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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 21, 2024: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 3426; approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 613, House Bill 4828; recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4447, Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5190, Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 5394."

Speaker Evans: "The House shall be in order. The House shall be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Leroy Campbell. Pastor Campbell is with Shiloh Baptist Church in Lockport, Illinois. Pastor Campbell is the guest of Representative Avelar."

Pastor Campbell: "As we stand here today, there'll be eight areas that I'll be praying for the House for, on today. But before I do that, we ask our Father in heaven to invoke his... to send his presence to... to be in this House today, that he dwells and helps each and every Representative do their job. So, Lord, we just come giving you thanks and praise for an opportunity to stand here. But most of all, Lord, I come asking you, Lord, to give each and every Representative here wisdom, Lord. Give them the wisdom of Solomon. And next, Lord, I ask that you give them boldness, Lord. Boldness, Lord, to just stand and to do the right thing. Then, Lord, I come asking, Lord, that they make provisions for everybody in the State of Illinois, Lord, that they'll look out for the people and not personal gains. Then, Lord, I pray for their health

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and strength, Lord. I pray for their mental as well, Lord. I ask, Lord, that you give... you strengthen them mentally and physically. And then, Lord, I pray for discernment for each Representative here today, Lord. That, Lord, that each one of them will be able to digest and... and be able to... to process everything that is said to them. And then, Lord, I come asking, Lord, that mercy is shown from this House, Lord. Mercy is shown to the people of the State of Illinois. And then second to the last, Lord, is peace, Lord. Lord, I pray that the business of this state can be conducted peacefully, Lord. And last, but not least, Lord, we ask that the grace is shown to the people of the State of Illinois. We ask that your grace be shown throughout all of these Representatives here, Lord, because grace is unmerited favor. Grace is favor we don't deserve. So, Father, these are the eight areas I come praying for in your son Jesus' name. Amen."

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

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

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

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

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

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Keicher: "Today, Mr. Speaker, on National Meditation Day, I am proud to announce that all Republicans are here to do the people's work."

Speaker Evans: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 114 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Representative Nichols, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Nichols: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Nichols: "It gives me great honor and... and privilege to... if you guys would stand up over here in the gallery. Yeah, y'all. This is an organization of my district, Something Good in Englewood, under the tutelage of Little Angels. This organization has been around for over 20 years, and they serve pre-K and kindergarten children. And the thing about it, over 90 percent are accepted into... to gifted schools. And when I first started here three years ago, this is one of my first initiatives. And I want to congratulate this chamber because they're building a school in Englewood right now. Because of everybody in this chamber, we are actually seeing the fruit and the work. Thank you all because that building is going to serve kids in one of the poorest communities in the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois. This is a lot bigger than, you know, when we do our business in here. That is the proof, and I love them. If miss... where she's at? There's the leader. This woman is... is amazing. She put in... she kept on top of my predecessor as well as me and it happened. So, thank you, guys. Thank everybody in this chamber. Thank the Governor.

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Thank the Speaker. Thank everybody that had everything to do with that building going up in Englewood. Thank y'all."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Severin: "I have the honor of having a young man with me on the floor today, Parker Johnson. He's the son of Benji and Dawn Johnson. He's a junior at Benton High School. He's involved in Scholar Bowl, plays in the jazz band, runs cross country, and he has the distinguished honor of being the YMCA Youth and Government Governor for this year. So, we'd like to stay here and talk longer, but we're heading over to the Stratton for the Governor of the State of Illinois to meet the Governor of YMCA. So, welcome, Mr. Parker Johnson. And we're off to meet the Governor."

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

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Croke, Chairperson from the Committee on Financial Institutions & Licensing reports the following committee action taken on May 20, 2024: do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 3412; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 3314 and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 3597. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on the Executive reports the following action taken on May 20, 2024: do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 2804 and Senate Bill 2978. Representative Tarver, Chairperson from the Committee on Counties & Townships reports the following

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committee action taken on May 20, 2024: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 694; and recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 3402. Representative LaPointe, Chairperson from the Committee on Mental Health & Addiction reports the following committee action taken on May 20, 2024: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 726. Representative Mason, Chairperson from the Committee on Child Care Accessibility & Early Childhood Education reports the following committee action taken on May 20, 2024: recommends be adopted is the Motions to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 2 to House Bill 4059. Representative Jones, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following action taken on May 20, 2024: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1479, Senate Bill 2442, Senate Bill 2744, and Senate Bill 3305. Representative Gonzalez, Chairperson from the Committee on Economic Opportunity & Equity reports the following action taken on May 20, 2024: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2968. Representative Evans, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following action taken on May 20, 2024: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2770; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 3649; and recommends be adopted are Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 793, the Motion to Concur with Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 3773, House Resolution 752, Floor Amendment(s) 6 and 7 to Senate Bill 1996, and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 2737. Representative Moeller, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following action taken on May 20, 2024: do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 1779. Representative Yednock, Chairperson from the Committee on

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Veterans' Affairs reports the following action taken on May 21, 2024: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 763. Representative Ann Williams, Chairperson from the Committee Energy & Environment reports the following action taken on May 21, 2024: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1837. Representative Guzzardi, Chairperson from the Committee on Housing reports the following committee action taken on May 21, 2024: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4206. Representative Slaughter, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on May 21, 2024: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2323 and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4567. Representative Mussman, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculums & Policies reports the following committee action taken on May 21, 2024: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4219 and House Joint Resolution 73. Representative Moeller, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following action taken on May 21, 2024: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1089, Senate Bill 3751. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following committee action taken on May 21, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 20... correction, House Bill 222, and the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4762, and the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 2 and 3 to House Bill 4875.

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Representative Andrade, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on May 21, 2024: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 898; and recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4925. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on the Executive reports the following committee action taken on May 21, 2024: do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 4718, Senate Bill 333, Senate Bill 688, Senate Bill 2665, Senate Bill 2906, Senate Bill 3410, and recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 817. The Chairperson from the Committee on Police & Fire reports the following committee action taken on May 21, 2024: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 4799. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 808, offered by Representative Gill; House Resolution 809, offered by Representative Buckner; and House Resolution 810, offered by Representative Mason, are referred to the Rules Committee."

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

Jones: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Jones: "I rise today to speak on the life of David Besler. David was, to his son, Patrick, he was a part of the insurance industry and part of life in Bloomington. David passed away on May 17. David resided in Bloomington. He contribute to many social organizations, but David was a part of the fabric of Bloomington. Surviving David, of Bloomington, is his wife, Anne. David was rich in friendships, and he had many

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friendships in the REALTORS Association, the Chamber of Commerce in Bloomington. But also, he was involved and he liked running marathons. David not only ran marathons here in Springfield, but he also was a good Chicago Bears fan, as we debate the Bears and debate the White Sox. David not only contributed to the insurance industry and also was a part of what we did here in Insurance Committee, but I want to stand up and tell his family, Patrick, and tell his wife, we are thinking about him. I thank the insurance industry for bringing this to me and wanted to honor his life. But I ask for a moment of silence for his life, his contributions to the industry, and also his contributions to what we do in Springfield."

Speaker Evans: "Please rise for a moment of silence. Thank you. Representative Ness, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Ness: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Ness: "I rise today in recognition of House Resolution 784, which acknowledges and congratulates a local author in my district, Mr. Phil Aleo. Mr. Aleo has written 25 books about local communities, including Dundee Township, where he lives, and Salem, Illinois, which is just up the road from us. Mr. Aleo has lived and resided in Dundee Township his entire life, and his current profession started out with just a natural curiosity in wanting to know more about the place he calls home. His first book, *Frozen in Time*, began as a project of personal interest, with no intentions of becoming a book. But as he talked about what he was doing, more people became

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interested, and thus a book was born. It's easy to understand why. Mr. Aleo's passion is infectious. When he talks about his books, it's hard not to get drawn in. He makes the work of researching seem fun, and after hearing him speak about his work, I knew I wanted to do something to acknowledge him. So, this morning, we held a small ceremony across the street at the State Library, where we added Mr. Aleo's books to the Illinois author section. Mr. Aleo is here with us today up in the gallery, so if all of us could give him a warm congratulations on 25 years of preservation and research that will serve generations for years to come. Thank you."

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

Halbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in support of House Resolution 805 today. Thank you. So, today, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, we're here to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Strasburg, Illinois. And with us in the Speaker's Gallery, on the Abraham Lincoln side of the aisle, is council members Bob Anderson and Dr. Ian Kinkley. Strasburg is a small, rural farming community just over 500 people in the southeast corner of the 107th District. Ladies and Gentlemen, just let me read a few expert... excerpts here from the Resolution. The Village of Strasburg was located on the Grand Prairie Trail in the southeastern part of Shelby County, which became a popular destination for covered wagons and people as they moved to the west. Because of the Richland Creek, they were able to water their animals there. Some of the first settlers to the area were in the 1850s, were from the southern regions of Germany, and later, in the 1860s and

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'70s, visitors or settlers came from the northern part of Germany, and then later, in the 1880s, the Pennsylvania Dutch settled there. The early settlers of Strasburg were a religious people and formed and founded the St. Paul's congregation, holding the first service there in 1866. Over the years, the Village of Strasburg has been home to hundreds of men and women who have loyally... loyally served their country as members of the U.S. Armed Forces in any number of conflicts, including the Civil War and the World Wars, the Vietnam War, Operation Enduring Freedom, and the village continues to be home to a number of military and veterans today. The... the village has several service organizations, which have donated numerous, uncountless hours and financial resources to raise and provide funds for many worthy causes in the community, the area, and beyond. These organizations are the American Legion Post 289, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Strasburg Lions Club, and the Strasburg Community Action Network. The... Strasburg stands as a shining example, Ladies and Gentlemen, of the result of hard work, self-discipline, and genuine care and concern for one's family and neighbors. Ladies and Gentlemen, Strasburg will hold their 150th anniversary on June 14 through the 16 in Strasburg, Illinois. And Ladies and Gentlemen, let's give them a warm welcome to Springfield as we celebrate with them today. Thank you."

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

Ugaste: "Point of personal... point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Ugaste: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, I heard today in Executive Committee we're talking about tax credits. Tax credits that will get others to invest in the State of Illinois to help the people of our state. And while I want... always want others to invest in Illinois, it seems odd to me that we're talking about all those tax credits, yet we have some people willing to invest in the future of Illinois and we're not taking advantage of it. And that is for the Invest in Kids Tax Credit. There are 9,500 children waiting on us, with their families, for us to make one of the best investments we can, the future of our children, and we still haven't taken it up. I'm asking you. We have four days left. I've seen things move quicker here. Please, let's get this done for the 9500 kids and their family in Illinois. Thank you."

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

Avelar: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to make sure that today I also get to welcome, we heard wonderful, a wonderful prayer from Pastor Campbell. But he's actually here also with his wife and child. So, Rhonda, Cashmere, who are also sitting here, if you could stand up. I just wanted to say welcome to Springfield. And a big shoutout also to my district director Jasmine Rubio, who has been very helpful in making sure that they have a beautiful experience today. Welcome."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Weber: "So, ladies and gentlemen of the gallery, you may have noticed that I have brought along a special guest here with me this week. So, this is my wife, Rebecca Weber. And, you know, she's an awesome mom, even more awesome grandma, and probably the most amazing woman I know. So, please join me in giving her a warm welcome to Springfield this week."

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

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And may I have a point of personal privilege?"

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Davis, W.: "Ladies and Gentlemen, many of you know, as you've seen the gentlemen walking around in gray, quarter zip pullovers with a unique symbol on their... on their chests, the Associated Firefighters of Illinois. They have descended upon Springfield for their annual lobby day and trip. You've seen them walking around the Capitol. I believe they may have even had a reception last night. But I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge two in particular that are from the South Suburbs in my district. If they would please stand. Join me in welcoming Scott Moran, formerly of the Homewood Fire Department, as well as Ricky Mendoza of the Riverdale Fire Department that are here joining us today, along with many of their other colleagues. Thank you very much."

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Speaker Evans: "Members, we'll be heading to the Calendar, page 9 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 463, Representative Hirschauer. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 463, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Hirschauer."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hirschauer on the Amendment."

Hirschauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 is a gut and replace and becomes the Bill. So, can we adopt, and I'll speak to it on Third?"

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 463, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hirschauer."

Hirschauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 463 is a cleanup Bill to the teacher tenure Bill that we passed last year. Due to an oversight, career and technical education teachers were left out of that tenure Bill. The Bill corrects for this error by ensuring that educators who hold a CTE or provisional CTE license are eligible for tenure and further clarifies that

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these educators are entitled to the rights and privileges of Professional Educator License holders. Finally, the Bill extends the deadline for the Performance Evaluation Advisory Committee to complete work by December 31, 2024. They need this extension so they can complete their work on a study of teacher evaluations. I am happy to answer questions and ask for your '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, I appreciate the description of the Bill. You mentioned the primary purpose is to expand tenure to CTE teachers. Is that correct?"

Hirschauer: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "As it relates to the Performance Evaluation Advisory Committee, we've extended out the time for them to do their work. Is that correct?"

Hirschauer: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "Are they going to be looking just at CTE performance evaluation or teacher performance evaluation generally?"

Hirschauer: "No, they are looking at general educator teacher evaluations across the spectrum."

Windhorst: "And this Bill passed 54 to 1 in the Senate, it appeared."

Hirschauer: "That's right. I appreciate you always doing that for me."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hirschauer to close."

Hirschauer: "I ask for your 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 463 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all the opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, 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 9 of the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 647, Leader Lilly. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 647, a Bill for an Act concerning health. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Lilly."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Lilly on the Amendment."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment is part of the Medical Health and Developmental Disability Code and are technical changes."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 647, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Lilly is recognized."

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Lilly: "Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. This Bill was brought to me by the Illinois Department of Public Health. And we are wanting to clean up language within the code to ensure that licensing and access to information around maternal child mental health is available, making sure that standardizing all of the birthing hospital codes for new moms, and it also allows licensing health care providers providing prenatal care directions. With that, 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: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, it appears the Bill mainly deals with maternal mental health. Is that accurate to say?"

Lilly: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "There are some provisions in the Bill dealing with changes to the Controlled Substances Act. I believe there are some language changes. I just wanted to ask you a couple questions about those. One is we change from referring to the term 'substance abuse' to 'substance use disorder'. Why was that change made?"

Lilly: "I believe that is the new terminology within the industry."

Windhorst: "And it also appears that we have deleted references to the terms drug abuse and addiction. Would you explain why those terms are no longer used?"

Lilly: "Again, they're new terminologies for both of those conditions."

Windhorst: "And if you could, I know you explained as you were leading into this, but as it relates to the maternal mental

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health portions, how will these changes improve mental health outcomes for... for mothers?"

Lilly: "As we're working to ensure appropriate and accurate health care for moms who are struggling with the mental health issue, it basically codifies recent mental health center renamings so that people are very familiar and using the same terminology. Eliminates redundancies related to maternal mental health, and it updates reference related to substance abuse. These are all come about because of the new advancement of this issue in our great country and our great city and state."

Windhorst: "I appreciate you bringing the... the Bill forward and the changes that you made related to maternal mental health. I know we often have debates in this Body over language changes, many of them we don't agree with. There's some issues I have here, but overall I believe that this is a good Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Lilly to close."

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

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 647 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Hernandez, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Hernandez, L.: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

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Hernandez, L.: "I just want to ask our Members to give one of my favorite first responders, the Cicero Firefighter's Local 717, a really nice, warm welcome from Springfield. We have Teddy Polashek at the helm and Chris Foltz, who knows his numbers."

Speaker Evans: "Moving forward to page 10 of the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 860, Leader Manley. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 860, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Manley."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Manley on the Amendment."

Manley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment 2... one second, sorry... is a gut and replace Amendment that is identical to House Floor Amendment 1, which was redrafted as a Floor Amendment to be adopted on the floor. So, House Amendment 1, briefly, amends the mental health and development disability statute and provisions concerning delegation of medication in home and community-based settings for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Legislation is truly about ensuring persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities are able to live more independently and maintain choice on how they administer their medication, particularly the self-administration of insulin. The legislation does not create a new program, does not mandate Medicaid coverage of new therapies, or contain a fiscal impact. It is simply updating and streamlining a process that has existed for over 20 years. The legislation

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is supported by the Illinois Association of Rehab Facilities and American Diabetes Association. DHS is neutral. I'll take any questions."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 860, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Manley."

Manley: "I think I nailed it on the Amendment."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Leader. It appears with the latest Amendment, there was an issue addressed related to insulin pumps. Is that accurate?"

Manley: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Why was that change necessary?"

Manley: "The change was... so, the Amendment removes language and the definition of GLP-1 receptor agonists in an injectable or auto-injectable form, which limits the usage of the drug to be solely used for type 1 and type 2 diabetes. GLP-1 receptor agonists can now be used for treatment of obesity as well.

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Also, with this definition, it adds language to clarify that a professional care staff shall not administer insulin or GLP-1 receptor agonists to individuals requiring blood glucose monitoring more than three times a day without the consultation and direction of a registered nurse. And so, this helps the definition of what an injectable form is, and who can administer it, and how those that will be trained to do that as well."

Windhorst: "And is... is this designed to deal with a situation where an individual is wanting to enter a CILA and prior law would not have allowed that to be possible the way the word or the terms were defined?"

Manley: "It will allow a person in a CILA that has to take an injectable form, let's say of insulin, mostly for insulin. They'll be able to administer it to themselves based on the family signing off on it and the fact that the nurse trainer will also make sure that they can do it themselves. It's all overseen and approved."

Windhorst: "And this is supported by the American Diabetes Association, Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, Illinois Society for Advanced Practice Nursing, and ANA Illinois. Is that correct?"

Manley: "Correct. Yes."

Windhorst: "Thank... thank you."

Manley: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Manley to close."

Manley: "Please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 860 pass?'
All in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The

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voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 8 of the Calendar of Senate Bills Third Reading. We have Senate Bill 3599, Representative Haas. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3599, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Haas."

Haas: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Senate Bill 3599 amends the Insurance Code to create a billing structure for mobile integrated health care services. It provides that all providers of group and individual policies and managed care plans to provide coverage to eligible recipients for medically necessary mobile integrated health care services starting January 1 of 2026. There's no opposition to this Bill, and I would answer any questions and ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3599 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 114 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 10 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 2371, Leader Buckner. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2371, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Buckner."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Buckner on the Amendment."

Buckner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 just changed the effective date to December 1 of 2025."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2371, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Buckner."

Buckner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2371 makes changes to the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act to clarify that attorneys who work as assistant state's attorneys, assistant public defenders, assistant appellate prosecutors, assistant public defenders, or attorneys in the Office of the Cook County Public Guardian are not managerial employees as a matter of law, opening up the door for these group of folks to establish collective bargaining rights through the IPLRA. The changes made in 2371 do not prohibit attorneys who work in these positions from being deemed managerial employees. If, after completing the routine fact-finding process that already exists, a person is found to perform job duties

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consistent with the definition of a managerial employee under the public relations... of the Illinois IPLR... IPLRA, some of these attorneys currently enjoy collective bargaining rights by virtue of voluntary recognition. SB2371 would codify those rights as well as expand collective bargaining rights to others. And I'm happy to answer any questions."

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. Leader, this would apply statewide, correct? All the public prosecutors and public defenders would be covered by this Bill. Is that accurate?"

Buckner: "Yes, Sir."

Windhorst: "Whether Cook County, with hundreds of prosecutors, or a county which has one assistant state's attorney, all would be covered?"

Buckner: "All 102 counties in the state. Yes."

Windhorst: "Is... there had been discussion in committee about including a no-strike provision. Is that included in this Bill?"

Buckner: "It's not, which you'll see if you look at your BA and you look at the... the kind of timeline of the Bill. We attempted to put an Amendment in that did that. And after we looked through it, you know, we both realized, one, that it wasn't necessary, and, two, that it would kind of skew what is already going on in some of these other units that are already collectively bargaining. And so, there... while there is no no-strike clause in there, what I will remind my colleagues is that in current Illinois labor law, there's the

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ability to deem who is an essential worker in order to make sure that the health and public safety of the state is not in jeopardy. So, if for some reason a strike happened, that, you know, the speedy trial process would not be... would not become an issue based on the fact that people are... are organizing in this space."

Windhorst: "Well, that... that gets to my points. So, while it's not explicit in the law, you believe Illinois labor law or federal labor law would prevent, say, public defenders from going on strike, which would implicate the speedy trial rights of defendants who may have to have their trials continued without their consent because of a new attorney being appointed. You believe the law is sufficient to protect against that possibility?"

Buckner: "I... I do believe that based on the folks who can be deemed essential. And then once that... that identification of essential employees is... then the impasse arbitration procedures would then be triggered to deal with whatever issues may be in play. And so, I do think that they... this covered all (unintelligible), what the current law is, in tandem with what we're doing here."

Windhorst: "I believe, if I understood correctly, the... one of the primary purposes of the Bill was to allow for these public attorneys, prosecutors, or defense attorneys to, of course, collectively bargain, mainly for wages. Is that the issue that's being addressed, is to deal with wages?"

Buckner: "Yeah, wages will be a part of what will be able to be bargained for. Yes, Sir."

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Windhorst: "But there would also be protections for their position as well, meaning they're... can't be fired at will. There would have to be cause and potentially a hearing process would have to be filed for someone to be replaced in those positions."

Buckner: "This is correct."

Windhorst: "Is that accurate?"

Buckner: "That is accurate."

Windhorst: "And so, that leads to my concern, coming from an area of the state where the state's attorneys' offices, in particular, are small offices. One attorney, one assistant state's attorney, two or three, where if there's a person who's not performing in the job, the ability to place... replace them quickly is important. Or it operates somewhat like a small law firm, where there's a close relationship and... would you just address those concerns as I've outlined them, why you think unionization in that setting is appropriate?"

Buckner: "Well, and I'll say this, Leader. I do understand that there is a difference between, for instance, Cook County and Crawford County, right? And I understand that the sizes of the offices and the way they operate may have some nuances that, you know, may make it more appetizing for folks on my side of the state to do this and... and not, you know, down where you live. But I want to remind folks that this is... this is not prescriptive, right? This is permissive. This... this does not automatically unionize anybody. This doesn't automatically organize anybody. It gives those folks the right to do so. And so, if it doesn't work in certain counties, I would expect that this won't ever be an issue."

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Windhorst: "I believe another issue that was raised, either in committee or maybe in the discussions on the Bill, is the fact that state's attorneys are constitutional officers. Their offices are created by... by, obviously, the State Constitution. Will this Bill run afoul of that constitutional protection for them to operate their offices?"

Buckner: "I... I don't believe so. I have heard the arguments to the contrary, but I... I don't see anything that stands out to me that... that makes me think that this will run afoul of... of current constitutional protections or what the spirit of the Constitution is for those folks in these positions."

Windhorst: "Because state's attorneys, of course... or, sorry, assistant state's attorneys derive their power from the state's attorney. They can't operate independent of the state's attorney. If the state's attorney is... resigns or is incapacitated, can't perform the job, then there has to be a special state's attorney appointed in order for those state's assistants to have authority. So, it... that, again, goes to the nature of that relationship that I believe demonstrates that this collective bargaining, particularly in smaller counties, as I outlined, is... is not appropriate. I, of course, expressed my reservations. I appreciate you answering my questions on the Bill. Thank you."

Buckner: "Thank you, Leader."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no additional discussion, Leader Buckner to close."

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

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2371 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The

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voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 73 voting 'yes', 36 voting 'no', and 1 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 9 in the Calendars, Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 774, Leader Gabel. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 774, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #5 is offered by Representative Gabel."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel on the Amendment."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to adopt Floor Amendment 5. Floor Amendment 5 simply states that the department will propose, rather than adopt, rules and also makes sure that the program will operate under the Department of Public Health."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of Amendment #5. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 774, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel is recognized."

