor say favor say 'aye'; all

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those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And... and the posting requirements are waived. Returning to page 6 of the Calendar of Senate Bills-Third Reading. At the top of page 6, we have Senate Bill 2824, Representative Davidsmeyer. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2824, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davidsmeyer is recognized."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2824 is a Bill that simply says that if... if a foster child is taken away from their family and given to a foster family, whether it's somebody they're related to or not related to... so it could be... the it could be the noncustodial parent. It could be their grandparents. But we... we're trying... what we're trying to do here is we're saying that if they are taken outside of their school district, but the Department of Child and Family Services decides that... that they are better off in the... in the school district that they were in before, that school district cannot charge tuition for them to remain in that stable environment. So, I'd be happy to answer any questions. This passed the Senate unanimous, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2824 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 112 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 6 of the Calendar

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of Senate Bills-Third Reading, we have Senate Bill 2834, Representative Moeller. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2834, a Bill for an Act concerning property. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Moeller is recognized."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2834 makes a... a simple change to the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenants Rights Act. It affirms that residents who live in mobile home communities that are unlicensed are not required to pay rent. Currently, that is under... that is statute under current law. That statute exists in the Mobile Home Park Act. This legislation replicates that provision and puts it in the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenants Right Act so that there's greater awareness among residents that this is a... already existing state law. Unfortunately, we do have 60-plus communities that are regulated under the Department of Public Health that remain unlicensed. Unlicensed communities tend to have greater life safety code violations. And this legislation is not only to inform residents of their rights, but also to encourage the owners of these communities to get licensed. This Bill passed unanimously out of the Senate. Would ask for an 'aye' vote, and also happy to take any questions."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

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Davidsmeyer: "So, I... I understand that you worked with the Manufactured Housing Association to find a solution to get rid of bad actors in that space. Is that correct?"

Moeller: "Yes. This is one of several Bills that have been drafted to address the situation that we find with a lot of our manufactured housing communities. And all of these Bills have been drafted and introduced with... with negotiation with the owners of these communities."

Davidsmeyer: "I certainly appreciate you working with the industry because they want to get rid of the bad actors just as bad as everyone else. Is... is your intent to follow... follow this up with any other landlord registration or anything like that? Because I think there's concerns from landlords and... and realtors that... that this will be just a first step towards that goal."

Moeller: "I'm not... I'm not sure I understand the question in terms of registration. But as you'll recall, and... and I believe with your support, and we've had discussions about this and I appreciate your leadership on this issue as well, we did pass legislation several weeks ago that increases the fines for unlicensed communities and also increases the annual fees that communities pays so that we can hire additional inspectors in the Department of Public Health and... give the state the ability to go out and enforce these regulations in a more robust fashion."

Davidsmeyer: "Yeah. Absolutely. I think that if you... if you see red up here, I... I don't think it's because the Bill itself is bad. It's concerned about that... that foot... or that nose under the tent, just a first step towards a landlord registry or a

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realtor... something like that. Just the... the concern is what's coming next. So, you will see some red, but I... I think that this is a good step to make sure that we get rid of bad actors. So, thank you."

Moeller: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Moeller to close."

Moeller: "Would encourage an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2834 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 74 voting 'yes', 34 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 6 of the Calendar of Senate Bills-Third Reading, we have Senate Bill 2849, Representative Rita. Representative Rita. Out of the record. Continuing down page 6 of the Calendar of Senate Bills-Third Reading, we have Senate Bill 2850, Representative Mason. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Out of the record. Out of the record. We have Senate Bill 2861, Representative Morgan. Representative Morgan. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2861, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Morgan is recognized."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2861 was an initiative of one of my constituents, an amazing young woman, Noel, who had experienced and spoke in committee about a really horrific situation where she was doing extracurricular

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activity, participated in after-school cheerleading. And because there was a lack of training and supervision, she actually fell, broke her arm in a number of places because there really wasn't this standardized training and supervision and safety requirements for those in after-school programs. So, this would require after-school programs to... that are involved with cheerleading to adopt the *Sprit Rules Book*, which is a national association for training and standards. This is something we've worked with... this... IHSA to do. They're getting this information out. This puts it into statute. There is no opposition. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Do any of our athletic associations in this state currently use this guidebook, guidelines?"

Morgan: "Well, so... so since this incident occurred to this young student, a lot of communications went out to IHSA to... to spread the word and adopt these standards. They've begun to do that, but it is voluntary at this point. This really codifies that practice that the association has agreed is a good idea and, again, is the consistent national standard. And we're just requiring that in statute."

Windhorst: "Do you know if the elementary or junior high school athletic associations in this state use those standards as well now?"

Morgan: "My understanding is this ubiquitous across the board."

Windhorst: "And is there any known opposition to the Bill?"

Morgan: "Not at this time."

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Windhorst: "Our analysis shows that it's the Illinois... Trial Lawyers Association initiative. Is that accurate?"

Morgan: "I would not describe it that way. Again, this... this came out of the discussion from a constituent who... who experienced this, a young high school... a young woman who experienced this. I think there's a connection to the association and they're supportive, but this is not an initiative from them. This is really an initiative from somebody who experienced the... the trauma of having an after-school program where they did not have these kinds of trainings and safety in place."