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Gabel: "Thank you very much. Senate Bill 774 directs the Illinois Department of Public Health to create a Certified Medication Aide Program. This... the CMAs, the certified medication aides, will help in assisted living facilities and free up RNs to do the higher-level work that RNs are capable of doing. So, the... the CMAs have been utilized successfully in nearly 40 other states, and we hope that Illinois will be able to use them as well."

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, we had a pilot program in this state that operated this program, I believe up until June 30 of 2019. Did we learn anything from that pilot program?"

Gabel: "We did. We... the pilot program was very successful. We learned that there were no medication errors, and we... that is why we plan to move ahead with the program fully on now."

Windhorst: "How many medication aides operated under the pilot program?"

Gabel: "There were... there were just a few. I believe it was just at four locations."

Windhorst: "Is there a sufficient protection in this Bill for patient safety to make sure that the medication aides are sufficiently educated on... on issues of patient safety and... and distributing medication... administering it?"

Gabel: "There is. There is. They have... they have to be trained, and there is a training program for them. And then they are also overseen by RNs."

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Windhorst: "And have you heard any objections from nurses as to implementation of this program?"

Gabel: "There... there have been some nurses that have been concerned. They are concerned about safety. We've talked to them. The Illinois Nurses Association was... has moved to kind of neutral on the Bill. So, I think we've addressed their concerns."

Windhorst: "And how have you addressed those concerns?"

Gabel: "By having it be RNs and not LPNs or... or CNAs. That... that addressed them."

Windhorst: "Is there any liability protection that exists for the nurses?"

Gabel: "The... the nurses have their... the... they have their... their current liability protection. There... there's nothing new in this Bill."

Windhorst: "Will there be any liability to the nurses if the medication aides administer the wrong drug or..."

Gabel: "No. My understanding is that everyone has their own liability. Everyone is liable for their own actions."

Windhorst: "Thank you for answering my questions."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel to close."

Gabel: "This is a great Bill. You know, we've all talked about how we have a nursing shortage. We hope that this will be able to cut down the stress that nurses feel, and that this will share the work among others, and that we will be able to retain and have more nurses in our systems. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 774 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all 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 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Cabello, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Cabello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like the record to reflect that mine should've been a 'yes' vote on Senate Bill 2371."

Speaker Evans: "The record will reflect. Representative Wilhour, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Wilhour: "Thank you. The... the previous unionization Bill reminded me that earlier today, I came across a press release on the House union labor negotiations going down in flames. It's... it's an interesting and, frankly, familiar feeling around here. But it is nice to see that our side are not the only ones being gaslit and intentionally misinformed by House Democrat leadership. Now, I thought that the Democrats were just being duplicitous, but apparently, they're triplicitous. They will say or try anything to get out of a bad deal when it suits their interests. And while we're here breaking bad deals, I can think of a lot of other bad deals the taxpayers would like to... like for you guys to get us out of here in our state. So, I guess around here, the... the Lion's Club is a little different than the ones that we... that we have at our homes. If the Democrats can't be trusted to deal squarely

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with their own staff, imagine how dishonest they are with the people of Illinois. So, our message over here to you is, for all of you disillusioned and misled citizens in Illinois, Democrats, independents, however you identify, why not try something different? Give us a look over here. On our side, what you see is what you get. If we say something, we mean it. We're straight shooters. That's what this Body needs. That's what the State of Illinois needs. The people of Illinois deserve honesty, transparency, and integrity in their government. They're not getting that. We need to change it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Kelly: "Ladies and Gentlemen, as my colleague stated earlier, there are many members of the AFFI in and about the Capitol yesterday and today. And I'd like to recognize the president of AFFI, Chuck Sullivan, up in the gallery, and many other members up there with him. Tonight is the AFFI reception. It is in the BOS Center from 6 to 8 p.m. and hope many of you can make it. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Returning to page 10 in the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 2586, Representative Moeller. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2586, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Moeller."

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Speaker Evans: "Rep. Moeller on the Amendment."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 2586 is a page and line Amendment that expands on the definition of patient of record to now include patients with whom the dental provider has established a relationship through an exchange of protected health information for the purposes of providing emergency care, treatment, or services. I would ask for its adoption."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2586, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you. Senate Bill 2586 outlines parameters for teledentistry practice in Illinois. One important component addressed by the Bill is to specifically provide protections for patients who used direct-to-consumer dental appliances. In order to engage in teledentistry or use these products, this legislation requires a patient to either have a physical examination by a licensed dentist or the teledentistry dentist provide dentistry... teledentistry service... services has to have records for a patient who has an in-person examination. Starting orthodontic treatment without a proper diagnosis can result in significant problems. This Bill is a

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commonsense approach to ensuring... ensuring a proper standard of care and is an initiative of the Illinois Dental Association... or Illinois State Dental Society. Happy to answer any questions, would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, this Bill, as you outlined, deals with teledentistry. There has been a concern expressed that the Bill is... would, the way it's written, would limit teledentistry only to emergency care. Does this Bill limit teledentistry only to emergency care?"

Moeller: "It's... so, we have worked with the advocates to try to address their concerns regarding that provision. It's my understanding that, with the final draft of the... of the Bill, there is an acknowledgement that patients may be reaching out to a teledentist when a regular dentist is not available, whether that be during a holiday or over the weekend, to have... to receive consultation. But that does not replace the actual in-person care that a dentist should provide. So, short answer is that it doesn't only apply to emergency care. It applies to emergent situations, but does not supplant or replace actual in-person, in-chair dentistry."

Windhorst: "So, it doesn't apply only to emergency care. And then the opposite side of that question, does it in any way exclude emergency care for teledentistry?"

Moeller: "No. It does not exclude emergency care for teledentistry."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Moeller to close."

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

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2586 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 11 in the Calendar of Senate Bill-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 2628, Representative Chung. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2628, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Chung."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Chung on the Amendment."

Chung: "I have a question. Is there Floor Amendment #3, Mr. Speaker? And..."

Speaker Evans: "Which Amendment would you like to adopt?"

Chung: "We're adopting #3."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, please withdraw Amendment #2."

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

Speaker Evans: "Representative Chung on the Amendment."

Chung: "Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. The... I'll just speak about the Amendment. It just makes some technical, small technical changes, and we can discuss the Bill when we move it to Third. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2628, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Chung is recognized."

Chung: "Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. We passed the Bill, the... my companion Bill for this, which was House Bill 4207, last month. And so, this is just the Senate companion Bill. It... the Amendment changes a couple of things. One is that it replaces a very small drafting, typographical spelling error. And it authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to adopt emergency rules to implement the provisions. And it also reappeals the provisions related to emergency rulemaking one year after the effective date. And I ask for your 'aye' vote today. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Representative, I believe you hit on this. We have had a House Bill we voted on previously that passed unanimously that essentially is the same as this Bill?"

Chung: "Yes, you're correct. It's the same."

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Windhorst: "And this Bill will allow IDNR to have sufficient regulatory... regulatory authority to enforce the National Flood Insurance Program requirements among state agencies?"

Chung: "Correct. It's a... it's a really good thing that... for the IDNR to be able to do this so we can be eligible for federal... federal dollars, so..."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Chung: "Thank you so much, Leader."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Chung to close."

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

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2628 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving down page 11 in the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 2641, Leader Manley. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2641, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Manley."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Manley on Amendment 1."

Manley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment 1 is a gut and replace Amendment that makes the following changes: Removes the requirement for insurers to include a description of the process for monitoring beneficiary timely access to

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in-network physician specialists from the... from the required network adequacy filing. Number two, removes language requiring filing of a monitoring report for each network hospital that would include, but not be limited to, the number and percentage of physician providers in emergency medicine, anesthesiology, radiology, and pathology in an effort to ensure reasonable and timely in-network access to physician specialist providers at in-network facilities. And third, adds language requiring that, beginning January 1, 2026, each insurer demonstrate to the director of the Department of Insurance, that each in-network hospital has at least one radiologist, pathologist, anesthesiologist, and emergency room physician as a preferred provider in a network plan. Gives the department rulemaking authority to require additional types of hospital-based specialists to be included as preferred providers. This Amendment contains agreed language between the Department of Insurance, Illinois Life and Health Insurance, America's Health Insurance Plans, and the Illinois Society of Pathologists and brings all opponents to neutral. That's it."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2641, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Manley."

Manley: "I just explained the lion's share of what the Bill does. And I wanted to take this moment to personally thank... I was going to say, is there a doctor in the House? He is in the House... Representative Hauter, also known as Dr. Hauter, for his hard work in applying his knowledge to make a good Bill, even a great Bill. So, I thank him for that. I'll take any questions."

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. Going through the history of the Bill, it looked like there was some slight opposition to the Bill before Amendment 1. And if you could, just briefly outline what Amendment 1 did to remove the opposition."

Manley: "Do you want... do you want me to repeat everything I did in my..."

Windhorst: "Just, if it could be... it doesn't have to be all... everything."

Manley: "Basically, I'm going to tell you what it basically does. Provides better health care and insurance coverage for patients. It ensures that patient access to in-network hospital-based physician specialty services, including the pathologists, the radiologists, the awesome anesthesiologists, and emergency room physicians, are available. And gives the Department of Insurance, can add more specialists than by rule, if needed."

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Windhorst: "And.. and the pieces of that Amendment brought industry..."

Manley: "Correct."

Windhorst: "...to neutral and removed opposition in committee as well?"

Manley: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Additional discussion? Representative Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "Thank you. I just want to expand briefly, Leader. I want to thank you. And I don't know that I would say the doctor did everything, but he certainly did a good amount of getting everybody to the table, working well to get everybody to neutral on this, and send it back to the Senate a much better product. So, thank you very much."

Manley: "I'm going to hope I have a lot of Manley-Hauter Bills."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hauter is recognized."

Hauter: "To the Bill. So, thank you, again, for bringing this Bill. So, just to explain the Bill a little bit. We, a few years ago, I wasn't part of the General Assembly when this happened, but we created a network adequacy Bill for all specialists, all physicians, except for the in-hospital specialists, the anesthesiologists, emergency physicians, pathologists, and radiologists. So, what happened was insurance companies were excluding those in-hospital specialists from network. So, imagine that you go to the hospital, which is in your network, your surgeon is in your network, but your anesthesiologist is not in network. You have no idea, and you get a bill from an out of network

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physician that you had no chance to pick, and that goes with the radiologist and... and pathologist. This is a much-needed Bill. It creates at least one in-network specialist, and this is the year of in-network Bills. It's an important Bill. Thank you for... for passing this Bill. I urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Manley to close."

Manley: "Thank you. I'd appreciate support on the Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2641 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 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 11 in the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 2643, Representative Gill. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2643, a Bill for an Act concerning health. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Gill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Gill on the Amendment."

Gill: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to adopt Amendment #1, which brings the penalties to parity and also changes 10 days with 10 business days."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Gill moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it."

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And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2643, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Gill."

Gill: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2643 would institute stricter chain of custody and identification requirements for funeral homes and crematory authorities to ensure remains to their custody are identifiable. It also requires IDFPR to include new... these new requirements in its licensing exams, while also establishing clear criminal penalties for violations. This measure would require IDFPR to inspect the... inspect the premises of a licensee when it receives a complaint relating to the mishandling of human remains or the misidentification of remains. IDFPR would be required to inspect the premises within 10 business days of receiving the complaint. Stronger chain of custody requirements, timely inspections, and real consequences can help to restore trust in this important field. This is a sponsor initiative, and I... I want to thank Representative Rosenthal because I know I'm... I'm so proud to work with you on this Bill and Senator Turner. This... this is on behalf of the Sangamon... Sangamon County Coroner, following an investigation into a Carlinville funeral home that provided 50-plus families with cremated remains that did not belong to their deceased family members or in the method of a final disposition that differed from...

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from what was stipulated by the deceased or the deceased's next of kin. I'm... I'm so proud to work with you guys on this Bill, and I'm... I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Windhorst."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, the Amendment changed the criminal penalty for..."

Gill: "It lessened... it lessened one of the penalties, which actually brings it to parity."

Windhorst: "And what is that criminal penalty with the change?"

Gill: "Oh, it is the engaging in funeral directing or embalming without a licensee. It originally was a Class 3 felony. Now, we have it as a misdemeanor."

Windhorst: "And there... there remain other criminal penalties for mishandling of remains and other... the issues that we discussed"

Gill: "All of the other ones will remain the same."

Windhorst: "Yes, and those remained the same?"

Gill: "I'm sorry?"

Windhorst: "Those remained under the..."

Gill: "Those remained the same. The only one we changed was that last one."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Gill to close."

Gill: "I... please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2643 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all

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voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Sheehan, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Sheehan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can you let the record reflect that I change my vote to a 'yes' vote on Senate Bill 2371?"

Speaker Evans: "The record will reflect. Continuing down page 11 in the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 2644, Representative Delgado. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2644, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Delgado."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Delgado on the Amendment."

Delgado: "I would like to adopt Floor Amendment #2. It becomes the Bill, and I can discuss it on Third Reading, Mr. Speaker."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2644, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Delgado."

Delgado: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2644 is one of those rare occurrences where the General Assembly asks for a study to be conducted and something comes of it. So, Senate Bill 2644 will create a repository for advanced directives. So, currently in Illinois residents can establish advanced directives, allowing individuals to express how they want medical decisions made should they not be able to make them personally in the future. However, Illinois does not currently have a repository for those executed advance directives. So, that's what Senate Bill 2644 do... does, excuse me, starting with the uniform POLST form. POLST is the Practitioner Orders for Lifesaving Treatment. And so, this would create a repository... repository with the Secretary of State. It would be available to be accessed by health systems and health care providers, including EMTs, which is what the Amendment did. Individuals or their health care providers will be able to upload completed forms as well as amend or revoke previously submitted forms. This is an initiative of the Alzheimer's Association. I think folks who have these... this kind of situations really could benefit from having a repository like this. So, I think this is a great initiative, and I ask for an 'aye' vote. Of course, available for questions, Mr. Speaker."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

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Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, this establishes the Advanced Directive Registry. It... is it permissive for a person to submit the items or the advanced directives to the registry, or will that be required going forward?"

Delgado: "It's entirely permissive."

Windhorst: "I notice that the provisions require the establishment of the registry by the Secretary of State. Has the Secretary of State expressed a position on the Bill?"

Delgado: "I believe the Secretary of State is neutral on this."

Windhorst: "Is officially neutral on the Bill?"

Delgado: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Delgado to close."

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

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2644 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 112 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 11 in the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 2662, Leader Lilly. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2662, a Bill for an Act concerning health. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Lilly."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Lilly on the... on the Amendment."

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Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment is a page and line Amendment that changes other adults to other persons."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2662, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Lilly."

Lilly: "Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. SB2662 explicitly prohibits an advertisement of electronic cigarettes in a manner that are likely to cause a parent, adult, legal guardian, teacher, and other adults to mistake the electronic cigarettes for something other than the product of tobacco. I ask for your 'aye' vote. It also amends the Youth Vaping Act."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2662 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 112 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 11 in the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 2740, Representative Cassidy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2740, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Cassidy."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cassidy on the Amendment."

Cassidy: "The Amendment addresses some concerns raised by Access Living and creates opportunity for condo associations to be protected from liability based on the actions of developers who... who might have run afoul of this prior to the board coming into play. And I ask that it be adopted."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2740, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Senate Bill 2740 creates a mechanism whereby people with disabilities who live in condominium buildings or own in condominium buildings can get access to accessible parking. It gives guidance to boards on how to deal with, for example, if somebody were newly moving into the building and.. and spaces were owned by people who didn't have disabilities, how to handle making that switch so that the unit owner can have

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access to an accessible parking space. There are no... there's no opposition. It was worked on in conjunction with the Community Association of Illinois and Access Living."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, in the Bill, are there time frames for when an individual who is wanting to make use of the process here has to make their request made known to the board?"

Cassidy: "I believe so, yes. The... it lays out timelines both for the requester and for how the board responds."

Windhorst: "What is the process for what is described as either an aggrieved unit owner or a prospective unit order... owner to remedy any violation?"

Cassidy: "So, it... it simply makes sure that there is an opportunity to swap parking spaces. It gives timelines for them to do that and... and ensures that there is... that there is a mechanism for... even if somebody becomes disabled after purchasing a unit."

Windhorst: "What is the enforcement mechanism for those who are aggrieved?"

Cassidy: "There is a right of action against developers. So, if developers create a... create a situation where there is no accessible parking available or no way for the... the building to do that, there is a right of action against developers."

Windhorst: "And that can include declaratory relief, actual damages, punitive damages, and perhaps even equitable relief. Is that correct?"

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Cassidy: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cassidy to close."

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

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House... Senate Bill 2740 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 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving toward the bottom of page 11 in Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 2876, Representative Tarver. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2876, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Tarver."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Tarver on Amendment 1."

Tarver: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment becomes the Bill. Do you want me to give a brief description of what it is?"

Speaker Evans: "You can."

Tarver: "So, there were a couple concerns about whether or... this Bill deals with large event spaces and recycling. There was some concerns about whether this would apply to schools, to county fairs, and this Amendment clarifies those things as well as what entity is responsible for enforcing it. And it makes also clear that there is no private right of a action as it relates to this... to this matter."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2876, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Same pitch. It's the same Bill that I just discussed on Second. It deals with large facilities and recycling, and it makes clear who is exempted. I don't believe I was able to remove all opposition, and I'm fine with that. But I did work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle and the industry to put forth the best Bill that we could. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Windhorst."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, I believe last year... last year you had a similar piece of legislation, House Bill 1370, that dealt with this similar issue. I don't believe it's exactly the same but... but similar. And I believe that had a vote of 84 to 23. So, some Members on our side, you may want to look at HB1370. I know that's a lot to expect someone to know the differences between two Bills, but do you know what

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the difference between your current version and that Bill, as what changes were made?"

Tarver: "Well, I can tell you the initial difference is that in committee last year, I had no Republicans vote in favor of the Bill. This year, I believe they voted 'present', which I think was a nod to my hard work and responding to some of the concerns. Specifically, I believe, Representative Meier had some concerns about the number of individuals. So, we made it 3500. I believe he had asked for 2500 or less, so we went above and beyond there. There was concern that I think Representative Stephens had about a private right of action, even though they're doing great things in Rosemont. So, we made sure that that's clarified. There is no private right of action. And in addition to that, there was some concern about whether or not the facilities themselves had to handle all the recycling... recycling or whether or not they could just put forth the blue bins that people were used to and allow you to essentially recycle yourselves. I believe... oh, the last thing is, this clarifies, again, the fines and who is responsible for enforcing those fines. But, again, there is no private right of action."

Windhorst: "And who is responsible for enforcement?"

Tarver: "Either the municipal attorney or the state's attorney of that specific area."

Windhorst: "And so, state's attorneys have jurisdiction throughout the county. Municipal attorneys have it in each municipality. Who would be the prosecuting authority or how would that be determined under the Bill?"

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Tarver: "Well, let's... there's 'may' language. There's no 'shall' language. So, either or could, assuming they're not stepping over the other's jurisdiction. If you have a suggestion, I'd be happy to work over the summer on an Amendment that can further clarify that. But for today, I'd like to try to move this Bill forward, if at all possible. It doesn't take effect until January 1 of 2025, so we may have a little bit of time to further clarify if necessary."

Windhorst: "As a former state's attorney, I may have a little prejudice on where I think it should go. But I think that is important point that may need to be clarified where a state's attorney may say no to enforcement, but the municipal attorney says yes, or vice versa, could create some... some problems that may need to be explored. What are the potential penalties for violation?"

Tarver: "The first offence is a sliding scale, let me see, not less than \$750, not more than 1500. And then for additional offenses, it is not less than 1500, no more than 2500 for those additional offenses. Sorry, that answers the question?"

Windhorst: "It does."

Tarver: "Do you have a follow up?"

Windhorst: "And are there any exemptions? I know there was discussion from the county fairs whether they would be impacted or not. What is excluded from these requirements?"

Tarver: "School stadiums, county fairs, hotels, those three are specifically excluded from the definition."

Windhorst: "Well, I appreciate you answering my questions. There may be others from other Members, but thank you."

Tarver: "Sure. My pleasure."

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

Meier: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Meier: "I just want to say thank you. You have worked with us. You have listened to us. You've made this a lot better Bill than when it was first brought to us. You know, we... we don't like fines and... and raising things, but I want to say you've kept your word to work with us. I appreciate that. It is better. We all want to make the environment a better place. And thank you for working with us and listening to Southern Illinois."

Tarver: "Also my pleasure."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Tarver to close."

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

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2876 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 76 voting in 'favor', 36 voting 'against', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining on page 11 in the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 2658, Representative Moeller. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2658, a Bill for an Act concerning health. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2658, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is a House Committee Amendment #1 that adds subject to appropriation language to the Bill. It was adopted in committee, just to make acknowledgement of that. Senate Bill 2658 would add the... Duchenne muscular dystrophy test to the newborn screening tests for all newborns in Illinois. It provides that the testing occur within 6 months after the occurrence of all of the following milestones: Unless applied to an FDA approved screening test, the development and validation of a reliable method for screening newborns using dried blood spots and a method for conducting quality assurance testing. The availability of any necessary reagent for a Duchenne muscular dystrophy screening test. The establishment and verification of relevant and appropriate performance specifications as defined under the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments and regulations under the FDA. And the availability of quality assurance testing and comparative threshold values for Duchenne muscular dystrophy screening tests. The acquisition and installation of equipment necessary to implement the test. And other requirements of IDPH. Members may know that Duchenne muscular dystrophy is a universally fatal, rare pediatric disease that results from a genetic... genetic mutation leading to a lack of an essential protein named dystrophin, dystrophin-A. Without dystrophin,

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children experience progressive muscle deterioration and weakness, which leads to permanent loss in walking, feeding themselves, and eventually being able to breathe independently. This disorder affects males predominantly, but it can also affect females. It is... since 2016, the FDA has approved five therapies for DMD, and with early detection, these therapies are much more successful. That's why early detection is incredibly important. Would ask... happy to take any questions. Would ask for 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, you hit on a point I wanted to make, just to follow up on the subject to appropriation. It looks like there are... are two pieces to this that are subject to appropriation. First, the requirement that the Department of Public Health provide all newborns with the screening test. And then, subject to appropriation, requires a medical assistance program subject to federal approval to reimburse hospitals for costs associated with the screening test. With that first part with the Department of Public Health, do you know, if it were to receive an appropriation, how much that cost would be?"

Moeller: "Sure. According to IDPH, the cost would be about 5.6 million annually."

Windhorst: "And then with the second portion, which would potentially come from HFS, subject to federal approval, what would that potential cost be?"

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Moeller: "HFS projects that the cost would be about 5 million, and we would presume... and there would have to be an application to federal CMS to help with the Medicaid portion of the federal match portion. So, we would expect that there would be a federal match that would go along with that. But I'm glad you brought that up because I also did want to, for... for legislative intent, make note that HFS would not begin the application for federal CMS until after IDPH established the program here in Illinois. So, there would be a sequence of... of roll out for this program."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Moeller to close."

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

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2658 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. The Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Andrade, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Andrade: "Please let the record reflect that my intention to vote 'yes' on Senate Bill 2371. I did vote 'yes' in committee. Thank you very much."

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

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Clerk Bolin: "Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 21, 2024: approved for consideration, referred to the Order of Second Reading is Senate Bill 327."

Speaker Evans: "Continuing on page 11 in the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 2737, Representative Guerrero-Cuellar. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2737, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Guerrero-Cuellar."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Thank you, Speaker. Amendment 1 is... I want to adopt Amendment 1. It just really cleans out the Bill. It becomes the Bill."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2737, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Thank you, Speaker. Here... I'm here to present Senate Bill 2737, legislation that prohibits a not-compete

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clause and nonsolicit clauses for mental health providers that treat veterans and first responders."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, it appeared on the underlying Bill that the Illinois Chamber was opposed, but the Amendment brought them to neutral."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Is that correct? What did the Amendment do that eliminated their opposition?"

Guerrero-Cuellar: "So, the request was that we wanted to have a definition, a clearer definition, of a mental health professional."

Windhorst: "And that your..."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "And the Amendment did just that."

Windhorst: "...and your definition satisfied that?"

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Yeah. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2737 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received a Constitutional

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Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 12 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 2907, Representative Weaver. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2907, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Weaver."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Weaver on the Amendment."

Weaver: "The Amendment brings the Bill into accordance with DCEO's objectives."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2907, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Weaver."

Weaver: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2907 seeks to bring transparency to Illinois' workforce training programs. Every year, Illinois invests hundreds of millions of dollars in over a thousand job training programs that fall under DCEO, DHS, HFS, ISBE, community colleges, higher ed, and corrections, plus federal programs on top of local and charitable programs. Despite Illinois' generosity to support

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workforce development, there's no central data on how many programs we have, how much they're funded, how their funding is used, and what communities they serve. In order for citizens to use these programs, they need to know that they exist and our district staff needs to be able to find which programs best suit a constituent's needs so that we can help them get the training that they get. DCEO creating this report would be a huge first step to helping our citizens get the job training that they need. This was unanimous in the Senate as well as committee. I'd be happy to take any questions. I urge a favorable vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussions? Representative Davis, Will Davis, is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Davis, W.: "Representative, and I... I guess I maybe missed this in committee. According to our analysis, it says that House Floor Amendment #1 removes some of the minimum requirements of the report that DCEO must compile. Were there things removed?"

Weaver: "Yes. Specifically, there was an outcomes measure. DCEO's point being, let's, step one, get our arms around which programs they... there are. And then, step two, in the future, we can get our arms around what the outcomes are that we want these programs to be reporting."

Davis, W.: "Okay. There are a few other things in here that it says were removed also, but I guess what strikes me more importantly is that it removes demographic information."

Weaver: "Can you be... do you know specifically what the language says that you're referring to?"

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Davis, W.: "Well, I'm reading an analysis. And, again, as I read earlier, removes some of the requirements, including, and then there's a bullet point that says the outcomes of the program including, but not limited to, number of participants, demographic breakdown of participants. So, are we taking out that the report should report demographics?"

Weaver: "So, yeah, that... that would have been part of the outcomes. So, one of our goals is for the outcome to be able to say this is who we're helping, this is, you know, by demographic base, their employment afterwards, how much more money they're making afterwards. Given that there aren't any outcomes, there are no specific demographic outcomes within that."

Davis, W.: "So, I guess, simply for me, so I can understand, the report that DCEO will compile and then produce does not include demographic data?"

Weaver: "It doesn't include any sort of outcome whatsoever, demographic or... or otherwise."

Davis, W.: "Okay. So... and as much as you want them to report out certain types of information, you don't think demographic data is important?"

Weaver: "No, I... I think it's vitally important to the outcomes piece, which we have a commitment to... with DCEO to continue working on in the future once step one of the report is completed."

Davis, W.: "But if it's important, then why be okay with taking it out?"

Weaver: "I... their point, to which I agree with is, step one, you know, like I said, we have over a thousand job training

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programs, of which there's no central repository of. So, step one, let's see what all programs we have. And then from there, let's start try to on the outcomes, one of which I agree should be demographic outcomes."

Davis, W.: "But if we compile the number of programs first, but once they find out where the programs are, you're saying we need to come back with another Bill to then include that they reports should have demographic data in it instead of just asking for it on the front end?"

Weaver: "I... I agree with you, Representative. In order to remove DCEO's opposition, we removed the outcomes piece. I had it in there initially for a reason. I would love for it to have remained in there. Obviously, as you know, when you're negotiating Bills, certain pieces need to come out to get DCEO's opposition removed. This is one measure that they requested."

Davis, W.: "So, the opposition about demographic data was DCEO's opposition?"

Weaver: "Specific to outcomes, for all outcomes."

Davis, W.: "So, they were opposed to putting demographic data in there? And you... I mean..."

Weaver: "They were opposed to outcomes. We removed outcomes. One of the outcomes would have included demographic information."

Davis, W.: "I'm just trying to understand, and... and maybe I will never understand, why you felt that, in order to get this Bill passed, that that was something that you thought should come out, that you were okay with coming out with that. I mean, we talk about collaboration sometime. You should've reached out. I always think demographic data is important and

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that we need to know who we're training, where they're from, what they look like, the color of their skin. I would've stood with you. You didn't give me the opportunity. And then that's not necessarily, you know, I'm not trying to indite you for it, but that kind of information is important. Because at least for me, when I'm chastising agencies, the Governor's Office, whomever, it's about making sure that programs that we stand up, like you said, we spend millions of dollars on these programs, are reflecting the demographics of the state. Because the broader conversation to that is that if we're not putting people of color to work, and they have to access social services in order to survive and support their families, and we vote for those things on this side of the aisle, your side of the aisle doesn't like to support those kinds of efforts. But unless we are collecting the data to see where we need to do better, how will we ever know? And then we get kind of vilified because we support social service programs, we want more dollars in social service programs. And, unfortunately, a lot of that comes from your side of the aisle that doesn't want us to put money in those kinds of programs. I mean, this kind of works together some kind of way. And I guess I'm just disappointed that you felt that demographic data wasn't important enough to fight, to stand for in this situation when you're asking them to compile reports to see how all these millions of dollars are being spent. I... I guess that's... that's it. Now, and again, maybe you do think it's important, but if not here, then when do we get that information?"

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Weaver: "Yeah. Well, I so appreciate your fortitude on this subject. I look forward to working with you as we come back with a future Bill."

Davis, W.: "Well, hopefully, you will come back with the Bill because that type of information is important."

Weaver: "Agreed."

Davis, W.: "Because as much as your side doesn't reflect it, Black people live in your district, Black people live in all your districts as well. So, we'd like to know if the Black people in all of your districts are working as well. That's important. It's just important information to have. That's all."

Weaver: "I agree."

Davis, W.: "So, I hope that there's an opportunity moving forward for us to come back and collect that kind of information so we can see exactly how well we're doing with the millions of dollars that are being spent on training programs. Is that okay?"

Weaver: "I look forward to it."

Davis, W.: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Andrade is recognized."

Andrade: "Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Andrade: "So, I was very interested in what Leader Davis had... had to say. And so, I opened the Bill up. There's... there's no Amendments on it right now. I mean, it's just... it's just this one Bill, right?"

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Weaver: "We just passed Floor Amendment 1. We just approved Amendment 1. That was the Amendment that came back to committee."

Andrade: "So, does that mean that it doesn't show up on our... our computer when we hit full text? On the full text..."

Weaver: "Are you on Senate Bill 2907?"

Andrade: "Yeah, I'm looking at the full text, Senate Bill 2907 on our... on our system."

Weaver: "House Amendment 1."

Andrade: "Would it not show up here, on... on our computer?"

Weaver: "I can see it on Representative Elik's computer, so."

Andrade: "So, it's just in ilga.gov and it's not on our... on our system? Can some... I'm looking at the computer. It doesn't show. Okay. Okay. All right. Mr. Speaker, let me read this Amendment 'cause it wasn't showing up, and I just wanted to see. All right, thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? Representative Jacobs is recognized."

Jacobs: "Thank you, Chair. I... I'm also a little bit confused because, in my reports, it says reporting requirements is... to the Bill, I'm sorry. Reporting requirements in Section 10, 1... (5) (B), is demographic breakdown of participants. So, I think that that... that's all in there. I don't know if there's much ado about nothing, maybe I'm reading it incorrectly too. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? Representative Caulkins is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

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Caulkins: "Representative Weaver, is the first.. this is the first step. I mean, if we're going to start compiling information, we ought to at least know where these training programs are, correct?"

Weaver: "That's correct."

Caulkins: "And so, the purpose of your Bill is to get a common base, a database put together so that we know, so everyone knows, where these training programs are, state and federally funded, even privately funded for that matter."

Weaver: "That's correct."

Caulkins: "So, I guess I'm.. I'm a bit confused by the debate because before you could move forward and do all of this demographics and all these other profiling, you really need to know where all these programs are. And that's really all that your Bill is attempting to do, pull together all of these training programs so that now, when we want to search, we want to try to go deeper, we at least know where all these programs are."

Weaver: "Yeah, that.. that's exactly right. By getting our arms around what programs exist, how they're funded, what the.. what the objective of the program is, once we have all that compiled, then we can go deeper into how effective they are, who they're serving, what the outcomes are."

Caulkins: "Very Good. Well, I think it's a great idea, and I appreciate you bringing the Bill forward. And I hope everyone will support this Bill as we move forward as it was supported in committee. Thank you very much."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Andrade is recognized."

Andrade: "Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

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Speaker Evans: "Indicates he will."

Andrade: "So, I just want to understand, the... the only opposition to this Bill was by the department that wanted that removed?"

Weaver: "Initially, the Amendment removed opposition."

Andrade: "I'm going to be very honest. I don't care what they think. I like your original Bill."

Weaver: "Thank you."

Andrade: "I like your original Bill, and I think everyone here on this side will like your original Bill and support your original Bill. I don't care what DCEO says. I don't think Davis does. I don't think anyone does. We... well, you know what? I can't say we. I say I, but I would have to assume that Members on my side would support your original Bill no matter what the department says. I think everyone here wants to... to know the demographics. I... I was reading your original Bill. It seemed very simple. It seem... what it says, job training transparency. Not limited, but it says... on your Bill, it said demographics. So, I want to support your original Bill. And I think leadership, you would probably bring it back and bring up your Bill. I think we should support your original Bill, and who cares what that department says because it's opportunity, economic opportunity. And if we don't know who we're helping, we don't know if we're providing economic opportunity. So, I would... I just say we... we support your original Bill. Because the new Bill is not your Bill, and it's not a reflection of what you wanted to do, right?"

Weaver: "Yes."

Andrade: "And I know you, and you see, I've gotten to know you. Your Bill, original Bill, is what you are..."

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Weaver: "Thank you."

Andrade: "...what you believe in."

Weaver: "Thank you."

Andrade: "This Bill is not you. This Bill is not you. And if I were you, I would not accept their change and tell them, you know what, my colleagues are here to support me, and we don't need you. All I'm saying is, I like your original Bill. That's a reflection of who you are, and we've gotten to know you. This Bill here is not a reflection of you. And if it's just the department opposing the Bill, I think most Members here would support your original Bill if they see that original language. The original language is the intention of the Bill. So, I'm... that's just my two cents. I'm here to support on your original Bill. You know, this Bill is not you, and if I were you, I wouldn't accept it just because the department doesn't want it. So, if you read it, his original Bill, colleagues, you would like it. I'm saying we support him. But I just... that... Leader Davis is right. Is... this Bill does just the opposite of what he wants to do. That's my two cents, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Any..."

Andrade: "I would rather support your original Bill because that's a reflection of who you are. This Bill here is not... is not who you are and what you stand for. So, you let us know, let me know, and other Members here. You know, it's... I think, believe that our Members would support you on your original Bill, regardless of what the department wants to do. Now, get this, I didn't read it yet, but the Floor Amendment was it... it's a Senate Floor Amendment or was it a House Floor

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Amendment when it came over right now? Did you... did we file it here?"

Weaver: "It's a House Amendment."

Andrade: "Is it... parliamentary question. Is it too late to table that Amendment?"

Weaver: "If... if I may?"

Andrade: "Okay."

Weaver: "My first day here, the agreement was your word is your bond. When you give somebody your word, you stick with it. My agreement with DCEO is to do this Bill as a first step to continue working with them and to come back in the future and work on what we all in this chamber, I believe, want this Bill to end up being. I have confidence in DCEO of how we're going to work this. We have a short window to get this done where we're getting our arms around where all the programs are so that we can come back in the future and do this the right way. My word with DCEO is we're going to do this. Their word back to me is that we're going to do this and then we're going to add the outcomes in later. I wish to stick with my word. I don't wish to change the Bill. I would appreciate an opportunity to vote on this..."

Andrade: "Okay."

Weaver: "...in its current form."

Andrade: "Are you saying... you know what? Screw DCEO. But... 'cause it's... I just, I'm disappointed in them that they would actually take out the demographics. That's how I feel about DCEO right now, disappointed. Disappointed that they would want to take out what their whole department is supposed to

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do, economic opportunity. So, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? Representative Guzzardi is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Guzzardi: "Representative, I missed the earlier portion of the debate, I apologize for that. Can we just talk about the changes that are contained in House Floor Amendment 1? I'm trying to look at them side by side and figure out what's going on. I think what I see is that the original Bill that came over from the Senate had 5 provisions in Section 10(B), 5 things that the report shall identify. And that, in the Amendment, two of those were struck, number four and number five was removed. Is that correct?"

Weaver: "I am trying to pull it up, but I believe that's correct, yes."

Guzzardi: "Is that the only change that the Amendment made? It's hard to compare side by side when they're gut and replace Amendments, so."

Weaver: "The only other, we change it from 12 months to compile to 18 months to compile. The... the main piece was, they felt like in the time window that they had, they would not be able to accomplish the outcomes portion of it. They asked that we would remove the outcomes portion, do the first part so that we could at least get something started, and then come back and add the outcomes in."

Guzzardi: "Got it. So, the two paragraphs that were removed, one is that it says, 'the population served by the organizations

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that receive funding and the demographic breakdown of that population.' That's one paragraph that got removed."

Weaver: "I'm sorry, could you repeat that question?"

Guzzardi: "Oh, sure. I'm just trying to make sure I... I'm identifying correctly the language that's been removed in the Amendment."

Weaver: "Yeah. So... so, this... the project of this is to identify sources of funding and to identify all of the programs. Once we come... once we know what the programs are, then we can dive into what's the demographic... the demographic breakdown of them. What is the outcomes of the demographics that it's serving? So, really, the priority of this is to say what... what programs do we have throughout the state that we're funding? Where does the funding come from?"

Guzzardi: "No, and I think it's a noble and worthy goal. I think the frustration you're hearing from Members on our side of the aisle is that the Bill that came over to us from the Senate took into account something that many of us feel is really important, which is what communities are being served by these programs. As you say, it's important to know what the programs are, I think it's also important to know whom they serve. And I think to see that the only language that was kind of lined out over here in the House, in our chamber, was language that was specific to demographics of who is being served by these programs, that's... I think you're hearing many of our colleagues wonder why our Body is insisting on that particular change."

Weaver: "It's... it's not that the demographics language was stricken, it's that the outcomes portion of it. In other

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words, if somebody does a program, were they employed before and were they employed after? How much were they earning before annually, and how much were they earning before or after? That's the outcomes that we wanted to be included in this, along with demographics. But the ask of DCEO was remove the outcomes piece. Within outcomes piece is additional data that you're referencing, which I agree we need to be getting. But... but the reason it was stricken was... was nothing germane to what the demographic breakdown was. It was all about them not having the time to compile the outcomes portion of it."

Guzzardi: "But this is what I was trying to read from the Bill language here. Because another paragraph that was removed in this House Amendment is paragraph 4, which says, 'the population served by the organizations that receive funding and the demographic breakdown of that population.' So, that's not an outcomes piece. That's just like a who are you all serving question. I'm not... I'm not trying to drill down over much. I just want to make sure we're on the same page here about what changes we actually made."

Weaver: "Yeah. I... I understand. So, was that a question?"

Guzzardi: "I suppose it wasn't. Good point. To the Bill. I would just say that I... I agree with my colleague, my seatmate... I agree with my seatmate. I... I think that this Bill, as it came over to us from the Senate, contains some really important information. And I'm... I think it's unfortunate that the House's action on this Bill is to remove that information and limit the amount of demographic data available to us as a result of the passage of the Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Tarver is recognized."

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Tarver: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Tarver: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess most things have already been hit, so I won't belabor the point. Just a quick question, Representative Weaver. Who are the opponents on the Bill?"

Weaver: "There are none."

Tarver: "Okay. Was DCEO ever an opponent on the Bill?"

Weaver: "There was no slip filed."

Tarver: "That's what I'm getting at. So..."

Weaver: "They..."

Tarver: "Yeah. No... so, no, you answered the question. That's what I'm getting at. And here's the problem oftentimes with the administration. They come behind essentially closed doors, say we have a problem with this, do this, do that, tweak it. We are a coequal branch of government. We do not have to appease departments. We do not have to appease the Executive Branch as a general matter. If DCEO, just like ISBE and others, continue to do, they have an issue with Bill, they should slip their opposition, and publicly say we don't want the demographic information. That's what they should do. That's what they should do. They should not... and I realize that you're in the kind of super-duper minority on this one, whatever, right? They shouldn't come to you, and it's probably difficult for you to all move Bills as a general matter, and so say, hey, take this out and then, you know, we'll be okay. Either they oppose a Bill, and they have the fortitude, the respect, and transparency to say that, or they don't. So, I like the original and underlying Bill. I think most people here do. It's your prerogative. I would suggest maybe pulling

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it from the record and moving the original Bill, if at all possible. But this... it happens so often where the administration continues to, behind closed doors, oppose things and not have the fortitude to say it in public. Demographic information is important. I... I appreciate the intent of your original Bill. I appreciate you standing here taking darts for the administration, but I don't think you need to do that. The original Bill is just fine. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, did this Bill go through committee?"

Weaver: "It did."

Windhorst: "Which committee did it go through?"

Weaver: "Labor."

Windhorst: "I believe several of our speakers on this Bill sit on the Labor Committee. Is that correct?"

Weaver: "Correct."

Windhorst: "What was the vote on the underlying Bill in committee?"

Weaver: "Unanimous both times."

Windhorst: "What was the vote on the Amendment in committee?"

Weaver: "Unanimous."

Windhorst: "And you have committed to working on this issue moving forward to address concerns that have been raised by several of the speakers on this issue?"

Weaver: "That's correct."

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Windhorst: "And that is your word. As you've stated, you intend to keep your word not only to the administration, but also to this Body."

Weaver: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "Well, I appreciate you keeping your word. I think that's important. You know, being in the Minority Party, sometimes you have to rely on information you receive from the Democratic administration, from the leadership of this Body, and I appreciate you working with parties to attempt to achieve your goal. Thank you."

Weaver: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any additional discussion? Representative Cabello is recognized."

Cabello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, I don't mind running a Bill that has opposition. In fact, I've done it several times, and you've helped me support it. But, as of recently, there's been several Bills that have not been called in different committees because they were not agreed Bills. So, Representative Tarver, I agree with you a hundred percent, but we're getting mixed messages. So, at one point in time, we're being told it has to be an agreed Bill, and then now, we're hearing that it doesn't have to be an agreed Bill to come to the floor. So, I think we would all be willing to abide by what we... what you guys want. We just need to know, and we need to not have the mixed messages. And I... I believe that Representative Weaver would be more than willing to come back with a trailer Bill to take care of those issues that have been raised, but to try to stop it here at the last moment, I don't think is fair,

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especially after it's gone through committee. And Mr. Weaver, Representative Weaver is a man of his word. He would fix this for you, if you so wish. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davis' name was used in debate.

Representative Davis is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicates he will."

Davis, W.: "Representative, who's initiative was this Bill?"

Weaver: "It was a combined effort between Senator Syverson and a constituent."

Davis, W.: "Okay. Does this Bill have a price tag?"

Weaver: "I'm sorry?"

Davis, W.: "Does... let me rephrase that. Did the original Bill have a price tag?"

Weaver: "It was subject to appropriation."

Davis, W.: "Do you have any idea how much it would cost?"

Weaver: "They had said a number up to 300 thousand. I... I really believe that the number was them not wanting to do the project, as opposed to the actual cost of the project. Once appropriation was moved, they had no concern with their capacity to deliver on this objective."

Davis, W.: "Well, so... so, as a couple of my colleagues on this side have stated, they like the original Bill. So, if the original Bill had a cost, okay, we understand that. I've passed Bills that have had costs as well. So, if you're suggesting that it was subject to appropriation, have you filed an approp Bill? Have you had a dialogue with any of the approp chairs about the possibility of covering the cost of this report?"

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Weaver: "Sorry, I may have misspoke. They would have liked for it to have been subject to appropriations so then they could kill it in the back door. It was not initially subject to appropriation."

Davis, W.: "I mean, well, subject to approp means..."

Weaver: "It never was."

Davis, W.: "Obviously, if it's... if it's dollars attached to it..."

Weaver: "Yeah."

Davis, W.: "...then it would have, the dollars would have to come from somewhere. So, right now, if you're saying the Bill is not subject to approp, then if they didn't do it, then no harm no foul, right?"

Weaver: "I'm not sure I follow you. The... the Bill is for DCEO to create the report."

Davis, W.: "But if it costs money to do so and it's subject to appropriation, if there's no appropriation, then it doesn't happen, right?"

Weaver: "No. As I said, I believe that they were giving dollar amounts as... as a method of trying to kill the Bill, not because there was an actual objective cost associated with creating the report. All... all that they need to do is send an email to state agencies and say give me the programs that you have and where they're funded. It's not a big ask."

Davis, W.: "I'm not saying it is. I'm... a) I was asking did it cost any money. You indicated that it may be that they used the phrase 'subject to appropriation' as a way to push you off the Bill. I'm just asking you is there any truth to it? Is it a cost associated? And if so..."

Weaver: "I don't believe so."

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Davis, W.: "You don't... you think it doesn't cost anything for them to compile reports?"

Weaver: "In this current form, any cost associated with it would be incredibly miniscule. In its initial form, perhaps \$100 thousand, perhaps."

Davis, W.: "Maybe, okay, but that would still be 100 thousand subject to appropriation. And if they didn't appropriate the \$100 thousand, then this doesn't happen. And you'd be okay with that?"

Weaver: "I guess I'm not clear on your question. Would I be okay with this Bill not happening? No, I would not be okay with that."

Davis, W.: "Okay, but if it's subject to approp, whatever it may be..."

Weaver: "It was never subject to approp. They asked for it to be so they could kill it after it passed."

Davis, W.: "But you... but you yourself have indicated that it may have a cost. May have a cost. And I'm just asking, did you ask... I mean, did you... did you go the next step and say, well, if there's a cost and it's important to me, then maybe I should have a conversation with this side of the aisle about trying to find dollars associated to it so it can happen? Did you implore your Leader to have a conversation with the Speaker and say, hey, this is important, it may have a cost, can we find the money to do it?"

Weaver: "It was never about the cost. It was... as we know, people try to kill Bills for various reasons. One reason, they inflate a cost, they give you a cost that's unreasonable."

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Cost was never about it. It was that they didn't want to do the report."

Davis, W.: "Well, but... but if it was really about trying to kill the Bill, then all we had to do was file... file a Motion to... for them to... a fiscal note. I'm sorry that's what it is. We could've just filed a fiscal note. Whether you agree with their assessment or not, they would've threw a cost on it, and then we may not be having this conversation. So, I'm just trying to ask, if you knew that there may be a cost, was there an additional conversation about trying to find the cost? I'm trying to respect the importance of the Bill that you're bringing forward. And if it had a cost associated with it, did you have any conversation, did anyone over there that carries the term majority... Assistant Minority Leader have a conversation with anyone on this side about trying to find the money for it?"

Weaver: "It was never..."

Davis, W.: "I respect what you're trying to do."

Weaver: "It was never about the cost."

Davis, W.: "I'm... believe it or not, I'm actually trying to help you. I'm trying because right now..."