Windhorst: "And do you know of any opposition to the Bill?"

Morgan: "I... I do not at this time."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Morgan to close."

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

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2861 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 82 voting 'yes', 29 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. We have Senate Bill 2862, Representative Weaver. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2862, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Weaver is recognized."

Weaver: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2862 is an initiative for the State Board of Education to, on an annual basis,

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identify what jobs in Illinois are in the highest demand and report their starting salary, median salary, and typical training or education required. This is a passion of mine. I do junior achievement teaching. A lot of what we talk about with students is trying to find careers that are going to be in high demand currently and in demand in the future so that we can help them get into high-wage-earning careers. I think that this is specifically beneficial for the trades. I know of no opposition. It was unanimous in the Senate and committee, and I would urge a 'favorable' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2862 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 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 6 of the Calendar of Senate Bills-Third Reading, we have Senate Bill 2879, Leader Manley. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2879, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Manley is recognized."

Manley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2879 increases the competitive bidding threshold for fire protection districts to purchase equipment directly from a dealer or manufacturer up to \$50 thousand, up from 20 thousand, while maintaining the current 20 thousand limit for labor and maintenance services. I'll take any questions."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, I don't know if you're aware, it was not your Bill, but we had a similar piece of legislation earlier. Actually, it was last spring. House Bill 1626, dealing with the threshold for all purchases and contracts. That Bill raised the threshold from 20 to 30, and I believe it... you mentioned that, in this Bill, the purchases and contracts would remain at 20. Is that accurate?"

Manley: "That's what my analysis says. Yes."

Windhorst: "And that prior Bill passed the House unanimously, 110 to 0. The... so this deals with the competitive bid threshold for those fire districts, for purchases of equipment would be raised to 50 thousand. Why is that necessary?"

Manley: "The State Fire Marshal has a grant program. It's called the Small Equipment Grant Program that offers awards up to \$26 thousand to qualifying fire protection districts. If a district receives the maximum grant amount, they want to be able to spend that money as soon as possible on equipment without having to go through a competitive bidding process, which costs the district time and money. And they could otherwise spend using this... and money that they could otherwise spend using the small equipment procured under the grant."

Windhorst: "Thank you. And this is supported by the Fire Chiefs..."

Manley: "Yes."

Windhorst: "...Fire Protection Districts, Illinois Professional Firefighters?"

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Manley: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Manley to close."

Manley: "Please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2879 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back on page 6 of the Calendar of Senate Bills-Third Reading, we have Senate Bill 2859, Representative DeLuca. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2859, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative DeLuca."

DeLuca: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It has become increasingly more difficult and cost prohibitive for smaller cities to operate wastewater facilities. Senate Bill 2859 establishes the way the Department of Revenue will assess nonprofit regional wastewater facilities for property tax purposes by saying these wastewater facilities should be assessed the same way regional water treatment facilities are currently assessed by the Department of Revenue. There is no known opposition, and I ask for your support."

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

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Windhorst: "Sorry for my delay, Mr. Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, this... the language in this Bill was contained in a Bill, I believe, last year. Is that right? House Bill 2507."

DeLuca: "Yes. It was in the tax omnibus legislation that was vetoed."

Windhorst: "And it passed both House and Senate. It was vetoed by the Governor?"

DeLuca: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And this is... a proponent is Illinois Rural Water Association? Is that correct?"

DeLuca: "Correct."

Windhorst: "And... and that Bill, House Bill 2507, was unanimous when it passed through the House. Is that correct?"

DeLuca: "I believe so. Yes."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

DeLuca: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative DeLuca to close."

DeLuca: "Thank you. Please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2859 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward in the

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Calendar, page 13, Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 461, Representative Ortiz. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 461, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have Senate Bill 1102, Leader McCombie. Out of the record. Returning to Senate Bill 1102, Leader McCombie. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1102, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Moving forward to page 14 of the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 2625, Representative Tarver. Representative Tarver. Out of the record. Moving forward to page 15 in the Calendar, Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 2918, Leader Smith. Leader Smith. Out of the record. Moving forward to page 17 of the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3767, Representative Avelar. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3767, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees will be meeting immediately after Session: Immigration & Human Rights will meet in Room 122B; Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing, & Charter Schools will meet in

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Room 115; Labor & Commerce will meet in Room 114; State Government Administration will meet in Room 118. Meeting at 4:00 is Higher Education in Room 122B, Appropriations-Public Safety in C-1, and Appropriations-General Services in D-1."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 780, offered by Representative Avelar. House Resolution 781, offered by Representative Hirschauer. And House Resolution 782, offered by Representative Weaver."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. 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. And now, allowing perfunctory time for Clerk, Leader Gabel moves that the House stands adjourned until Thursday, May 16, at the hour of 11 a.m. All in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5846, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5847, offered by Representative Moeller, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5848, offered by Representative Yang Rohr, a Bill for an Act concerning education. First Reading of these House Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."