Weaver: "I... I don't doubt that. I... I've told you I appreciate your fortitude, I appreciate your passion for this. I share it. I filed the original Bill. That's what I wanted it to be. I'm with you, Representative. That's what I wish would have happened."

Davis, W.: "Okay. But... so, did the Amendment that you filed to remove, I guess, opposition, did that also make the Bill subject to approp?"

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Weaver: "No."

Davis, W.: "It didn't? So, if it had some money attached to it, some dollars, meaning a cost, then that would have been the way, right? To make sure it got passed. Because generally we vote for those Bills that are subject to appropriation. We file them on this side. I believe your Members file them on your side. And my guess is that most, if not all of them, pass because we're not committing any dollars to it. So, I'm just asking, if that were the case, did you have a conversation to say, if there's some cost associated, is there an opportunity to find whatever it is, 50, 100, 250, 300, in the budget for them to do the study you want, compile the data that you're asking for, for future analysis? So, I'm going to respect your Amendment and say, okay, that's fine. We're not asking for the demographic data right now, but you're asking them to compile something. So, if that's your step one, then, presumably, step two would be the things that I'm asking about and some others have asked about. I'm just asking you, would it have been worthwhile to get it done to either a) make the Bill subject to approp, just to eliminate any opposition, or at least have a conversation with this side of the aisle?"

Weaver: "Step two may require an appropriation. I look forward to having that discussion with you as we work on a future Bill."

Davis, W.: "Okay. So, if you're going to file a future Bill, and I assume you are, then we'll file a fiscal note along with it and we'll see how much it costs. And then we'll go from there. Is that what you're suggesting?"

Weaver: "Not quite, no, but..."

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Davis, W.: "Why not? If we want to know..."

Weaver: "Because I did... because said I'd like to fire a Bill with you in a future year. In that, I would say let's work on it together. We'll make sure it's funded. We'll pass the Bill. So, there won't be no necessity for a fiscal note if we're going to have a Bill together that I look forward to you being a chief-co on."

Davis, W.: "Which I would have no problem doing."

Weaver: "I look forward to it."

Davis, W.: "But... but even if there is a cost, even I'd want to know the cost. I file fiscal notes on my own Bills because I want to know the cost sometimes. And then if there is one, now I have to be an advocate for not only my Bill, but the dollars associated with it. And I... I don't know if that's how you want to do things as a Legislator. Maybe you just want to pass what you think are great policy things, if they cost money, won't worry about that. I don't... I don't know. But if you're trying to get this done, I guess I'm offering you some suggestions on ways to try to get it done. But the fact that you filed an Amendment that you say removes the DCEO opposition, where DCEO is saying you don't have to collect the demographic data now is just problematic. That's all. It's just problematic."

Weaver: "Thanks."

Davis, W.: "And I... I don't understand why you would agree to an Amendment that takes that away. You've talked about your process, one, two, three. Why not collect that on the front end? And then step two is analyzing the data to show the failures where there is no diversity, where there is no color

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in those areas where you can't have it. Even I have to respect that. I know there's some parts of the state where diversity doesn't exist in any great numbers. I went to school in Carbondale. Trust me, I understand it. And I have to respect that. But if at the end of the day that's one of the things that's important, and it should be important when we're doing that because, if we want to employ people, we want to know where people are that are underemployed or not employed so we can do better about making that happen. Wouldn't you agree?"

Weaver: "I do."

Davis, W.: "Okay. So, I guess you're tired of this debate then. I appreciate your time Representative. I'm not generally a vote 'no' kind of guy. Unfortunately, this is just one of those instances where..."

Weaver: "Hey, I vote 'no' all the time. I get it."

Davis, W.: "Well, I know. I understand. I understand. But I'm... I think I'm trying to figure out a way that we can get where you're trying to go. So, if this one doesn't pass, then let's work, file a new Bill, work together to make sure that we are collecting all the necessary information on the front end. It's important to do it on the front end because sometimes when we say we'll get to it, a lot of times we never get to it. So, I'm hoping that, if this Bill does not pass, that you'll be inclined to do just that and file a new Bill so that we can do it the right way the first time instead of having to come back with various trailers. When we have the opportunity to do it, we should do it. I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, I want to respect what the Member is trying to do with training programs because those

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things are important to the Members on this side of the aisle as well. Just the fact that on the onset he decided that taking demographics out of it, and for me that's race demographics in particular, is just very, very problematic. Maybe, in the sake of trying to get to where he's trying to go, this one needs to be kind of balled up, thrown in the garbage, and we come back with a new Bill, working together collaboratively to get it done. And this is just one of those times where, unfortunately, I just got to encourage Members to vote 'no'. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? Representative Crespo is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Crespo: "Representative, I'm a little bit confused. I see some clarification here on the subject to appropriation issue. So, I'm looking at the Bill. I don't see any reference to subject to appropriations, correct?"

Weaver: "No. That's correct. It's not."

Crespo: "Which implies, then, that this is a directive to DCEO to conduct a study."

Weaver: "Gather a report, but yes."

Crespo: "To do the report."

Weaver: "Yeah."

Crespo: "I mean, there's... but that's subject to appropriation. There's no condition. It's just basically saying you have to do this."

Weaver: "Correct."

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Crespo: "Okay. Which means that if this Bill is signed by the Governor, if it passes the House, this will be part of our BIMP and budget Bill sometime this week. It will be a budget pressure."

Weaver: "There's not a cost associated with it. So, I'm not sure I understand the question."

Crespo: "I... I thought you said that they had alluded to a cost of like \$100 thousand or something."

Weaver: "As a negotiating tactic. There's not a..."

Crespo: "Well, there's a cost associated with everything."

Weaver: "Sure."

Crespo: "It could be \$10, I don't know. The issue is that the way it is drafted right now, if it passes, it will be part of our BIMP to implement the budget. Meaning that we would have to support, whether it's \$100, whether it's \$1 thousand, whether it's \$100 thousand, whatever it's going to cost the agency to conduct this... this study, there's a cost associated with it, right?"

Weaver: "Yeah, fair point."

Crespo: "Okay. So, then, my... my question, then, would be is, if there's going to be a cost associated with this and we're going to have to vote for the BIMP, are you going to support the BIMP and the budget to support this?"

Weaver: "You know, this is a big week for budgets. I look forward to robust discussion on it. And I would love to see a budget, and perhaps I could support it. But I'm... I'm undecided at the moment."

Crespo: "Okay, thank you. Thank you, Speaker."

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Speaker Evans: "Any additional debate? Representative Reick is recognized."

Reick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I've been sitting here listening to this, and I sat in the Labor Committee as well. When we voted on the Amendment, which came out unanimously, 29 to nothing, the votes also included several of the Members who spoke so eloquently about costs, demographics, and all that kind of stuff. None of those questions were asked in committee. I wonder why. What is dropping from LRB that they want to waste all that time talking about this Bill? And since when do the folks on that side of an aisle give a tinker's damn about how much something costs? This is ridiculous. Good afternoon, Representative. But the fact is, is that this Bill came out of committee unanimously. The... the Amendment came out unanimously, including several of the Members, as I've said, who've spoken on this... on this Bill, asked very pointed, and I think, questions that just didn't need to be... could've been asked and should've been asked in committee because maybe we would've had a more robust discussion and the committee Amendment would've failed. But the simple fact is, is that having this long discussion on this Bill tells me there's something else afoot. And I just can't wait to see it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

Stava-Murray: "Thank you. I'll be brief. So, I want to support this Bill, but I do, as my colleagues have pointed out, have deep pause with demographic information being taken out. Particularly being a woman, knowing that women are still

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considered minorities in businesses, even though we make up half the population, I think it's very important that demographics not get left out. So, I'm, unfortunately, going to have to be a 'no' vote, but I hope... I would hope that you could take it off the record and maybe remove the Amendments or something like that. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any additional debate? Seeing none, Representative Weaver is recognized."

Weaver: "This is a good Bill. This is a good Bill that's going to help people in the State of Illinois get the job training that they need. Our constituents call our offices wanting to have a more prosperous future, and they don't know what programs are available for them to take advantage of. This Bill helps them take advantage of their programs. Furthermore, I wanted to pass the original version of this Bill that focused on demographics and outcomes. And I was told that, until the DCEO opposition was removed, it was not going to get called into committee. So, it's up to you guys. Either you guys say we're going to run it, if... even if the agency doesn't want to, fine. I would love to do that. But the... but the position I was in is nothing at all, nothing at all that's going to do nothing to help our constituents, nothing at all that's going to get people job training, nothing at all that's going to help anybody provide for their family, nothing at all that's going to raise the ceiling of somebody's life and their workforce opportunities. Nothing, or this, that is a first step that does something for our constituents and creates an opportunity in the future to do what we all want to do today. We can still do it later. So,

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nothing at all, nothing, nothing at all, wasn't going to get into committee, or something. Something that will help our constituents have better lives to provide for their families and reach their potential. That's what this Bill does. This is a good Bill that takes advantage of Illinois' job training programs. If you want to vote 'no' on that, if you don't want to support Illinois' job training programs, if you don't want to help people be more prosperous, if you don't want to help people provide for their family, by all means vote 'no'. If you want to have a first step towards a Bill that is good for Illinois constituents, I urge a favorable vote. Don't play games. Let's give people a better life in Illinois."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2907 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 70 voting 'yes', 5 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Schweizer, what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please take... please speak your point."

Schweizer: "Yes, Ladies and Gentlemen, I have something I think is much easier for all of us to agree upon, and that's giving accolades to heroes. And I have four of those firefighters from my district, Local 429. If you could please stand. I have Lester Potts, Lucio Torres, Matt Kosik, and Chad Busick.

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I want to welcome you to Springfield, and if we could give them a warm welcome, I'd appreciate it. Thank you."

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

Morris: "Thank you, Speaker. I would like to give a warm welcome to Lawndale Christian Legal Center that's here, which serves in my district. They do great work in my district. And I would like this Body to give them a round of applause. Thank you, guys, for all your hard work. I appreciate you."

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

Keicher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If the record could please reflect an excused for the rest of the day for Representative Sheehan."

Speaker Evans: "The record will reflect. Returning to the Calendar of House Bills--Second Reading. We have House Bill 5172, Leader Mah. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5172, a Bill for an Act concerning government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5172, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Mah."

Mah: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 5172 is identical to House Bill 3050, which passed in this chamber already once before last year. This Bill ensures equitable access to

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justice in Illinois by establishing the right to an interpreter for self-represented and low-income limited English proficient individuals in state administrative hearings. The current version of the Bill includes mostly technical changes, making clarifications, and delaying the effective date to July 1, 2025. The current iteration also includes agreement with state agencies, confirming that the cost of implementation will be minimal, as most state agencies already do provide language access in compliance with federal law. The state utilizes a master contract, which provides translation and interpretation services to our state agencies. HB5172 would simply direct CMS to develop a cover sheet that provides in-language notification to individuals in administrative hearings in our state. This puts Illinois law consistent with federal law, and I'm happy to answer any questions."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Leader, thank you for taking my questions. There was a previous House Bill that we had called, I believe earlier this year. Was it House Bill 3050? Is that accurate?"

Mah: "Yes, that... and that passed in this chamber, went over to the Senate, but there were some issues. And so, we decided to refile a new version."

Windhorst: "Do... do a new Bill. And this is to provide, as you termed it, language access in administrative law hearings. Is that correct?"

Mah: "Right."

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Windhorst: "And it appears we're modeled after a California administrative law. Is that where we drew the inspiration for this Bill?"

Mah: "It... it could be. I... I'm not certain of the origins or... or what the language was modeled after. But it was brought to me by MALDEF, and we've been working on it for... for the past year or more."

Windhorst: "And there is a... another language... not the... the language spoken, but terminology change is probably better phrase. Terminology change from English as a second language, I believe the... the phrase is now 'limited English proficient persons'. Do I have that correct? Is that the change?"

Mah: "I believe so, yes."

Windhorst: "What is the reason behind that change?"

Mah: "I... I think it puts it in compliance with language in federal legislation. Is that... I... I'm not certain."

Windhorst: "And there are 13 languages included. Is that correct?"

Mah: "Yes."

Windhorst: "How were those chosen?"

Mah: "I believe it is based on census data indicating the top 13 languages of need."

Windhorst: "Do you know if there was a population threshold that was needed for a language to be included or not included?"

Mah: "I... I'm not sure of that at the moment."

Windhorst: "And, again, the prior Bill was House Bill 3050. I believe that passed 74 to 37. Thank you."

Mah: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any additional discussion? Representative Halbrog is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Halbrook: "Yeah, thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, Representative, we talked about this a little bit in committee, of course. How are these services provided now to the State of Illinois?"

Mah: "So, as I mentioned, a number of our state agencies currently do already offer interpretation at administrative hearings. The state has a master contract that all agencies have access to and can use the services of interpreters and translators for various purposes in the respective state agencies."

Halbrook: "So, we... we don't have any direct employees. We... this is a contracted service. And so, do you know what the cost of that is to the State of Illinois for that service?"

Mah: "I believe it's in the ballpark of \$2.4 million."

Halbrook: "Okay. And so, what is the reasoning why this Bill would not be enacted or would we not have to apply this at least for another fiscal year? What is the reasoning for that? I'm not sure we had clarity on that in committee."

Mah: "We had an agreement with CMS that we would give them time to prepare the cover sheet that would be required to provide notification."

Halbrook: "Okay. And so, at that time, would we anticipate the cost to be the same or would it increase in Fiscal Year '25 or '26? Would... will the cost stay the same or go up?"

Mah: "The cost would come from CMS and... and they've indicated that it is a minimal cost to implement this... this change, to develop the cover sheet."

Halbrook: "And so, this is applied to administrative hearings to provide interpretive services?"

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Mah: "Yes, we do currently offer those language access services, but this is primarily to ensure that those who are coming before the state in these administrative hearings understand that they have this right."

Halbrook: "What would be an example of an administrative hearing that they would... what would be an example of that?"

Mah: "Licensing, human rights."

Halbrook: "So, my question is, would this ultimately have an effect in... in a county court for any reason..."

Mah: "No."

Halbrook: "...if anybody was to appear..."

Mah: "No, we're..."

Halbrook: "...that was a non-English speaker, would that... would that affect them? Is... is there a possibility it could affect them?"

Mah: "That... the Bill doesn't speak to that. We're only referring to state administrative hearings in the state agencies, but I believe that those other bodies already need to comply with federal... federal law themselves."

Halbrook: "Okay. Thank you, Representative. My question... and to the Bill. My question here is, we don't know just exactly what the costs are going to be or where this is going to go. I think we need to have a... have a single language or bilingual. I'm going to recommend a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mah to close."

Mah: "Urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5172 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?"

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Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 72 voting 'yes', 39 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward in the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 2919, Representative Delgado. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2919, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Delgado."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Delgado is recognized."

Delgado: "Yes, I move to adopt House Floor Amendment #2, and because it becomes the Bill, I'd like to adopt it and then discuss the Bill on Third."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2919, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Delgado is recognized."

Delgado: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2919 enhances online Illinois judicial sales. And what it does is it creates a foundational structure and safeguards for the conduct of online foreclosure auctions. So, it does a number of different

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things. It creates process safeguards and minimum standards. It creates minimum requirements for qualified online sale providers. It doesn't have any impact to the current process of appointing a sale officer, and it protects against excessive and predatory junk fees that may negatively impact a borrower. So, this is something that is currently being done in some areas of the state, but we wanted to make sure that we created a process to make it very explicit in state law that it was something that was permissible and acceptable. This has taken a lot of time. There was a lot... basically a working group put together where all of the interested parties sat around and came up with the structure. This last Amendment that we put on is the last piece of the puzzle, I would say, that addressed some of the concerns that the AOIC brought up and also made sure that the Sheriffs' Association was neutral. So, again, this is a very esoteric area of the law that's specific to online foreclosure auctions. I will do my best to answer any technical questions, if you have any. But I think that this is moving us in the right direction in terms of this area, and I would ask for an 'aye' vote. And, of course, available for questions."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, you outlined it well. This is... we have these online sales that are occurring for judicial sales. This is designed to implement guidelines that we applied statewide. Is that accurate?"

Delgado: "That's correct."

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Windhorst: "And there is no known opposition to the guidelines as you've outlined them?"

Delgado: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "It appears that the Sheriffs' and Counties Association are neutral?"

Delgado: "Yes, that is correct."

Windhorst: "And realtors are also neutral, and this is supported by the Illinois Bankers?"

Delgado: "Yes."

Windhorst: "All Right. Thank you."

Delgado: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Delgado to close."

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

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2919 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 the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 12 of the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 2960, Leader Buckner. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2960, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Buckner."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Buckner on the Amendment."

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Buckner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 1 just clarifies some of the civil penalties for breach of this."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2960, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Buckner."

Buckner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2960 bans hotels from providing single-use plastic bottles containing personal care products to customers beginning July 1 of 2025 for hotels with fewer than 50 rooms and January 1 of 2026 for hotels with more than 50 rooms. Happy to answer any questions."

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. Leader, what is the... the penalties for a violation of this Act?"

Buckner: "Yeah. So, a hotel is liable for a written warning for the first violation. A hotel is liable for a \$500 fine for the second and subsequent violations. And we know that, through this Bill, a state's attorney or a municipal attorney can bring action in circuit court requesting a civil penalty, if possible, if necessary."

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Windhorst: "And I... I believe we've seen similar language in a Bill earlier today about enforcement by the state's attorney or municipal attorney. Do they have concurrent jurisdiction, or is one provided with jurisdiction over the other?"

Buckner: "Yeah, so it... the state's attorneys have jurisdiction, unless they waive that right and they want to give it to the municipal attorneys in those cases."

Windhorst: "And this would limit the concurrent exercise of Home Rule powers?"

Buckner: "It would."

Windhorst: "And so, it... if a municipality were to have less stringent rules, they could not impose those?"

Buckner: "Yeah, it... it, you know, this allows Home Rule units to act concurrently with the provisions of this Bill rather than totally limiting their authority."

Windhorst: "You said it would not or it would?"

Buckner: "It would."

Windhorst: "Would. And it appears that there's support from the Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association. Is that accurate?"

Buckner: "Yes, Sir. It's absolutely accurate. So, we worked very closely with the Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association. I think I have more hotels in my district than anyone in the state. And it was important to us that they were on board on this, and they are."

Windhorst: "I guess with their support, why don't they just take this initiative on, on their own, without requiring legislation, if they want to eliminate these bottles?"

Buckner: "I... I can't speak for, you know, why they have not taken that stance. I just know that we... we've have worked with them

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to craft this in a specific way that is in line with what their membership desires."

Windhorst: "Inquiry of the Chair. What is the vote threshold needed for passage of this Bill?"

Buckner: "While we wait, I just want to say everybody here is doing a hell of a job. I'm proud of you all."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst, it's 60 votes."

Windhorst: "Further inquiry. The Bill does limit Home Rule power. That, I believe by Constitution, requires 71 votes."

Speaker Evans: "It's concurrent jurisdiction."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Could I ask one more question of the Sponsor?"

Speaker Evans: "Please continue."

Windhorst: "Thank you. If a guest in a hotel were to request a plastic bottle, is that still permissible under this Bill?"

Buckner: "Absolutely."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Buckner to close."

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

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2960 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all the opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 73 voting 'yes', 40 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Walsh, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Senate Bill 2907, I'd like to be recorded as a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The record will reflect. Continuing down page 12 of the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 3132, Representative Stuart. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3132, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Stuart, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If it's okay, I would like to adopt the Amendment because it becomes part of just a package of about 17 provisions."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3132, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 3132 is simply an omnibus statutory cleanup Bill relating to the Illinois Community College Board. It eliminates some outdated

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statutes. It ensures statutory language is consistent with ICCB operating processes and procedures."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3132 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 112 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving down page 12 of the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 3173, Representative Moeller. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3173, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Moeller, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment #1 is a gut and replace Amendment that retains the Bill. It includes a limiting clause that clarifies that the Bill only authorizes the county to lease, license, or grant access to its own property. And I would ask for its adoption."

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

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

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Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3173, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 3173 authorizes all counties to lease, license, or otherwise grant access to county infrastructure for the purpose of facilitating broadband access. Currently, only Cook County has this authority to contract for this type of utility as a Home Rule county. And this is an initiative of Kane County but would apply to other counties in the state. Happy to answer any questions. Know of no opposition, and would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. I believe initially there were some concerns expressed by the Farm Bureau, but Amendment 1 addressed those. How did... were those concerns addressed?"

Moeller: "Yes. Thank you. Yeah, the... the Farm Bureau had some concerns with the initial underlying language. The House Floor Amendment #1 included language that would make it very clear that the county only has the authority to lease or grant access to its own property, not private property that falls outside of its jurisdiction or ownership."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Moeller to close."

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

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Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3173 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 the Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 12 of the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 3180, Representative Croke. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3180, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. The Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Croke, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Croke on the Amendment."

Croke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor... or House Floor Amendment 1 amends the One Day Rest In Seven Act and becomes the Bill. I ask for its adoption."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3180, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Croke."

Croke: "Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. So, Senate Bill 3180 is an initiative of the Department of Labor, and it amends the One

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Day Rest In Seven Act. The One Day Rest In Seven Act guarantees that workers will receive at least one full day off work during any seven-day period, with certain exemptions and exceptions. That's already in statute. What this Bill does, specifically, is it adds anti-retaliation protections with associated penalty provisions consistent with the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act and Paid Leave for All Workers Act. It also codifies that the Attorney General will represent the Illinois Department of Labor if there were to be a situation where they ended up in court. Both business and labor stakeholders are agreed on this Amendment, and I am unaware of any opposition."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Ugaste: "Representative Croke, thank you for your description of this. A couple of questions, though. You indicated that labor and businesses agreed on this. Is it that they're agreed or business is no position or neutral right now because of the Amendment?"

Croke: "I... I mean, I don't want to mischaracterize. If... if you've heard anything that would say that they are neutral versus agreed, I don't really want to get into semantics. But no business stakeholders have come to me personally to voice any type of opposition, and then when speaking with the Department of Labor, they implied that it was agreed. So..."

Ugaste: "Oh, okay."

Croke: "...I'm just speaking based off those conversations."

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Ugaste: "Okay. Well, and... and I... I didn't think you were misrepresenting anything. I just wanted to clear it up for our side. I know you and I don't believe you'd misrepresent a thing on the floor, but our analysis shows that they're neutral at best, so."

Croke: "Okay."

Ugaste: "Okay. Then the... next thing is, can you tell me what the penalties will be under this Amendment?"

Croke: "Yeah. So, for an employer with fewer than 25 employees, a penalty will not exceed \$250, payable to the Department of Labor, and damages up to \$250 per offense, payable to the employee or the... the employees impacted. And then for an employer with 25 or more employees, a penalty will not exceed \$500, payable to the Department of Labor, and then same with damages, up to \$500 per offense, payable to the employee or employees affected."

Ugaste: "Okay. Thank you. To the Bill. While everyone I'm sure can agree people deserve one day off in seven, there were concerns on the underlying Bill before this to address the penalty provisions concerning how it was worded, how it would work, and how that may conflict with some other people. We were... a number of us, at least on our side, if not all of us, were in opposition to it because of the underlying Bill. And nothing about the provisions in the enforcement itself that I'm opposed to, but because of the problems with the underlying Bill, I will remain opposed. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Croke to close."

Croke: "I ask..."

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Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3180 pass?' All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 75 voting 'yes', 38 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. At the bottom of page 12 of the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3208, Representative Avelar. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3208, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Avelar, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Avelar."

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can we adopt House Amendment 1, please?"

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3208, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Avelar."

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Avelar: "Thank you. Senate Bill 3208 would require employers to hold their employees' correct and up to date pay stub information, whether it's electronic or paper, not only while employed, but additionally up to three years after the separation of employment. I also wanted to speak to House Amendment 1. This is an Amendment that removes opposition from the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, and it addresses how long an employer has to respond to the request of a duplicate copy of a pay stub. This was changed from by the end of the following pay period to 21 days. And I'm here for any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, it appears that the Amendment removed the opposition of the chamber, as you mentioned. Is the Illinois Municipal League still opposed?"

Avelar: "I can tell you that House Amendment 1, it removes the opposition from the chamber."

Windhorst: "We show that the Illinois Municipal League may still be opposed, concerned about a mandate..."

Avelar: "Mandates."

Windhorst: "...on local government."

Avelar: "I believe so."

Windhorst: "And would you care to address their opposition, why you feel this is an appropriate mandate for local government?"

Avelar: "Sure. What I would say to that, Representative, is that this Bill is an important step to ensuring that workers have access to their pay stubs, which may be necessary for them to

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apply for unemployment, buy a car, rent an apartment, and more. So, what we're trying to do here is we want to make sure that... that this legislation holds employers accountable and secure that current and past employees have the right to inspect their pay stubs upon their request."

Windhorst: "And how long will employers be required to retain the records?"

Avelar: "So, for this particular Bill... and let me make sure I give you the right information. Employers must also furnish pay stubs for the last three years to employees and former employees upon request."

Windhorst: "So, three years, then, would be the amount of time to retain the records?"

Avelar: "Just a second. They can make a request after one... one year after separation of employment."

Windhorst: "And what is the penalty for violation if an employer does not provide the records as requested?"

Avelar: "Just a second. We want to correct the record. Three years after separation. Three years record retention, same as the current administrative rule. And then, as far as fines, give me just a second. Okay, we have here a fine of up to \$500 per violation, payable to the Department of Labor."

Windhorst: "And how is that enforced? Who assesses the fine and... and requires payment?"

Avelar: "Give me just a second. The Department of Labor, but also the employee can also sue."

Windhorst: "Is there a provision regarding the retention of records for fire or other act of God loss or... as a defense to failure to have the record?"

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Avelar: "It doesn't speak to that."

Windhorst: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any additional comments? Representative Keicher is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Keicher: "Okay. Representative, so, looking over this just as... as a business owner and... and thinking about this in a practical way, the Bill... and please correct me if I'm misunderstanding this. This... hopefully seeking some clarifications. You are asking for the pay stub for the past three years to be available at any time for current or former employees?"

Avelar: "That is correct."

Keicher: "So, during those prior three years, wouldn't tax records, 1099s, W-4s be issued that would compile the entire years of income... years' worth of income? The official record that's shared with the IRS be sufficient?"

Avelar: "Yes, but I just wanted to make sure that when we talk about asking for records, that is also current law. What we're trying to do is we want to codify what information must be on the employee's pay stubs. And then also, particularly, we want to make sure that outgoing employees have access to copies of their wage records for the prior three years..."

Keicher: "Is there any accommodation, if an employer shares this with them at some point, where they no longer have to maintain the record, or they need it no matter what? And if a former employer... employee asks three times for the same piece of information, they're required to continue to provide that? Or once they've satisfied the request, that's it?"

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Avelar: "One second."

Keicher: "'Cause I could certainly see a former employee who's really angry with their boss say, nope, you didn't give me that, send me again, send me again, send me again, send me again."

Avelar: "Yeah."

Keicher: "And we know those people aren't everyday people, but they certainly exist. And when, contrary to what we thought we were doing, we're going to start fining employers for this and allowing multiple agencies, multiple folks to start filing suits against... against employers for information that they've already shared, I have a little bit of a problem with that."

Avelar: "So... so, in the Bill, what we have is that you can only make two requests per calendar year. So, we understand your concerns, but..."

Keicher: "Two."

Avelar: "...we want to make sure that you know that that is in the Bill."

Keicher: "Two requests of the same date? Or two requests this week, I can file two requests next week, I can file... or is it just two requests of former pay stubs in a calendar year?"

Avelar: "I'll... I'll read you what's in the Bill."

Keicher: "Okay."

Avelar: "Give me just a second. So, this is what I have: 'An employer is not... an employer is not required to grant an employee's request for a copy of pay stubs more than twice in a 12-month period.'"

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Keicher: "So, again, is that request for a particular date? Is it for the May 15 pay stub, they can request that twice? And then come back a week later and say, nope, I need March 15 as well. I need April 15 as well two weeks after that. Or is it period, two requests in a calendar year?"

Avelar: "Based on the Bill language, it would be no more than twice in a 12-month period."

Keicher: "But what... what is the subject of that twice asking."

Avelar: "It's per request. Not pay stub."

Keicher: "Can... can you repeat what that would mean, though? If it's per request, what... what embodies the request? Is it the pay date or is it a request at all supplying prior pay stubs?"

Avelar: "It's a request of a pay stub."

Keicher: "Okay. So, if somebody asks me once for a May 15 pay stub, they ask me, former employee, two weeks later for the June 3 pay stub, I provide those to them. They can no longer ask me and I be fined if I do not comply with that request?"

Avelar: "A request can be of multiple dates. If they make it once."

Keicher: "Understood. But if... what I... and I'm not trying to be complicated. I'm just trying to break this down. But we continue to pass very onerous rules on Illinois businesses, and this is another one that's just nibbling away at the job climate in the State of Illinois for specifically small employers, who don't have the sophistication to always hold on to these records. So, I want to make sure that those small employers we're really looking after. The folks that have the ice cream stand, the folks that are running the... the sewing shop and they hire summer kids to come through. And so, the

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two issues that I have with the Bill is, it's... it's too long of a timeline because most employers aren't going to hold those documents for that specific of a term. And during that calendar year, we will have already supplied them with the IRS data, either the 1099 or the W-4, W-2 information that they have sent. So, they have compiled the federal reported wage information in total, and I... I think we're making the Illinois jobs climate much more difficult if we proceed as written. And I know we're not going to stop this from happening, it's going to go, but I'd... I'd really love you to think about the small employer and make sure that we're thinking about them as well 'cause they're getting wrapped up in doing too many things for doing the right thing by their employees. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Avelar to close."

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

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is 'Shall Senate Bill 3208 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 75 voting 'yes', 37 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 13 of the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Readings, we have Senate Bill 3282, Representative Sosnowski. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3282, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by

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Representative Sosnowski, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Sosnowski on the Amendment."

Sosnowski: "Hi there. On the Amendment, this just puts in a three-month verification window, also sets a deadline. I can speak further on the... the underlying Bill on Third Reading."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3282, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Sosnowski."

Sosnowski: "Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just very simply, this is an initiative of the Department of Revenue. For those who utilize the direct payment program, a sales tax partial exemption program is operated in cooperation with IDOR for certain suppliers. This basically creates a process for them to... to file that. It sets in some place verification windows and deadlines for the department. I would ask for an 'aye' vote. I know no opposition."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3282 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

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take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving down page 13 in the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 3314, Representative Tarver. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3314, a Bill for and Act concerning business. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Tarver, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Tarver on the Amendment."

Tarver: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill was.. has been before us a couple times actually. It was originally a Bill that codified and kind of put our arms around the plaintiffs lending community. It went to JCAR for rules, and there was concern about whether or not it was clear enough that the department, how they would define refinances. So, the entire intent of the Amendment and the statute was an effort between the industry and FPR. It's agreed between the two of them. I don't know of any opposition, and I'm happy to answer any questions now or on Third Reading."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3314, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Again, what I just said on... on Second. The overall purpose of this is just to clarify that the... that Department of Professional Regulations has the ability to define refinancing as authorized by rule."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Ugaste: "Representative Tarver, just so I don't make any incorrect statements on the floor about this, is there anything within the Bill, the Amendment or otherwise, that directs the IDFPR to on... on what type of rules we're anticipating or how to address this? Or does it just allow them open-ended allowance to make the rules?"

Tarver: "It's a fair question. So, during the negotiation of the underlying Bill, one side believes that there was the ability to define refinance in the rule. The other side believed that there needed to be a statute to clarify that. So, both sides got together, argued a little bit more, and this is the product of the industry and FPR just establishing in statute that FPR can define refinancing in rule."

Ugaste: "Okay, thank you. To the Bill. The present Bill before us aside, this Bill has been before us. I've stood in general opposition to it because of the problems that these consumer legal funding companies create. Why I understand their intention, or the intention of the people that go to them is

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to help along the way, ultimately, what often happens, unfortunately, having practiced law for a number of years where these have existed, is that they create a problem because what they're doing is they're lending out sometimes as much or more money than a case might be worth. And at that point, it makes it either difficult or impossible to settle the case, and we end up taking up court's precious time where they may have other matters on the docket that just need to go ahead. They... I believe the rates in which they recover money as well, the... the interest rate often charged, is a bit excessive. So, as such, not so much to this particular Bill itself, but the underlying principle, I will remain opposed. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any additional discussion? Representative Keicher is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Keicher: "Thank you. Representative, this is a concept I just recently learned about when... when I was at NCOIL and they were debating some model legislation concerning these. So, my... my question is more, in general, if we're going to allow these rules to be set, what may or may not be, in your vision, subject to these rules? So, they spoke at length that... that these types of financing arrangements are generally given to plaintiffs to meet, you know, monthly expenses or what have you when the... when the case is ongoing. Is that correct, or is it a different type of legal financing?"

Tarver: "So, a few things. Yes, I'm sure in some cases, there are plaintiffs who have been injured, maybe unable to work, and

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they need this financing to kind of stem the tide as they go through their lawsuit. The one thing I'll say, and this gets to, I guess, I think part of your point and part of Representative Ugaste's, one side is, you know, the position is that these loans are, you know, essentially price gouging individuals who are unsophisticated and so on, right? These individuals have lawyers, right? So, I think that's the first thing. The second thing to note is my understanding is that the interest rate is subject to the same thing we pass in the Black Caucus pillars a couple years ago. So, it's in writing, it's disclosed, and these companies essentially bid against one another. No different than when somebody buys someone's taxes, right? The... the lowest bidder is simply going to win. If nobody is going to pay someone 30 percent, if somebody else is offering 15. So, I think there's some things kind of baked in there. And then just one quick thing I think that's important for everyone here to remember. The... the original Bill was moved, we're on this now, but remember that these rules have to come through JCAR. JCAR is six and six. So, I think, if there is some concern about what the rules may say and what they look like, the... the good thing is in that environment, everybody is a swing vote. So, I don't... I don't see those rules just moving in a way that might upset this side of the aisle without someone..."

Keicher: "And is..."

Tarver: "...on the aisle voting for it."

Keicher: "For me, it's not a side of the aisle issue on this..."

Tarver: "Sure."

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Keicher: "...because I am worried about the consumer. As they shared at... at this meeting, the interest rate most common is 30 percent. And so, we put out an example of their... of having a verdict that wound up coming in at \$60 thousand. You know, hospital gets a third and they're repaying of the medical bills, the attorney takes a third, and then the consumer is left with a third. They had an original \$10 thousand loan. It took three years. There was close to \$20 thousand their entire verdict that was eaten up in the initial loan of 10, plus the interest that had accumulated by the time it was paid out. So, my... my question would be, is there discretion for IDPFR to put limitations or... or parameters around the loan rate or around the rate and the claimability of the lender in the event that the verdict isn't sufficient enough to meet the obligation's interest that had accumulated on there?"

Tarver: "It's an interesting question. I... the way it's asked, I'm not sure that FPR would be the entity to weigh in on it as much as..."

Keicher: "Okay. Okay."

Tarver: "...maybe the... the Illinois Supreme Court in many regards. But what I would say is, even in the example that you gave me, you gave, let's assume there is no lender at all, right? And we're talking about just a straight PI case. The reality is that the medical providers dependent on the... how much the bills are, if they exceed a certain amount, they get 40 percent, right? So, I mean, there's plenty of situations in which a plaintiff may walk away with less money than we might think that they should, but it's not solely about the lending

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industry. I mean, the... the hospital and the medical providers..."

Keicher: "On that lien, right?"

Tarver: "They get to 40 percent."

Keicher: "Yeah. Yeah. So, I'm worried about that for the consumer..."

Tarver: "Sure."

Keicher: "...and not that your Bill speaks to it or doesn't."

Tarver: "Understood."

Keicher: "I would love to have IDPFR have some more expansive rulemaking on that to make sure our consumers aren't left to the prey of folks that convince them to file lawsuits that aren't really going to go anywhere, are going to take longer and wind up eating that verdict. So, thank you very much. I appreciate you answering my questions."

Tarver: "Sure. And just one other thing, just so that you know, and I'm not being flippant with this. During the rulemaking process, it's public comment, right?"

Keicher: "Yeah."

Tarver: "So, you or anyone else could weigh in and say, hey, here are my concerns, and those would be taken into account as well. So, just another thing to note."

Keicher: "Perfect. Thank you, Sir."

Tarver: "You're welcome."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Tarver to close."

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

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3314 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who

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wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 78 voting 'yes', 35 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 13 in the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 3342, Representative Faver Dias. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3342, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Faver Dias, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Faver Dias."

Faver Dias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to adopt House Amendment 1. It removes opposition from the mosquito abatement districts."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3342, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Faver Dias."

Faver Dias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 3342, House Amendment 1, is a constituent initiative of Senator

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McClure's. It requires notice to be given to residents at least 24 hours in advance of the spraying of public right of ways within municipal boundaries. At a minimum, the notification must provide the following: the location and date range and times that the material may be sprayed, the brand name, common name, and scientific name, any type of pesticide applied, the reason for each product being applied, the range of concentrations of in-use products, the contact information of the government entity or certified applicator, contact information for the department for complaints for pesticide use. This notification must be in writing and could include a newsletter, calendar, or website accessible to the public, but posting on a bulletin board is not sufficient. I know of no opposition. This passed out of the Senate unanimously. I'm happy to answer any questions and would encourage an 'aye' vote."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. This is a mandate on local governments only. Is that correct?"

Faver Dias: "Correct, units of local government. Yes."

Windhorst: "So, it doesn't apply to private contractors?"

Faver Dias: "If they contract out their... their pesticide spraying, then it would be on the... it is... it would be the local unit of government that would need to provide notification. The IML is... they were opposed in the original version. They are no longer opposed."

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Windhorst: "Would it apply to private parties providing spray on their own property?"

Faver Dias: "No."

Windhorst: "And what is the notice requirement that must be met?"

Faver Dias: "At least 24 hours in advance."

Windhorst: "And including a website posting. Is that correct?"

Faver Dias: "Yes, correct."

Windhorst: "What are the penalties to the local government if they fail to comply with the posting?"

Faver Dias: "Two fifty for the first violation, five hundred for the second, and a thousand for the third or subsequent violation."

Windhorst: "And who is charged with enforcement?"

Faver Dias: "The Department of Agriculture."

Windhorst: "And that would be enforced on the local... unit of local government, or on the mayor individually, or other elected official? Who would actually be the responsible party in enforcement?"

Faver Dias: "Just a second. So, the Bill language says it would be handled by the administrative hearing or referred to the relevant county state's attorney for prosecution."

Windhorst: "And I believe the... the hearing would be by the Department of Agriculture or referred to the county state's attorney, but I... the concern I have is who is the party that they're bringing the charge or violation against? Is it the city, or, if in this case of a contractor, is it the contractor?"

Faver Dias: "To be... to be fair, I am not clear to the answer of that question, but I could find that out."

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Windhorst: "All right. And... and I think that goes on to what the... who the state's attorney would prosecute for a potential petty offense, I believe. Is that accurate, what the offense is?"

Faver Dias: "Yes."

Windhorst: "All right. And you mentioned that the Illinois Municipal League is opposed, but as of now this is..."

Faver Dias: "They're no longer opposed. They were on the original version."

Windhorst: "They're now neutral, apologize. And this is solely a mandate on local governments, not private parties unless they're a contractor for a local government."

Faver Dias: "Correct, yes. But it is still... it would be on the unit of government to put up the notification. So, while they may contract out their pesticide spraying, it's on them to give this notice."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Keicher is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Keicher: "All right, thank you. Representative, I might have missed the first part. How does that notice need to arrive? Is it just on their website publicly?"

Faver Dias: "Yes, it... the only thing that isn't sufficient is on a bulletin board, but it... could it be a newsletter, a calendar, or a website accessible to the public."

Keicher: "Okay. And... and so, the things that popped into my head that I... I'm a little worried about. Let's say that we have a school on a Wednesday afternoon that discovers an infestation of cockroaches, some bug, something in the foodstuffs, and

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they aren't able to meet that 24-hour requirement before the kids are back the following morning. Walk me through that situation, if you can."

Faver Dias: "The school districts are... and their pesticide notification is in a separate statute. So, this is only for municipalities and park districts, and forest preserve districts are also carved out."

Keicher: "Okay. So, let's use that same example for a park district facility that's hosting kids' classes on a regular basis, and it's same classroom, and they have an infestation of cockroaches they need to get rid of, kids are coming back at 8 a.m. tomorrow. Is that a penalty situation or what do we do?"

Faver Dias: "So, the park district is governed in another part of statute. So, they are carved out of this. And this is for public right of ways."

Keicher: "So, it's only outdoors, only outdoor spraying?"

Faver Dias: "Correct."

Keicher: "Okay. And so, if we are talking right of ways, we are not talking park district land 'cause that's a separate part as well?"

Faver Dias: "Yes. Yes."

Keicher: "Okay. All right. So, city comes by, there's a beehive or a hornet's nest. They can spray it, remove it, they won't be penalized?"

Faver Dias: "They would need to provide, if it is going to be spraying, they would need to provide 24 hours of notice."

Keicher: "So, if they need to remove a hornet's nest, they can't do it right away, they need to wait until they've published?"

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I... I'm more worried, not that that we're not telling people where pesticides are, I'm more worried that we can run into a number of situations with infestations, bees, wasps, where there is an immediate need to resolve it before a parade, before a Fourth of July event, where they... they spot the hornet's nest hanging over the starting line. So, I... I just want to make sure that we have protected our units of government to be able to empower them to act because we know many of them are fearful of the rules that we pass, and rightly so, that they may just say, hey, we can't do this until tomorrow, so we're going to wait cause that's what the law says."

Faver Dias: "Could you repeat the question?"

Keicher: "So, the... the question is, how are we... how are we accommodating emergency remediations that need to take place, in the right of way, could be a wasp's nest, a hornet's nest, the day before the Fourth of July parade that spotted? Because many units of government that I've run in to are scared to death to take action because we've passed a statute that says don't do it. And I think anybody looking at that says, yeah, spray the nest, take it down and let's get rid of it. But I think we're empowering them to... to take cover and say, don't do that 'cause there's a fine. So, what I'm... what I'm asking is, in an emergency infestation, would we have clearance within your law, proposed law, that would allow units of government to take emergency action without being subjected to fines?"

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Faver Dias: "So, there is a specific... there is specific language that was brought by the mosquito abatement districts that would allow them to address those issues."

Keicher: "Emergency issues?"

Faver Dias: "I'm sorry?"

Keicher: "Emergency issues being those issues?"

Faver Dias: "Yes, they don't use the phrase 'emergency issues', but they list specific circumstances of when that might be needed, if there was a natural disaster, if there was, you know, a vector mosquito identified. So, there was language in the latest House Amendment that gave them authority."

Keicher: "Okay. So, just to restate in other words, if there's an emergency situation that needs to be remediated right away, it is not your intention as the Sponsor that we fine government units. We want them to be proactive and take action, correct?"

Faver Dias: "Yes, and there's specific language that clarifies that with mosquito abatement district authority."

Keicher: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Faver Dias to close."

Faver Dias: "Thank you. I do want to go back to Leader Windhorst's question. The... the unit of local government is who would be fined, not individuals or private corporations. So, thank you for that question earlier. This... again, this applies only to public right of ways within municipalities. There is no opposition, and it was an initiative of a constituent of Senator McClure. I'd encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3342 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye';

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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 78 voting 'yes', 35 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. 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? Leader Lisa Hernandez on the Motion."

Hernandez, L.: "Speaker, I move that the posting requirements be waived so the following Bills can be heard in committee: Senate Bill 426 in Restorative Justice Committee, Senate Bill 3098 in Executive Committee, Senate Bill 1400 in Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies Committee."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Lisa Hernandez has moved to waive the posting requirements. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the... Representative Windhorst on the Motion."

Windhorst: "We'd request a record vote on the Motion."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Lisa Hernandez has moved to waive the posting requirements. 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. There being 78 voting 'yes', 39 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the Motion prevails. Moving back in the Calendar, under House Bills-Second

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Reading, we have House Bill 581, Representative Avelar. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 581, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Avelar."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Avelar is recognized."

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can we actually adopt House Amendment 2?"

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, please withdraw Amendment #1."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Avelar."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Avelar on the Amendment."

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Amendment 2 is a gut and replace Amendment that makes the following changes to the Bill, as amended, by House Amendment 1: It strikes the definition of hospital emergency services and redefines stabilizing care as explicitly including abortion when abortion is necessary to resolve a patient's injury or acute medical condition that is liable to cause death or severe injury or serious illness. It is also prohibits the Department of Public Health from issuing a fine for a violation if the same conduct has been the subject of a fine assessed by the federal government. It also removes the private right to action. This Amendment brings the Illinois Hospital Association to neutral."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Avelar moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes'

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have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 581, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Avelar."

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HB581, we want to make sure that, with this Bill, we are providing clarity to doctors, hospitals, and patients that in Illinois emergency rooms, an abortion may be provided when it's the standard of care in an emergency. Earlier this month, the Supreme Court heard a case regarding the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act, also known as EMTALA. In the lawsuit, states that have banned abortion have argued that they can prevent doctors from providing an abortion when it is a stabilizing treatment necessary to resolve a medical condition that can cause death or severe injury. That case has not yet been decided. Typically, these cases are decided by the end of June. If the Supreme Court limits EMTALA and creates confusion around emergency treatment in Illinois, this Bill will ensure that Illinois maintains the status quo. I'm open to any questions."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Haas: "Thank you. So, we had a... a bit of discussion in committee about a few issues that... that I'm going to ask about. So,

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with regard to the... the Right of... of Conscience Act, we... we talked about the Act. With the... the Amendment, there's a section that... that talks about excluding... the Right... the Right of Conscience Act excludes mandating the provision of... of abortion. But this, under this Bill, stabilizing treatment, emergency care, can now be included... includes abortion. And how... how is this actually going to interface with religious institutions and... and emergency care?"

Avelar: "The Bill does not change the current legal requirements for religious health care institutions."

Haas: "So, House... House Bill 581 says, 'The Amendments of this Section are declarative of existing law. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to alter existing legal statutes and rights.' That means the Conscience Act, correct?"

Avelar: "That is correct. And there is a whole body of statutory federal and state law, administrative rules, as well as case law that governs the practice of medicine generally and emergency care specifically. So, the purpose of what you were stating, Representative Haas, which is on subsection (d), is to incorporate all existing legal statutes... statutes and rights. We did not want to elevate one law over another or unintentionally exclude an applicable law by not specifically referencing it in the Bill."

Haas: "But it... it is not specifically referenced in there. It's just inferred, correct?"

Avelar: "Yes."

Haas: "So, it... it leaves it a bit open. You know, we've heard in... in other Bills, unfortunately, that things are taken case by case. I certainly hope that's not the case here. We did

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discuss specifically asking that this be included in the legislation in... in committee, specifically citing the Right of Conscience Act in the legislation, which is still a recommendation that that language be added because it is lacking from this Bill. Stabilizing treatment does include now that abortion, when necessary to resolve the patient's injury, injury and acute medical conditions and so forth, and I'm... I'm sure we'll have a little more robust discussion on that. It also, I think, leaves a little bit of latitude when that is not necessarily the standard of... of care. I... I think we're leaving some, a bit of question open when it comes to... to EMTALA. We have some documentation from the Secretary of... of Health and Human Services that does give direction that any state law or mandates that employ a more restrictive definition of emergency medical condition are retempted... pre-empted, I'm sorry, by EMTALA statute. So, I guess my question is, if that is the case or it is the case, then why are we putting this in place when there... there doesn't seem to be the necessity to do so?"

Avelar: "Well, what I would say to that, Representative, is that the goal of the... of the Bill is to ensure that doctors can continue to provide patients with the continued care that they need to receive the standard of care. Again, the Bill maintains the status quo."

Haas: "If that... that is already in place with the EMTALA statute... with the EMTALA statute already in place and RHA there, it seems unnecessary to... to add this. And if... if institutions aren't following those, then... then they need to be held

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accountable for that. And I would... I would urge a 'no' vote
Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any additional discussion? Representative Hauter
is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Hauter: "Representative, you said both in committee and on the
floor just a minute ago that this does not change EMTALA or
the interpretation and guidance to emergency providers that
has been for decades the... the guidance from EMTALA. Is that
correct?"

Avelar: "That... that is. What I would say to that, Representative
Hauter, is that we're trying to maintain the status quo. But
we also know that the Supreme Court has taken up a case with
regards to EMTALA. So, what we want to do here in Illinois is
that in case that the Supreme Court limits EMTALA and it
creates confusions around emergency treatments in Illinois,
that we ensure that in Illinois we are maintaining the status
quo."

Hauter: "So, your contention is that if the Supreme Court changes
EMTALA, that we're now going to go by your law and not
EMTALA?"

Avelar: "What we want to make sure is that we are keeping the
status quo as it is right now."

Hauter: "So, you're... so, correct, you're saying that we should
now... emergency providers should follow your law and not the
interpretation of EMTALA and the Supreme Court's decisions?"

Avelar: "What I would..."

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Hauter: "Is your legislative intent that EMTALA is now dead if it's not decided your way, and we should now go by your law?"

Avelar: "What I... what I would say, Representative, is that we don't know how the Supreme Court is going to rule in this particular case. And as we know, in the particular lawsuit that we're talking about, when it comes to EMTALA, this has been because states that have banned abortion have argued that they can prevent doctors from providing abortions when it is a stabilizing treatment necessary to resolve a medical condition that can cause death. What we want to make sure that we do here in Illinois is that we continue to maintain the status quo so that we are able to make sure that, if somebody goes to an Illinois emergency room and an abortion is the standard of care in an emergency, that that is something that can be done."

Hauter: "I'm still confused. The... is EMTALA the law of the land and the guidance to emergency physicians, or is your law the guidance?"

Avelar: "Currently, EMTALA is the law, and we're trying to maintain that here in Illinois as well. We want to keep the status quo."

Hauter: "Okay. If EMTALA is decided that is averse to your opinion, then we're going to go by your law?"

Avelar: "Could you repeat the question, please?"

Hauter: "So, if there's an adverse opinion from the Supreme Court and you don't like it, we're going to go by your law or EMTALA and the Supreme Court's decisions? I... I'd like it to be on the record what guidance that we're going to go by if the... the decision from EMTALA and the Supreme Court case out of

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Idaho is averse to your opinion, then emergency physicians should no longer follow EMTALA. They should follow your law."

Avelar: "If federal protections are removed, state protections will remain in place."

Hauter: "Okay. We'll just... we'll just move on. I... I don't think that's clear, but your... your Bill has conditions that contends that abortion is a stabilizing treatment or should be considered as a stabilizing treatment. Do you add to the guidance from EMTALA in your... in your Bill?"

Avelar: "I don't believe we do, but give me just a second."

Hauter: "Well, I'll help you with that. In fact, you do add to the guidance from EMTALA. You say risk to future fertility should be considered, abortion should be considered as stabilizing treatment, and also premature rupture of membranes. You do realize that risk to future fertility is a huge, broad possibility of cases that abortion should be considered as stabilizing treatment. Do you contend that there's many viral illnesses that are a risk to future fertility? Is it your position that a provider hospital or physician should consider an abortion to be offered as stabilizing treatment if a woman has a viral illness in the emergency department?"

Avelar: "Representative, I understand your question. I think one of the things, and... and I mentioned this during committee, right? One of the things that we're trying to do here is we want to make sure we maintain the status quo, and there are instances when an abortion is actually something that's needed in order to make sure that stabilizing care is provided. For example, and... and I'm going to say this example

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again, we had a pregnant woman who was 22 weeks along when she was brought into an Illinois hospital after experiencing seizures. At the hospital, this patient learned that she had elevated blood pressure, preeclampsia, elevated liver enzymes, and other conditions, and this complications made her life... her pregnancy life-threatening. Her provider administered multiple medications in attempt to control her blood pressure, but the patient's liver function was still going downhill. And despise the... despite the... the fetus's cardiac activity, it became clear that terminating the patient's pregnancy would be the best treatment to save the patient's life. So, the... the physician performed an emergency surgical abortion. And in another state where abortion is restricted and EMTALA is ignored, this patient may have had to wait as physicians, hospital administrators, and legal representatives debated her condition. But thankfully, in Illinois, she received timely care. So, there are cases where that might actually be the standard of care."

Hauter: "Okay. So, in Illinois was any woman being denied an abortion prior to your Bill being introduced? You mentioned another state."

Avelar: "No. No."

Hauter: "I'm talking about Illinois."

Avelar: "We have protections here in Illinois, and we have EMTALA."

Hauter: "Okay. So, there's... so, why is your law necessary?"

Avelar: "Because EMTALA may be narrowed due to the Supreme Court decision in June."

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Hauter: "So, when it's narrowed, and if it's narrowed, we should then follow your law? And it will supersede a federal law?"

Avelar: "If it's narrowed, we want to make sure that we're safeguarding EMTALA as is here in Illinois."

Hauter: "Okay. It's... it's very difficult me to understand. So, there was no restrictions to abortion in Illinois. If there's restrictions by the Supreme Court to EMTALA, then we're supposed to follow your Bill and not EMTALA?"

Avelar: "What I would say, Representative, is that if EMTALA gets narrowed down due to a Supreme Court decision, we want to make sure that in Illinois we have protections and keep the status quo as EMTALA is currently."

Hauter: "To the Bill. Is anyone confused of why we're adding to EMTALA or we're superseding EMTALA? I am. I've been practicing emergency medicine for 27 years. I've never been involved with a case or heard about a case where abortion was necessary to stabilize a patient. And if it happened, if it was needed, current Illinois law would not prevent it. And, finally, EMTALA guidance has never been in question. So, what we have here is confusion from clarity. This is what happens when lawyers try to practice medicine. Today, we vote on another abortion Bill that was conjured up in the last week from a shell Bill with very little input from stakeholders, let alone the citizens of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, we are changing decades of guidance and long clear interpretation of EMTALA that emphasized, always emphasized, reasonable medical judgement, focusing the medical efforts on stabilizing the mother and her unborn. This Bill adds conditions, confusion, it emphasizes abortion where it would never be considered. It'd

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be contraindicated, it'd be dangerous, and implies doctors, nurses, and hospitals must prepare to perform or offer elective abortions to resolve acute medical conditions of pregnancy. Or maybe not, I don't know, it's... it's confusing. I hope Illinois physicians continue to provide care to both the mother and the unborn with the highest standards of medical care and ignore Illinois' abortion politics. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Evans: "Any additional comments? Representative Blair-Sherlock is recognized."

Blair-Sherlock: "Thank you. To the Bill. I'm not a doctor. I'm a lawyer, okay? And I read the Bill, and I read EMTALA. And I don't see a big inconsistency here. But I also know because I was in the ER all night with my friend when she had to have an emergency abortion that resulted in a complete hysterectomy, rendering her incapable of having any children in the future. Just because it hasn't happened in your presence or in your practice does not mean that it does not happen. I've practiced law for 30 years. I have not seen everything because that's just not how life works. Just because it didn't happen to you and just because it didn't happen in your presence does not mean that it didn't ever happen or does not exist. Additionally, when Bills are passed, they're not just the Bill of the Sponsor. They are the Bill of this Body. And assuming they pass the other chamber and they get signed by the Governor, they are the law of the state. And I quite honestly don't care what the Supreme Court of another state has to say. All I care about is what the courts in my state have to say. I think it's important that

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physicians, especially in this day and age, feel that they're protected in the actions that they take in exercising their medical judgement. And I don't think that's necessarily bad thing. I would urge an 'aye' vote on this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any additional comments? Representative Johnson is recognized."

Johnson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. It never happens. I've never seen it. I hear that a lot. I've heard it a lot over the... the last year. Three different times I've heard from people telling me, well, you know, women just don't die during pregnancy in need... in need of an abortion. It just doesn't happen, when, in fact, we know it does. You know, we have numbers showing from 1980 to 2007 there were 876 deaths. We know the ectopic pregnancies, the rate for African American women is 6.8 times higher, that fatality rate. We know that from 2018 to 2020, right here in Illinois, that there were 263 pregnancy-related deaths, averaging out to about 88 per year. We further know that 21 and 22 those numbers were even higher, at the average of 107 per year. Those are just numbers. But the women that are dying, they're much, much more than numbers. They're people, and the wake and the devastation that's left behind when they die can be absolutely catastrophic. I don't want to get into the... the fight between my mother's family and my father's family and all of that. That's drama that's played over years, but I do think it's important that I once again talk about my history with this issue. Some of you might remember, the last May, I talked about my mother and how losing her to preeclampsia in a pre-Roe world in 1972 impacted our family. By the way, May 15,

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last Wednesday, would have been my mother's 85th birthday, but as my little sister reminded me that night, she is forever 33. I talked about how the Dobbs decision gave me concern for women and families all over our country and of how our story was going to be relived again and again by others. There will be another 11-year-old girl somewhere who will, much like my sister Kathy, no longer have a mother to share her failures and successes. But for Kathy, the day our mother died was beyond catastrophic. She went from doting big sister to middle child with a family that barely knew her, a stepmother that stuck her on a porch because she had her own kids. It's no surprise that Kathy's faced challenge after challenge to find her way, stuck between the family she lost and the family that she was thrown into. I also cannot begin to tell you the guilt that I have for the life that I've had, as opposed to the one that was forced upon her. Somewhere this story will repeat itself, but not in Illinois. Somewhere there will be a 15-month-old little girl who will never bond with her mommy and be forever wondering, what was she like? Would she have been proud of me? Would she approve of my decisions? And finally, what's it like to have a mother to call several times a day to just say hi, at the same time knowing that they stand at the ready, always, to give you a safe space? It will happen in other places, but it won't happen here in Illinois. Finally, I do think it's important to talk about the impact on myself because it's important that men all over the country understand that we are impacted by these decisions. Why shouldn't we? The reality is that men that look just like me are the ones in the vast majority all over this country taking

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these choices away from women. From the time my sister was torn away from us, I remember talking to her for hours at a time nearly every single night for years while she would talk about how much she missed us. From my younger sister to this day, decades later, nary a day goes by that we don't talk at least a couple times a day. By the way, thank you to our spouses. That has to be incredibly annoying. When we lose people, others often fill the void, but you can never truly replace that loss. When I spoke last year in this very spot, I talked about my long journey to find purpose. When I talk about purpose, obviously, I mean a mission in life. For me, it's simply to not allow others to be me. We all have our peaks and valleys, but for me, the peak is simply contentment, exuberant happiness. It's not attainable. The bad news is always just around the corner. If you can, imagine an eight-year-old child refusing to hug his mother before she went to hospital. That same child going down the next morning, early in the hours, being told he'll never see her again. You know, I carry that guilt for nearly 50 years until I was finally told 2 years ago that I actually did talk to her the night before. It's why I spend every day telling everyone that I'm close to how much I love them at the end of every day. I never, ever miss that opportunity. But I want to... you know, I just want to say this to... in response to it. No, I don't trust the Supreme Court. I don't. I think that we here have a responsibility to make sure that this story isn't repeated elsewhere. But I also want to close with this. You know, it's... it's amazing the evolution of a Legislator from one year to the next. Last year, when I told this story, it broke me.

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Time and again. In November, when I told it again at a Bill signing, I decided no more, not going to break me anymore. I got work to do. So, do not ever, ever look at this vulnerability as a weakness. My resolve is stronger than ever. And I will continue to fight for women in Illinois and elsewhere. And I would ask... this is a Bill about saving... saving a mother's life, saving a woman's life. And I know there are Republicans that have talked about the importance of that. So, I don't know, are we going to spend the next hour debating this? Or are we going to go on with the business of people of Illinois? Because this is a good Bill, and we need to vote for it and get it done. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cassidy is recognized."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. In 2019, because we saw what was coming from the Supreme Court, we worked together and we passed the Reproductive Health Act to ensure that there was no interruption in access to care for people here in Illinois. We're in that same position now. EMTALA has worked for years at the federal level, but we anticipate that, come June, it won't anymore. And because we're going to be out of Session, we want to make sure that the exact same protections that we currently count on from the federal law are still available to patients and providers here in Illinois. It's really that simple. Federal EMTALA reflects the standard of care, and we are making sure that the current protections exist no matter what, regardless if the law is struck down for political reasons, in the same way that we protected the right to abortion in case it was struck down for political reasons. This is a health care Bill. I couldn't

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say it better than Representative Johnson did. Let's prevent further tragedies. Vote 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Avelar to close.

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The goal of this Bill is to maintain the status quo and ensure that if EMTALA is narrowed, people will still have access to the necessary emergency care. This Bill takes protection from EMTALA that we may lose come June and enshrine them in state law. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 581 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 73 voting 'yes', 36 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 13 in the Calendar, Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3348, Representative Severin. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3348, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative LaPointe."

Severin: "Good afternoon. How we doing?"

Speaker Evans: "Representative Severin on the Amendment."

Severin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, Amendment to Senate Bill 3348 is the debt limitation extension for a school in my district, the Bethel Grade School, and I ask for that Amendment to be adopted, please."

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

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3348, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Severin."

Severin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, what this Bill is, this... a small grade school in my district had passed a referendum in March to extend their debt limitation to \$3.975 million, and I ask an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3348 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 108 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 13 in the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 3349, Representative Yang Rohr. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3349, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Yang Rohr."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Yang Rohr on the Amendment."

Yang Rohr: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 1 makes clarifications on where the courses will be available and makes some drafting corrections. I ask for its adoption."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3349, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Yang Rohr."

Yang Rohr: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 3349 allows ISBE to make the... make the State Global Scholars program available through online courses. The State Global Scholar program is one that awards a seal of merit to high school students who set a... who complete a set of requirements that demonstrate their work and learnings in global subjects and culminates in a project that takes action to affect change. There have been some questions about whether this Bill would make and would be an unintended mandate on schools. Follow-up with ISBE has confirmed that these schools are involved in the approval process for this course every step of the way. And so, there would be no instance where the Global Scholars program would be offered unintentionally to a student who was taking this online. I ask for the support in passing this Bill."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, a concern I've heard raised, and I'd like you to address it, is that if... there may be school districts that do not offer this program. And if a student in that district wants to participate and participates online, that may place, by the mandate of the student, those administrative burdens on the school district. First off, is that accurate? And then, second, how... if it is, how would you address those concerns?"

Yang Rohr: "Yes, to... to reiterate what I just said, there is no instance where this would be an unintended mandate on schools. If a student wanted to take this online course, they would need to seek the approval of school administrators or... or the principal. And if the... the school administrator would... would have to approve this. And so, there is no instance where they would unknowingly participate in the Global Scholar program or... or not have approved of participation in the program."

Windhorst: "So, to say it another way, the student goes to the principal or superintendent, and if they or the school board decides not to participate, there would not be any participation in the program?"

Yang Rohr: "Yes. Similar to all online courses that a student from a school district could take, the student would have to get approval from the school."

Windhorst: "Are we anticipating any cost to the state for implementation of this program?"

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Yang Rohr: "We do not anticipate any cost of... aside from the costs that... that any school would have to incur for approving an online course."

Windhorst: "And as far as the state's concerned, will they have any costs for administration, or is it solely the local districts?"

Yang Rohr: "ISBE would have to designate courses that meet the requirements of the Global Scholars program. And otherwise, the school district would have to keep track of these... fulfilling the requirements of the program. And if the requirements were fulfilled, would have to place a seal or an indicator on a student's transcript that the student has fulfilled the requirements of the program. But again, this is one where the school had already agreed to offer the program."

Windhorst: "And it may be, in the commentary I'm... I am mixing up local school district versus with what the state would require. So, I'm just, for clarity sake, going to read part of the Bill, and this is on page 3, towards the bottom. It says, 'The State Board of Education shall adopt such rules as may be necessary to provide students attending schools that do not offer State Global Scholar Certification the opportunity to earn State Global Scholar Certification remotely beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.' And it says, 'Those rules shall include, but not be limited to,' and it lists the rules that will be adopted. So, in that situation where a student wants to participate, the school district, local school district, does not allow it, then it's on the state to provide that program and then certification?"

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Yang Rohr: "No. So, in... for this Bill, ISBE is required to create rules that would allow a student to earn this designation through their schools, through these online courses. In order to take these online courses, a student would need to get approval from their school district. And if they do not receive that approval, they would not be able to do this program. You know, the... the reason why we are offering this is because, right now, the school... the State Scholar program is... is only available in about a little over a dozen schools. It's a program, though, that has... that we've seen add a lot of value to students. We have had a number of Bills actually that have come through these... these chambers and... and have passed into law from students who have gone through this program and from... that have resulted as a... from that class. Last year, we passed legislation that would allow our public universities to give credit for students who have... who have gone through this program. We received feedback that the program was not available widely enough. And so, this Bill is one that seeks to make it more widely available, if... if a school would like to make it available."

Windhorst: "Appreciate you answering my questions. I think we have disagreement on what the Bill does, but I appreciate you taking time to answer our questions. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Swanson is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicated she will."

Swanson: "Thank you. A question to follow up with what the Floor Speaker was talking about is not every child in Illinois will

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most likely have access to this program because not every school is most likely to participate. Would that be correct?"

Yang Rohr: "Currently, about, I think, 14 schools, 14 high schools offer this program. And so, it is not widely available. If there are students who are not part of those 14 schools, if they would like to participate, this will give them the... the possibility of doing so by taking an online class. And, again, those online classes, in order to take them, your school administrator or your principal has to say that you are allowed to take that class."

Swanson: "Right. So, my school district decides not to participate for some reason. Puts students in my district at a disadvantage when a neighboring school elects to participate, which then, now, neighboring schools would be able to receive this stamp on their diploma or transcripts."

Yang Rohr: "That is... that is the current situation where some schools have decided, some school districts have decided to offer the program. This Bill seeks to make it easier for other schools to offer the program and to also offer that seal to their students."

Swanson: "To get this stamp, do I have to take online courses, or can I receive credit through just my school classes?"

Yang Rohr: "So, for those 14 schools, you... you would have to take those classes through your school. If you do not want to take the classes online, your school needs to offer those classes or offer classes that meet the requirements of the Global Scholar program."

Swanson: "And who's going to develop those requirement lists, or is that already available?"

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Yang Rohr: "Well, through this Bill, ISBE will designate and indicate which classes do meet the requirements of the Global Scholar program."

Swanson: "And if my school doesn't offer those programs and my school will not allow me to take online courses, I'm just out of luck 'cause I... so, I..."

Yang Rohr: "Like... well, like... like with most, with a lot of programs, I think the schools have the... the autonomy to decide what is and is not appropriate for their students. And... and so, that is the case right now that you're describing."

Swanson: "Right. So, I could see this being a disadvantage for some of our disadvantaged schools over some of our more tiered, higher-level schools."

Yang Rohr: "I... I would agree, Representative, that currently the situation we have disadvantages schools that are not able to offer the Global Scholars program in their schools. And so, I hope that since you see that in equity, that you will vote for this Bill because it will make it more available, more widely available to all schools and all students."

Swanson: "Yeah, and that's where I have a difficulty imagining a school that would not allow their student to participate for the advantage of the additional curriculum or coursework not provided in that school. So, I... I struggle with, if a student wants to take the online courses, if for no other reason to get the scholarship but... to get the stamp, but also the advantage of going to courses out of their own school. So, with that, I'll just end it there. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Yang Rohr to close."

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

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3349 pass?' All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 83 voting 'yes', 30 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 13 in the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 3402, Representative Niemerg. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3402, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Niemerg, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Niemerg on the Amendment."

Niemerg: "The Amendment just makes the underlying Bill statewide, and I ask for its adoption."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3402, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Niemerg."

Niemerg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 3402 provides that the levy follows whoever wants to offer ambulance service,

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the county or the fire protection district. It's just cleanup language, and I ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3402 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 14 in the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. At the top of the page, we have Senate Bill 3448, Representative Kifowit. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3448, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Kifowit, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Kifowit on the Amendment."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask that we adopt the Amendment."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3448, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is merely a technical Bill that... and the Amendment maintains the underlying provisions of the Bill. But it is to make sure that we have good coordinates for... in the State Emergency Response Coordinating System with regards to hazardous chemicals and where they're being stored, and I ask for your support."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3448 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 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 14 in the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 3463, Representative Slaughter. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3463, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Slaughter, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Slaughter on the Amendment."

Slaughter: "Yeah, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to adopt Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 3463. This Amendment is providing clarifying language that helps implement the objectives in

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the underlying Bill. I'd like to discuss the underlying Bill on Third Reading."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3463, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Slaughter is recognized."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 3463 is an initiative that facilitates our state's efforts to implement automatic expungement for our juvenile population. Senate Bill 3463 requires that the date for automatic expungement of juvenile records be set during sentencing when a juvenile is adjudicated delinquent for the first time. For a court procedural standpoint, this Bill allows the juvenile court judge to initiate automatic expungement earlier in the process and takes the onus off of the juvenile that currently would have to return two years after the end of the sentence. So, what we're doing here is not requiring the juvenile to request and attend expungement proceedings. The juvenile court judge will automatically put on the call to expunge the juvenile record without any necessary action or additional legal representation. It's important to note here that, in regards to receiving the

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expungement, the juvenile still must still meet necessary requirements. We're not changing anything there in that regard. We're just making it easier to initiate and receive the automatic expungement. The Amendment brought forth language that is giving the court more flexibility in regards to scheduling the actual expungement hearings. This Bill came out of committee on leave and has several public safety stakeholders as proponents. I urge a 'yes' vote on Senate Bill 3463."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, just a couple quick questions on the Bill. This does not change what is eligible for expungement under the Juvenile Court Act, correct?"

Slaughter: "No, that's correct, Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "And there is still the two-year time frame that must pass before expungement occurs. Is that accurate?"

Slaughter: "That's accurate."

Windhorst: "And this simply sets how that court date is established, making it automatic or the court setting the date rather than the juvenile having to make the effort to have the date set?"

Slaughter: "That's... that's accurate. All of the requirements are still necessary to qualify for that expungement are still in place."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Appreciate the Bill."

Slaughter: "Thank you."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Slaughter to close."

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

Speaker Evans: "Question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3463 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 93 voting 'yes', 18 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 14 in the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 3481, Representative Moeller. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3481, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. The Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Moeller, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would move to adopt Floor Amendment #2, which adds... changes the definition of battery... I'm sorry, a battery electric storage site to match the DCEO's definition and adds automotive parts recyclers to the definition of the owner-operator of a battery storage site."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3481, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, Senate Bill 3481 requires that anyone who wants... creates a definition of a battery storage site, and that would be a facility that stores more than 5 thousand kilograms of used batteries, stored on site. It also requires that these entities register with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency prior to February 2026 or prior to commencing operation other... afterwards. It also requires the Pollution Control Board to adopt, within one year of passage of this legislation, rules for the operation of a battery storage site. This Bill is an initiative of the Illinois Environmental... I'm sorry, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and it's to ensure that electric batteries are being stored in a safe manner and not a hazard to the environment or to populations living near these sites. Happy to answer any questions and would ask an 'aye' vote."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. As it relates to the battery storage site that you mentioned, does the Bill require that the owner-operator of the battery storage site be an automotive parts recycler?"

Moeller: "Yes, that was the Amendment that I referred to under House Floor Amendment #1."

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Windhorst: "Correct."

Moeller: "Or number, yeah, #2, sorry."

Windhorst: "Number 2, yes. Why are we limiting the battery storage sites to the automotive parts recyclers?"

Moeller: "That language was added to ensure that there is a level of expertise for these sites. Automotive parts recyclers are the largest collective owners of end-of-life electric vehicles, and therefore have an understanding on how to safely work with these vehicles, work with the batteries, and ensure their safe storage. And they're also required to be licensed under Illinois... under current Illinois law. So, this adds an extra layer of protection for when these facilities are located in the state."

Windhorst: "Well, I think those who have voted in opposition up to this point like the idea of the Bill, the concept of it, but this limitation, my understanding is, has brought the opposition. Thank you for your explanation."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Chung is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Chung: "Thank you so much. Thank you so much, Rep. Moeller, because we've been speaking about this Bill, but I just wanted to clarify some legislative intent, if that's all right with you? I just want to make sure that... that come... because Rivian is in my district, great manufacturer of electric cars, we want to make sure that the scrap battery packs aren't actually considered used 'cause they weren't actually put into any sort of electric vehicles. So, we just wanted to clarify the legislative intent."

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Moeller: "Yeah. It is my... it's my understanding that the legislation covers batteries that have been used, had been operated as part of a vehicle prior to their storage."

Chung: "Thank you very much."

Moeller: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any additional comments? Representative Halbrook is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She will yield."

Halbrook: "Thank you. Representative, I'm just curious, do we have current storage facilities now? And if so, how many in the State of Illinois are there?"

Moeller: "I... I don't have that information offhand. But this is to anticipate that, as electric vehicles become more common throughout the state and as they age out of... as they age and as electric batteries age and become, you know, inoperable, that we have facilities and rules in place to properly and safely manage and store these types of vehicle parts."

Halbrook: "So, along those lines, if the Governor gets his million EVs in the next six years that he's asking for, how many... how many sites, or what's the... you know, the anticipated amount of acreage or square footage of... of sites are we going to have to have?"

Moeller: "I... I don't know, but we do anticipate that there will be growth. And under this legislation, any operator that stores more than 5 thousand kilograms of these used batteries has... have to have... have to be registered with the IEPA and... and licensed by the State of Illinois."

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Halbrook: "And so, do we have any cost analysis or ideas about how much this is going to cost, the long-term effects of... of the ongoing cost to maintain these sites? What's that look like?"

Moeller: "This Bill does not provide for the... for the state to pay to store these sites. It's... it's envisioned and... and contained in the purpose of this legislation that these would be operated by private entities."

Halbrook: "So, is there any risk to anybody that lives in the area near where these sites are going to be? I mean, I've heard that some of these batteries pose some huge fire risk. What are we doing for local fire and first responders to deal with this?"

Moeller: "Well, as contained in the legislation, the Pollution Control Board will have to adopt rules for the operation of these battery storage sites. These rules shall include end-of-life care for the batteries, fire prevention, and emergency response. And local municipalities and counties will still have zoning authority over where these storage sites are located."

Halbrook: "Is... is end-of-life care for batteries, that seems... is that defined in this statute or anywhere in statute?"

Moeller: "I'm sorry, the what care?"

Halbrook: "You... you said end-of-life care. What... what does that mean? Is that defined in this statute or somewhere in statute? End-of-life care, that seems like a strange term to me."

Moeller: "No, that's not defined in this legislation. But, as I mentioned, this will be subject to rulemaking by the Pollution Control Board, and there... the specifics on that type of... on

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how these batteries must be managed would be contained in those rules."

Halbrook: "Okay. And so, your language here says 5 thousand kilograms. What does... what does that amount to? How many... what does a battery amount to in a vehicle today on average? How many vehicles are we talking about? What is... is 5 thousand kilograms, and how does that relate to a number of vehicles?"

Moeller: "As I said, this is 5 thousand kilograms of used batteries. It doesn't reference the weight of the vehicles."

Halbrook: "So, how many vehicles? I mean, what's... what's the average battery weight in a vehicle that's on the market today?"

Moeller: "I... I don't have that information in front of me."

Halbrook: "Okay. No idea, we're not sure, lack of definition here. I would urge a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Caulkins is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Caulkins: "Thank you very much. Representative, you said that the local municipalities are going to have the ability to control the zoning over these storage facilities. Is that correct?"

Moeller: "Yeah, nothing in this legislation prevents, takes away local zoning authority for these battery storage facilities."

Caulkins: "But in reality, what you're saying is that these automotive parts recyclers already exist. So, a local municipality isn't going to be able to say, no, we don't want you storing batteries at your site. Whereas, if... if we were to allow other industries to evolve to store and rehabilitate or dispose of these batteries, then maybe the... in fact, not

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maybe, but it would be a local municipality would have the ability to site them, to have zoning laws in place where batteries could be stored. But these automotive recyclers, they're already, you know, in... in locations that may have houses around them. They may be not accessible for other, you know, for fire, this kind of environmental problems. So, why... why is it that only automotive recyclers can store used EV batteries?"

Moeller: "Well, as I said in response to a previous question, automotive parts recyclers are already the largest collective owners of end-of-life electric vehicles and the largest collective owners of end-of-life high-voltage lithium-ion vehicle batteries. So, they already have... they're already doing much of what this legislation sets forth and are already required to be licensed by the Illinois Secretary of State. They've already had their zoning approved. If... under the scenario that you described, they're already zoned by the municipality or the county. They already operate in a very similar type of industry. So, that's why, under... with this legislation, these types of... we're ensuring that these types of operations are managed by organizations that already have experience in managing these types of... of batteries."

Caulkins: "I see... see, what I see is... is a... and I'm just somewhat hesitant to say it, but we have a special interest group here, these automotive recyclers. Have you tried to recycle or to... to scrap an EV or a hybrid with a... with a battery in it?"

Moeller: "Have I... have I personally tried to scrap..."

Caulkins: "Yeah, personally."

Moeller: "...a hybrid? No, I have not."

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Caulkins: "I have. And they don't want it. They don't have the ability to take the battery out. They don't have the ability, they don't have the equipment to take the battery out of a car. It takes a very specialized set of equipment and safety precautions to remove a battery. I don't think that these automotive, I call them... parts recyclers, as you call them. I don't think they're currently set up to do this. And what you're doing with this Bill is you're... as we... we talked about this in committee, and I think everybody ought to hear this. What you're doing is that you're eliminating the ability of a new industry to come to Illinois to start a recycling plant to take these batteries where they can safely store them. I... your requirements for this is... are admirable. I just have a problem only allowing automotive parts recyclers to do this. I don't think they're prepared to do it. I don't think they're equipped to do it. And I think that it actually limits competition and it limits the development of an industry in this state that could be very significant based on the demands to go EV in the next 15 to 30 years. So, you know, I can't support this, even though there are good things in this Bill, because you have limited the ability to only automotive, like, scrapyards, whatever you want to call them. I think that's unfair. I think it's shortsighted. And I think that we ought to be more progressive in a way that we look at this new industry. So, for that reason, I... I can't support your Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Moeller to close."

Moeller: "I would ask for an 'aye' vote. I think that this is... this is an initiative of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The designation of these automotive parts

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recyclers as the lead agencies and lead organizations to do this speaks to their experience and expertise. There are going to be rules promulgated around this so that safety is paramount. And, you know, nothing... nothing ever ends. We can come back and revisit this if... if the industry is nascent and not, you know, growing or there seems to be a need for expansion in terms of the type of organizations that can do this type of work. But for the meantime, we need to have regulations in place to ensure the safety for... for the... for our state and making sure that these batteries are handled properly. I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3481 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 77 voting 'yes', 35 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 14 in the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 3538, Representative Guerrero-Cuellar. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3538, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor... Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Guerrero-Cuellar."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar on the Amendment."

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Guerrero-Cuellar: "Thank you, Speaker. I would like to adopt Floor Amendment 1 and 2 and then debate it on Third Reading."

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

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Guerrero-Cuellar."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3538, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Thank you, Speaker. Senate Bill 3538 would ensure coverage is available for first responders when needed. And, again, the focus here is to... for meant to provide mental health services, access to mental health services."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3538 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all the opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are

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112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 14 in the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 3581, Representative Stuart. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3581, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Stuart, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stuart on the Amendment."

Stuart: "Thank you. The Amendment just seeks to correct some language on the school counselor gift ban that we needed to update."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3581, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you. With the Amendment, like I said, we're just correcting some language to the school counselor gift ban. And then the Bill also is just a student enrollment data reporting requirement to the... to IBHE."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, you mentioned basically the two pieces of this Bill. As it relates to the enrollment data, will that be published for the public to be aware of?"

Stuart: "It... IBHE has to publish it on their website."

Windhorst: "And as it relates to the gift ban for school counselors, what changes are we making to that ban?"

Stuart: "So, we had put something in place that was actually detrimental to folks in areas like mine where we're on a border. It basically said that they couldn't get reimbursed or hosted at conferences or other professional development type things that would be out of state. But I live very close to the border of St. Louis, Missouri. And lots of times great things are done there, and our school counselors would like to be able to participate in that."

Windhorst: "Are there any limitations on the amount of the... the cost of the allowable expenses?"

Stuart: "We just mirror the federal IRS limit... limits on that."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stuart to close."

Stuart: "I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3581 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

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112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Kelly, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Kelly: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like the record to reflect that I intended to be a 'yes' vote on Senate Bill 3538."

Speaker Evans: "The record will reflect. Continuing down page 14 in the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 3592, Representative Vella. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3592, a Bill for an Act concerning journalism. The... this Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Vella, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Vella on the Amendment."

Vella: "Thank you. This was already passed out of committee. It just changes the date."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3592, a Bill for an Act concerning journalism. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Vella."

Vella: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 3592 creates the Strengthening Communities Media Act. Provides a local news

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organization shall not be sold to a company without giving written notice within 120 days before the sale occurs to specified individuals and organizations. Amends the Higher Education Student Assistant Act, creates the Journalism Student Scholarship Program. Provides that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall award scholarships to students who will work at a local news agency or organization in the state for a period of not less than two years."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. The journalism scholarship would be through ISAC. Is that correct?"

Vella: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "Is it subject to appropriation?"

Vella: "It is."

Windhorst: "If it were to receive an appropriation, do we know a dollar amount that would be required?"

Vella: "I... I know that a scholarship would be about \$18 thousand a year. It depends on how many people actually ask for it, but I think Senator Stadelman, who actually proposed the Bill, is still looking into the amount."

Windhorst: "And I believe, if our analysis is correct, there are 15 scholarship programs through ISAC that have either never been funded or last funded about 2012. So, do we expect that there will be an appropriation in this year's budget for this program?"

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Vella: "No, not in this year's budget, not at all. This doesn't actually go into effect until the '25-'26 year. So, there will be nothing in this budget."

Windhorst: "And as it relates to the other provision of the Bill regarding closure... I'm sorry, sale, not closure. Sale of a company with... will be 120 days. Explain exactly how that notice is going to work, the 120-day notice."

Vella: "Sure. They just have to tell one of... either affected employees and representatives of affected employees, the department, and the county government in which the local news organization is located, and any in-state nonprofit organizations in the business of... of buying local news organizations. They would have to give some kind of notice, either written or email or some kind of notice."

Windhorst: "And why do we believe this notice of sale is necessary?"

Vella: "So, there was a task force created by Senator Stadelman that kind of looked into this. What's happening is big conglomerates are buying up small... small local business... or small local news media. And what's happening is they're shipping in their own news in. They're not covering local news. And because local news is not being covered, people just don't understand what's going on in their communities. So, what this will do is make sure that any big corporation that tries to buy a local news media, at least we give notice to everybody."

Windhorst: "What if... happens if there is a violation, is there an enforcement provision or is there an ability to go to court to prevent the sale?"

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Vella: "There's not an enforcement provision in the statute, but I would imagine you could probably go to court to try to get injunction from the sale if they don't do what's in the statute. But there's nothing in the statute."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Will Davis is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Davis, W.: "As I read the synopsis, Representative, it refers to local journalism."

Vella: "Yes."

Davis, W.: "Is there a specific definition of what local journalism is?"

Vella: "Yes, there is. If you can give me one second, let me find it. A local... local news organization means any entity that engages professionally to create, edit, produce, and distribute original content concerning matters of public interest, through reporting activities, including conducting interviews, observing current events, or analyzing documents or other information."

Davis, W.: "Does it... does it differentiate between what kind of media we're talking about, whether it's print media, television media, podcasts? I mean..."

Vella: "No, nothing at all."

Davis, W.: "Nothing at all. So, it can be across the board."

Vella: "It can be across the board. I'd not envisioned podcasts, but, yeah, I guess podcasts could too."

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Davis, W.: "Well, I... I just threw that in there 'cause I think I know what a podcast is. I'm not really sure, but I think I do. But... but I guess what I'm also trying to make sure I'm clear about is, again, when you used local, does that, like, specify, like, readership, numbers, communities? Like will... will channel 2 in Chicago qualify if a student gets an opportunity to work there?"

Vella: "If it covers local events, then yes."

Davis, W.: "Well, I mean..."

Vella: "If it covers... if it covers, like, let's say, national news, then that's... that's not what the focus of this is. The focus of this, to make sure that, you know, for instance, we want somebody to be at the... the zoning board meeting. We want somebody to be at the school board meeting. Stuff like that."

Davis, W.: "Well, that's what I'm trying to be clear about. Because, I mean, on occasion, and I almost hate to point to it 'cause it's in my district, but, you know, I have this elected official, mayor, who happens to call herself the 'Super Mayor', and right now she's getting a lot of attention."

Vella: "Yeah, she is."

Davis, W.: "But she's local. So, if that student is working at channel 2 and is assigned to cover one of those village board meetings because of her... well, I'm... I'm just trying to make sure I understand."

Vella: "Yes, yes. I think that would count, yes. Yeah."

Davis, W.: "I think we want to be as broad as possible with that, but if a opportunity exists at one of our major news sources,

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or even print media, which would be *Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Sun Times*, I wouldn't want those students to be excluded..."

Vella: "No, no."

Davis, W.: "...because they could be assigned to cover local media, but remember, they're... well, pick... pick a station. Even pick one down here in Springfield, they cover local news, but they also do cover national stuff and international stuff as well. So, I just want to make sure it's broad."

Vella: "What trying to... to stop here is... so, the *Rockford Registrar* was bought by a big company. And now, 90 percent of the articles in there are from AP. They have nothing to do with Rockford. So, we've lost that newspaper. We have no newspaper anymore. So, we're trying to stop that from happening. We want people to come to Rockford and talk about Rockford stuff. And then, you know, then if they do that for two years, then they can get a scholarship."

Davis, W.: "Okay. Well, maybe there's a conversation to be had about really taking a... a more defined approach to what we're considering local media 'cause I understand exactly what you said."

Vella: "Yeah. Yeah."

Davis, W.: "I wouldn't want that to happen to a newspaper in the Southland where I am, you know. But I would like to see Southland students have an opportunity to work at what we call the *Southtown Economist*, or it used to be called that, or South... *Southtown*, and cover local stories."

Vella: "That's... yes, we should have that discussion. It is... it is a, especially when you bring up the podcast, it is an idea

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that is ever evolving. So, I'd love to have the discussion, yes."

Davis, W.: "My pleasure. Thank you very much, Representative."

Speaker Evans: "Any additional discussion? Representative Crespo is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Crespo: "Representative, this is subject to appropriations, correct?"

Vella: "It is. I was hoping you'd get up."

Crespo: "So, which agency is funding this?"

Vella: "ISAC."

Crespo: "Okay. Have you talked to them?"

Vella: "Governor... or, I'm sorry, Senator Stadelman has."

Crespo: "I'm sorry?"

Vella: "Senator Stadelman did before previously, yes."

Crespo: "Okay. And do we know how much this is going to cost?"

Vella: "There is not an amount yet. They are trying to determine how many people would actually apply for it. That's why we kicked out the effective date in the Amendment to '25-'26. We should know by next year, but I know that there's no appropriation in this budget for it."

Crespo: "Who's going to make the... the determination, ISAC?"

Vella: "ISAC is doing a study right now, is my understanding."

Crespo: "Okay. And this includes any school of journalism?"

Vella: "State school. It's got to be a state school."

Crespo: "Medill, Northwestern? Is that included?"

Vella: "Pardon me?"

Crespo: "Medill at Northwestern."

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Vella: "I don't... is that..."

Crespo: "That's one of... my daughter went there."

Vella: "So, that's a... that's a private school, so I don't think...
is there... is there public..."

Crespo: "No. So, this is only for public schools?"

Vella: "Is it going to public schools, right? ISAC is, yeah,
public schools."

Crespo: "Well, I... will this includes the entire tuition or just
half of tuition?"

Vella: "This is the entire tuition. The idea is... the idea is,
it's expensive to go to journalism school."

Crespo: "I know."

Vella: "Less people are going to journalism school. So, we want
them to stay in this area."

Crespo: "Okay. Is there... is there a clawback provision? Let's say
they do get the tuition, and they don't meet the required two
years, and they decide to leave. Is there a clawback provision
here?"

Vella: "Well, there isn't a clawback, but they don't get the money
until they've spent the two years in the state. So, there
wouldn't be a need for a clawback. They don't... the tuition
is..."

Crespo: "So, it's a reimbursement, then, two years after they
complete?"

Vella: "It's... right. So, it's going to... the loan is going to... so,
we've had this with like public defenders and state's and...
and other... other people. So, they go to school for four years,
get their degree. They then... their tuition is on hold for two
years. If they do their journalism, for two years, it gets

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taken. It's... it's gone. If they don't, they have... they're on the hook for that... for that money."

Crespo: "So, it's not a reimbursement. It's... so, they... they just forgive the tuition if they complete the two years."

Vella: "Exactly."

Crespo: "Okay. And it's up to ISAC to determine how much they're going to put into this program. Will this be GRF?"

Vella: "Yeah, probably. Yes."

Crespo: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Elik is recognized."

Elik: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Elik: "Representative, do you know of other companies or industries that are required to provide 120 days' notice in advance of a sale?"

Vella: "I am not."

Elik: "You're not aware, or there are none?"

Vella: "I am not aware. No, I'm not aware. No."

Elik: "Not aware, okay. To the Bill, please. As a certified public accountant for 29 years, I have walked with many companies through both purchases and sales. A hundred and twenty days is a really long time. At 120 days before the date of a sale, it's not even soup yet. Lawyers are still going back and forth setting terms. The value might not even be known yet. I... I caution this Body to accept this provision of this Bill because I think the unintended consequence here is that 120-day notice is given, employees are going to start dropping off one by one, leaving. You've just destroyed the value of that local newspaper. And now, that newspaper will not be

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able to be sold to anybody, and that out-of-state buyer or anybody else decides to back out, leaving you with nothing. I think this... I think the journalism scholarships are great. I have a new journalist in the family, that's great. But I really caution you about this 120 days. It's too long. It's not required from other industries. I think there's issues with, you know, interstate commerce here that really need to be addressed. So, I really would appreciate maybe some more research and... and thought on that provision of the Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Vella to close."

Vella: "Yeah, thank you, Rep. Elik. The local news is something that's very important to not just to me, but I think to everybody who's got local news in their community. That's why this is special. That's why we're requiring this 120 days. Most of the people where the big companies that are coming into buy these local news media outlets are doing it to get a monopoly. So, the... the value to them is not the actual news media. It's just taking over another market and another market. That's the reason why we're doing this. That's the reason why we have to protect our local news media from being taken over. So, I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3592 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 73 voting 'yes', 39 voting 'no', and 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 14 in the

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Calendar, Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 3597, Leader Gabel. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3597, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Gabel, has been approved..."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel."

Clerk Hollman: "...for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to adopt Amendment 1. This Amendment defines what a clean energy infrastructure project is and also what an energy efficient project means. Both in response to one of the Members of the committee."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'... all those in favor say 'aye'; all the opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3597, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is from the Illinois Finance Authority, and it is the Climate Bank Loan Financing Act. It streamlines the ability of local governments to borrow money and access loans from the Illinois Finance Authority

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for clean energy projects. Currently, only municipalities can borrow money, and this opens it up to a number of other governmental units."

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

Ugaste: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I... just going to go to the Bill. First, I wanted to thank the Leader for her work with me on this Bill. I had two proposals I brought to her. She was able to put one in the Bill with the definitions as to what can be funded and what can't be funded. So, I greatly appreciate that. I had another ask, and it... it wasn't able to be met. More so, I'm... I'm talking for people on my side of the aisle right now. I said I'd probably be in opposition to this Bill because that second piece couldn't be met. As I've talked to numerous people and have heard from people in support of this because what they believe it will do to help our communities and allow them to borrow at, from what I'm told, lower rates, I am going to go ahead and support this Bill, and do so on the assumption that, if the state ever is considering technology again, we consider the debt that some of these bondholders may have before we take any action because if not, we're doing nothing but harming the people of the state. So, understanding more about this, who is in support, why they're in support, and how it may help, I am now going to vote for the Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel to close."

Gabel: "Thank you. I appreciate that very much, Representative Ugaste, and I would like... ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3597 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 86 voting 'yes', 27 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 14 in the Calendar under Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 3646. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3646, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. The Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor... Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Barbara Hernandez, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hernandez on the Amendment."

Hernandez, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to motion to amend... adopt the Floor Amendment #2 to... this would just clarify a few missing grammatical errors but also add the child actors Bill into this."

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

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

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

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3646, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hernandez."

Hernandez, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members. This Bill, the Child Labor Law of 2024, is Bill initiative from the Illinois Department of Labor. It reorganizes the Bill itself, and it also codifies that the issuing officer shall consider the health, welfare, and the education of the minor when accessing employment certificate application, including considering reports of death and injury of a minor at a workplace. It also clarifies some limitations on what jobs minors can perform in those workplaces, depending on whether the work is... the work activity itself is dangerous. It also prohibits for any occupation prohibited by a minor under federal law. It also allows the director discretion to deem working conditions dangerous. But it also updates the process for minors to demonstrate their date of birth and absence of... of birth certificate or those that don't have a home. And it just adds a few definitions, and I can answer any questions."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader Hernandez, how... at what age does a minor begin... sorry, what is the highest age of a minor under this Bill?"

Hernandez, B.: "Sixteen."

Windhorst: "All right. So, if you're 16 you're not covered or you are covered?"

Hernandez, B.: "Well, you're not covered on 16."

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Windhorst: "So, 15 and under..."

Hernandez, B.: "Yes. Yes."

Windhorst: "...are included? I'm sorry, I phrased that poorly, but that's what I was getting to. It's 15 and under that are covered?"

Hernandez, B.: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And the time period that's allowed for work depends on the age and their different age categories. Is that accurate?"

Hernandez, B.: "As we stated, it is the age, but also depending on the job, depending on how dangerous it could be."

Windhorst: "And if you could, you touched on briefly in your presentation the penalties. What are the penalties for violation?"

Hernandez, B.: "So, the penalty would be 60 thousand if a violation results in the death of a minor, up to 30 thousand if the violation results in the injury of a minor, and up to 15 thousand for employing minor in violation of the Act."

Windhorst: "And then there are also potential criminal penalties, I believe. A Class A misdemeanor, if I am reading that correctly?"

Hernandez, B.: "That is correct. There will be a Class A misdemeanor and shall be subject to civil penalty of no less than \$500 and no more than 2,500."

Windhorst: "And a Class A misdemeanor has a punishment of up to a year in jail in addition to those financial penalties. There are some exclusions. It appears that the cannabis business, live adult entertainment, firearm range or gun range, alcohol manufacturer, bars, smoke lounges, gambling sites, and other

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establishments prohibited by state and federal law are not included or would be... continue to be prohibited. Is that accurate?"

Hernandez, B.: "They're prohibited, yes."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

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

Ugaste: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm... I'm just going to go to the Bill. There's a lot of good things in this Bill. I agreed with the whole Amendment that made up the film industry. I thought that was... that was all well done. But unfortunately, I believe part of this Bill is an overreach by our Department of Labor, and I'm not quite certain why they feel they need to do it. Within this Bill are strict limitations on when kids can work, even older teenagers or mid-aged teenagers in a family situation. I grew up working in a family business. I know a number of people who have. I suspect many here in this chamber may have, but there's no exception within this law that states that a child can work at a family business. As a matter of fact, with the exception of farming and one other minor exception, kids are forbidden from working. I don't know why we as a state think we know better than parents as to how to raise their kids or when they should start working or what they should be doing. And with the exception of working around some hazardous equipment or material, I don't think it's a space we belong in. Parents are going to look out for their children. I don't know what makes people think that most parents are not capable of doing this or all parents are not capable of doing it. This Bill goes over the

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top. It has limitations on hours and other things that don't need to be as drastic as they are. I don't mind revising this law to the extent it needs it. But this, as it's written, is an overreach, and it definitely needs an exception for family businesses. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hernandez to close"

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

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3646 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all the opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 87 voting 'yes', 26 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And the Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. At the bottom of page 14, Senate Bill Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 3650, Representative Gonzalez. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3650, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. The Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Gonzalez, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Gonzalez on the Amendment."

Gonzalez: "Would like to adopt the Amendment."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3650, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Gonzalez."

Gonzalez: "Thank you, Speaker. SB3650 is a trailer Bill to the Temp Worker Fairness and Safety Act that we passed last year. Over the past seven months, industry and worker groups have negotiated to provide clarity around implementation and enforcement to resolve these issues in statute rather than in rules. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicated he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. The follow-up we're doing to the prior legislation is designed to address some of the concerns that have been expressed by business groups. Is that accurate?"

Gonzalez: "Yes. We worked with IMA, IRMA, the beer distributors, the wine and spirits distributors, as well as some other industry folks just to make it easier for staffing agencies to... to comply with the original Bill."

Windhorst: "And it appears, though, with these changes, that many of the staffing associations, such as the Staffing Services Association of Illinois, Elite Labor Services, Quality Labor Services, Source One Staffing, those are all opposed still. Have they..."

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Gonzalez: "Yeah. There are some that are in... there were some that became proponents, or at least neutral, and some that still remain opposed. But if we weren't to... if we were not to have this Bill pass, the original Bill might make it even more difficult for them. So, we think that this is a... this is a good follow-up."

Windhorst: "So, you're trying to balance between various entities, is that what you're..."

Gonzalez: "Yes."

Windhorst: "...describing? So, if you could be specific on what changes this Bill makes that improves upon the prior law."

Gonzalez: "Yeah. So, it... there are various sections that it amends, you know, certain definitions, labor... labor disputes, the... the number of... number of days. Instead of 90 days, it... we use hours to determine when the equal pay provision will kick in. We also add the necessity for application receipts. So, those are some of the big changes."

Windhorst: "And you mentioned that several of the business groups had been opposed but, with the Amendment, had been brought to either neutral, such as IRMA and the Illinois Chamber, or the IMA became a proponent. Have you heard from other groups such as Chicago Chamber, NFIB? Have they reached out to you at all?"

Gonzalez: "Yeah. Many of them have... have reached out. The other industry groups, at some point, were kind of speaking on their behalf. But for... for others, you know, they expressed their concerns. But with the industry groups that we're working with, this is the... I think this is a good point for where we left it."

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Windhorst: "And my understanding is that there was some language included to address litigation that had occurred. Let me just pull that up here. *Staffing Services Association of Illinois v. the Director of the Department of Labor*. Does this Bill address the concerns raised in that case?"

Gonzalez: "That particular case is talking about the benefits section of the... the equal pay for equal work provision. But we all agreed on, at least the people who were at the negotiating table, to let that play itself out in court."

Windhorst: "I'm sorry, I couldn't hear that last part. What'd you say at the very end?"

Gonzalez: "We all agreed to let the... the case play itself out in court."

Windhorst: "Okay. Thank you for answering my questions."

Gonzalez: "Thank you."

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

Ugaste: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Anyone who's been in this chamber for the past few years knows I'm not a huge fan of the underlying Bill, but I do appreciate the work that's gone into this and what this accomplishes to help business overall. This Amendment is one we've discussed on our side. And... and it's difficult because it helps business, but it also, I believe, has some extra burden for the staffing agencies. And while I'm not a fan of the extra burden, I do believe the help that's afforded business overall does outweigh the additional burden that's been placed. So, therefore, I think overall it's a good Bill and I will be supportive."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Gonzalez to close."

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

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3650 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 83 voting 'yes', 28 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 15 in the Calendar of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 3686, Representative Chung. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3686, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor... Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Chung, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Chung on the Amendment."

Chung: "Yes, thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. The House Amendment #2, it just sort of clarifies some... what batteries are actually meant to be used under this Act. It's... so, it excludes anything in an EV... in an EV, and it also delays the deadline. And... and then the... and then also, sort of clarifies the EPA and how they're... they sort of manage this program. So, I ask for this Amendment to be adopted. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3686, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Chung."

Chung: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to present Senate Bill 3686, which is the Portable and Medium-Format Battery Storage Act. It has been crafted over many, many months of negotiations and talks with many of... of the stakeholders involved. It's a really important Bill. I'm really pleased to be presenting it here on the floor today, and I ask for your 'aye' vote. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, we are creating the Portable and Medium-Format Battery Stewardship Act. Is that correct?"

Chung: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "And what is this Act intended to do?"

Chung: "So, we've... we've enacted other legislation in the past with EPR, which is extended producer responsibility legislation. So, we've done it with, I believe, with paint and maybe packaging, I believe. So, this just sort of is another way that we can really make sure that batteries especially, which kind of really compose a fire hazard risk and things like that, so that they're really... there's a place

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where people... where they can be collected and they can... and they can be reused or just maybe they'll end up being disposed of properly."

Windhorst: "And the batteries would be collected by a battery stewardship organization. is that the correct term?"

Chung: "Yes, that's correct."

Windhorst: "They would submit a plan to the EPA, I believe?"

Chung: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And they would also have to pay a fee, an annual fee, to the agency. I believe the fee is \$100 thousand, if I read that correct."

Chung: "I believe that's the fee. Yes. Thank you. Yes."

Windhorst: "And that's an annual fee of \$100 thousand. How is that fee established?"

Chung: "I believe... you know, I think it does take a lot for these sorts of materials to be recycled and taken and all of that... sort of those costs and have been really worked out with a lot of the stakeholders in the negotiations. And similar legislation has been brought about in other states. I believe California and Washington. So... so, anyways... so, we're just sort of taking a lot of the parts from those other states' legislation and... and was able to come up with this fee."

Windhorst: "It appears to say in the Bill that the... the annual fee is for EPA to administer the Act. Did the EPA give a suggestion that 100 thousand per organization was what they needed? Basically, I'm trying to get at how... how was that dollar figure arrived at as an appropriate fee?"

Chung: "You know, honestly, I'm not entirely sure, but I do know that, you know, again, this was for many, many, many months

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of negotiations with all the stakeholders involved. I think that this is just the fee that they sort of came up with that they thought, everybody involved thought that this would... would be appropriate for the... for the program."

Windhorst: "Were the potential businesses who will be involved in this at the table?"

Chung: "Yes. IRMA and IMA as... as well."

Windhorst: "There's also civil penalties of 7 thousand per violation. I believe that's correct."

Chung: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And that will be enforced by the EPA?"

Chung: "Yes."

Windhorst: "I... I see that there was support in the Senate. There appeared to be a partisan vote in committee. As to the program, I appreciate you answering my questions."

Chung: "No problem. Thank you so much, Leader."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? Representative Halbbrook is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Halbrook: "Thank you. Representative, I'm just trying to understand what a battery stewardship organization is. Can you explain what a battery stewardship organization does..."

Chung: "Well, this..."

Halbrook: "...or is or how it's created?"

Chung: "Yes, thank you. This... the Bill is creating the stewardship organization. So, where... they're going to be figuring out the collection sites, where they're going to be done, where the... the, you know, how to get the batteries, then, to the... to the

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people who are sort of managing the end of life of the batteries. And so, that's what the... the organization is... is being established here by this legislation today."

Halbrook: "So, these BSOs, battery stewardship organizations, they don't exist today. And... and we're doing it so that we can take advantage of some grant funding from the U.S. Department of Energy to create these organizations?"

Chung: "I'm sorry, can you say your question again?"

Halbrook: "Yeah. So, the BSOs, battery stewardship organizations, they don't exist today, but this legislation would create them and utilize grant funds from the U.S. DOE?"

Chung: "I don't... I don't believe that this Bill has... has anything to do with the Department of Energy."

Halbrook: "Yeah. So, the grant funding may be used. But... so, what's going to be the motivation, who's going to be somebody that wants to be one of these BSOs?"

Chung: "I'm sorry... sorry, can you say that again? It's little... it's a little noisy over here."

Halbrook: "Yeah, Mr. Speaker, I don't know if there's too much noise, but this is kind of important. We've had a lot of discussion today about batteries, and this is kind of a big deal. So, I'm just trying to understand who would be an entity that would become a battery storage organization or, for the sake of time, a BSO?"

Chung: "So, Representative, so what this Bill is doing is that it's... we're taking the... so, extended producer responsibility. The producers are going to be the ones that are going to be involved in this as well. So, they're already sort of

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established, if that makes sense to you. I'm still... I'm not totally understanding..."

Halbrook: "So, there's a lot of people... there's a lot of people involved in battery manufacturing, distribution, and sales. Are they all a part of this, is that what you're trying to explain to me? I'm just... I'm trying... you're legislating something into existence, and I'm trying to understand who that's going to be, where the responsibility falls here."

Chung: "The responsibility, let's see. The... so, how this works is that it's controlled and funded by the producers and then they're running the program."

Halbrook: "So, the manufacturers of batteries..."

Chung: "Yes."

Halbrook: "...would... would fund this?"

Chung: "Yes. So, the producers are paying into the program, and... and then... and that's what's kind of... so, that's... that's helping sort of sustain this."

Halbrook: "So, how do they... how do they pay? Is there a... is there a fee, is there a rate charge for every battery they produce? How... how do they know... if I was a battery producer, how would I know how much money to put into this fund to create this organization?"

Chung: "So, what we're doing is that we're taking batteries of all kinds, correct? So, we're talking even your little button batteries, the... like the AAs, 9-volts, you know, and then other things, lithium-ions. So, we're sort of... how this is doing is that we're sort of collecting all these batteries together and then some of the things have... some of the batteries have more valuable materials inside of them that,

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when they're sort of extracted, they can be used, you know, in the way to sort of... that it can be recycled better, if that makes sense. So, the producers are all coming together so that we can sustainably and safely be able to reuse batteries at the end of their life cycle."

Halbrook: "So, where are... where are the most of these batteries that we consume, where are they manufactured? Are they manufactured in Illinois or in the United States or outside the bounds of the United States? Where are they by and large manufactured?"

Chung: "I mean, I guess they could be manufactured anywhere, but the... the producers here, in the... in Illinois, have basically been... are the ones that are sort of coming together to... to help with this program."

Halbrook: "So, I'm a retailer or a distributor, and my batteries are made in some foreign land somewhere. Would I be able to sell those batteries if those manufacturers are not a part of this... this organization that you're created here? Would I be able to sell or distribute those batteries?"

Chung: "I don't believe that this has anything to do with the... what you're sort of asking here."

Halbrook: "I think... I think it has everything to do with what we're asking about here."

Chung: "I'm sorry, can you say that again?"

Halbrook: "I think it has everything to do with what we're... 'cause you're saying everybody involved in the... in the manufacture, the distribution, the sale of batteries has to come together. You just said that, everybody has to come together..."

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Chung: "That has... I mean, that's... that's basically what has been done in the crafting and the creation of this legislation, Representative."

Halbrook: "So, my question to you is, if I buy batteries from a manufacturer that's on... in a foreign land, somewhere else, and... would I... and they're... they're not a part of this plan, would I be able to sell those batteries? Or if I'm a distributor, would I be able to do anything with those batteries?"

Chung: "I... I'm still having trouble understanding your question because again... so, what we're... this battery stewardship is doing is that they're creating sites, collection sites. So, if you purchasing batteries and you want to be able to, you know, safely be able to recycle them or put them, you know, to be able to be disposed of at the end of its life cycle, then you can take it to these collection sites."

Halbrook: "And that's what I'm trying to understand, is we're all about the process. Who creates these collection sites? How are they funded? How... how does this work? Is there... is it in the language? Is there an assessment on manufacturers? Is there assessment on distributors? Is there assessment to retailers about how this thing is funded? I don't think that's a hard question because you're saying..."

Chung: "No. But we've... we're already talked about the... the fees that... that are, the... the fees that are also done with it. I mean, Leader Windhorst asked that question. So, I answered that question."

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Halbrook: "But that was \$100 thousand that you... for a permit that you pay EPA to be able to do this. So, EPA turns that... what do they do with that 100 thousand?"

Chung: "That's how they implement the program."

Halbrook: "Okay. Once again, Ladies and Gentlemen, we're really short on answers, we're really short on details. I guess the question in final closing, Representative, are we going to have to write an end-of-life care for every one of these batteries that are a part of this program?"

Chung: "I don't believe so, Representative. I think that... well, the battery manufacturers and producers are the ones that, you know, know exactly how each battery sort of works. Again, that's sort of beyond my scope of knowledge. I'm not a battery scientist. But... but, again, they were brought together all here in the negotiations for this Bill. And we had all the stakeholders involved, and I... this is a good Bill. It gives people a really great way to be able to dispose of their batteries at the end of their life cycle."

Halbrook: "You know, I think this does more to make us feel good than it actually does good. I would urge a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any additional questions? Representative Severin is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Severin: "So, we had several discussions on this in committee, and the last day, when we walked out, there was something we talked about that I just wanted to get on record. That... are

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you willing to work at a trailer Bill with those that are opponents on this?"

Chung: "Yes, Representative. That... that is also... that's still in the works, and we've... we've talked about that. And what we want to do is pass this today, and, you know, bring... again, a lot of those folks that came and spoke were very late in the process, and we want to make sure that we're taking their concerns into full consideration."

Severin: "I understand that 'cause I want to make sure they have an opportunity..."

Chung: "Yes. No."

Severin: "...to participate in this state."

Chung: "Thank... thank you for clarifying that."

Severin: "Thank you. I appreciate it."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, Representative Chung to close."

Chung: "Thank you very much, and I ask for your 'aye' vote today. This is a great Bill."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3686 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 77 voting 'yes', 35 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 3 of the Calendar, House Bills-Third Reading. We have House Bill 4567, Representative Stava-Murray. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, please bring this Bill back to the Order of Second Reading. Read the Bill on Second Reading."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4567, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Stava-Murray, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stava-Murray on the Amendment."

Stava-Murray: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment does two basic things. The first is that it authorizes libraries to apply for existing grant opportunities through the Illinois State Library for purposes related to security measures that provide safe and accessible library access. This will allow local libraries to decide what safety measures are best for each unique library location, taking into account the needs that... the needs that may be different throughout the state. This does not create new grant funding, nor does it require any additional revenue. The second point that changes is it removes all prior references to threats made to state employees and instead focuses entirely on simply adding 'library' to an existing paragraph referring to disorderly conduct in schools. Since this language had only applied to schools, this Amendment simply adds the language 'and library' to the paragraph to be allowed for libraries and schools to be treated the same way. I ask for the adoption of this Amendment."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

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

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stava-Murray"

Stava-Murray: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4567, as amended, still seeks to protect our libraries from threats and violence and it... but with a couple of changes that were made at the request of colleagues and advocates. With these changes, I believe the ACLU now has no position. The main purpose of this Bill, however, that I want to bring us all back to, doesn't change. This is all about making our librarians and our libraries as safe as possible. Because with this barrage of recent bomb threats, we had 22 bomb threats over the course of 3 months last year as well as violence threatened towards a library in my district in the prior year even. And this has been a theme that has been ramping up and ramping up, and we need to stop this trend from going any further, from progressing at all. So, again, this Bill is an initiative of the Secretary of State's Office. And with this Amendment, we passed it out of committee on leave this morning. So, thank you, and I'm happy to answer any questions."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

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Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, initially, before the Amendment, there was some language about threatening a public official that would expand to almost all state employees. That language has been removed. Is that correct?"

Stava-Murray: "Correct."

Windhorst: "And we are dealing with essentially two things. One is providing grants for libraries to improve or enhance security."

Stava-Murray: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Is that correct? And then the second item is adding library or library property or library building under the same section as schools, as it relates to disorderly conduct and threats against those institutions."

Stava-Murray: "Correct"

Windhorst: "Is that correct? And that is a Class 4 felony, which is the same as the threats to schools."

Stava-Murray: "Correct."

Windhorst: "All right. We had some discussion in committee, and I'll give you a chance to respond to it here on the floor, about potential grants that would enhance the security of a library. What types of grants or subjects of grants would be envisioned as those that would enhance the security of a library?"

Stava-Murray: "Well, I know that there's been, for instance, legislation brought forward here in Springfield about panic buttons. So, a panic button might be an instance of a safety thing that people might want to put in. It could be bulletproof glass. I mean, it really depends on the institution, and that's why we've left it so open-ended. So,

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we're not prescribing to the libraries what they're allowed to get. We're giving them access to funds to create the safest possible library they can have for us."

Windhorst: "And as it relates to these grants, is there going to be additional funding for grants, or is this the same funding source that exists?"

Stava-Murray: "This is the same funding source that exists. So, no new funding."

Windhorst: "And as you noted in your comments, the underlying Bill had 'no' votes. I believe it was 12 to 3. With the Amendment, it was on leave or unanimous out of committee. Is that correct?"

Stava-Murray: "Correct."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader McCombie is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

McCombie: "Representative, so, did I hear clearly that there's penalty enhancement in this Bill?"

Stava-Murray: "There is not. That was taken out."

McCombie: "Pardon?"

Stava-Murray: "That was in the underlying Bill. If you mean by adding schools... or, by adding libraries to schools, that's now a felony, if you're calling that a penalty enhancement."

McCombie: "Okay. So, adding..."

Stava-Murray: "That's the only part of the Bill that might be considered that way."

McCombie: "Okay. So, by adding libraries to the description, it's not adding a penalty enhancement. It's more like closing a

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loophole. Great. Well, I appreciate you bringing that forward. As you're all very aware, Pam Knight and Deidre Silas Bill is very similar to that and is closing a loophole as well. So, as many of you have in the past supported that Bill, I would certainly ask for your support again when and if it... common sense and comes to the floor and it gets called once again. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any additional comments? Representative Tarver is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Tarver: "Representative, the last time we had a little back and forth on this Bill. I just... if I can publicly say I have a problem with a Bill, and so on and so on, I want to publicly say thank you for working on it. Your staff was terrific. They reached out to me."

Stava-Murray: "Thank you."

Tarver: "Talked with the Secretary of State. I really appreciate all of your hard work. I'm not in love with the Bill, but I really appreciate all of your hard work. And I will be voting 'yes'. So, thank you."

Stava-Murray: "Thank you so much."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Stava-Murray to close."

Stava-Murray: "Thank you. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4567 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,

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there are 89 voting 'yes', 20 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 2 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading. We have House Bill 814, Representative Syed. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 814, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Syed."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Syed on this Amendment."

Syed: "Thank you, Chair. House Bill 814 codifies IDHS to frequently engage community partners in making changes to the IDHS staffing and salaries survey with the purpose of promoting workforce recruitment and retention in the early childhood field. With this Bill, IDHS will get input from community partners, educators, and providers every two years on making changes to the survey and, at a minimum, update the survey every four years with changes. And this input will allow IDHS to better collect data that would help understand the recruitment and retainment challenges of the ECE field and will help address these changes by creating strategies from the data collected. There is no known opposition. It passed out of committee unanimously, and I urge a 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 814 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all... I'm sorry,

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Floor Amendment. Wow, okay. Representative Syed moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Syed."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Syed on this Amendment."

Syed: "This Amendment is a simple change that we worked with IDHS on, which update... which includes the minimum of four years to update the survey."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 814, a Bill for an Act concerning state government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Syed."

Syed: "I'm still technically a freshman. Thank you. I urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, just a quick question. Our analysis shows that initially the Department of Human Services had expressed some concerns, but they were going to

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work with you on the Bill. Did... did that come forward as an Amendment, or will there be other ways that those concerns are addressed?"

Syed: "That came forward in House Amendment #2 that was just adopted."

Windhorst: "All right. And are there any opponents to your Bill as it's... with the Amendment?"

Syed: "No. No opponents."

Windhorst: "And it passed unanimously out of committee?"

Syed: "Yes, it did."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Syed to close."

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

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 814 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 111 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Clerk is in receipt of a Motion in Writing to waive the posting requirements for a Bill. Leader Hernandez on the Motion."

Hernandez, L.: "Speaker, I move that the posting requirements be waived so the Senate Bill 2779 can be heard in Counties & Townships Committee."

Speaker Evans: "Leader... Leader Lisa Hernandez has moved to waive the posting requirements. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the

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'ayes' have it. And the posting requirements are waived.
Leader Windhorst on the Motion."

Windhorst: "This was... I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker. This was a waiver
of posting requirement. Is that correct? We would request a
record vote on that waiver."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Lisa Hernandez has moved to waive the
posting requirements. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all the
opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who
wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr.
Clerk, please take the record. On this Motion, there are 72
voting 'yes', 39 voting 'no', and 1 voting 'present'. And the
Motion prevails. Representative Hauter, for what reason do
you seek recognition?"

Hauter: "Mr. Speaker, can you let the record reflect that I meant
to vote 'yes' on House Bill 814?"

Speaker Evans: "The record will reflect."

Hauter: "Sorry."

Speaker Evans: "The Chair recognizes Leader Ortiz for the purpose
of an announcement."

Ortiz: "Speaker, the Democrats would request a caucus meeting
immediately in Room 114."

Speaker Evans: "The Democrats will caucus in Room 114 immediately
after adjournment. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 811, offered
by Representative Kifowit. House Resolution 812, offered by
Representative Hoffman. And House Resolution 813, offered by
Representative Crespo."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of the Agreed
Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the opposed

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say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Gabel moves that the House stands adjourned until Wednesday, May 22, at the hour of noon. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5852, offered by Representative Caulkins, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. First Reading of this House Bill. Introduction of Resolutions. Senate Joint Resolution 49, offered by Representative Stuart, is referred to the Rules Committee. Second Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4718, a Bill for an Act concerning property. House Bill 4799, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Second Reading of these House Bills. They'll be held on the Order of Second Reading. Second Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 333, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 688, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 694, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 726, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 898, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1089, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 1479, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1779, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2442, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2665, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 2744, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2770, a Bill for an Act

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concerning employment. Senate Bill 2804, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2906, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2968, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2978, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 3305, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 3410, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 3412, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 3649, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 3751, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of these Senate Bills. They'll be held on the Order of Second Reading. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."