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Speaker Giglio: "House will come to order. Ladies and Gentleman the Chaplain for today will be Reverend Harold Parsley from the Calvary Baptist Church in Morris. Reverend Parsley is a guest of Representative Weller. Will the guest in the gallery please rise for the invocation."

Reverend Harold Parsley: "Let us pray. Our Father we're grateful for Your presence today. We thank You that Your concerned about all of us and all the activities that we're involved in and especially government. And Your presence here we welcome and we are grateful that You never leave us alone. We thank You Father that we can call upon You and ask You to invoke Your Blessings upon the Representatives here, upon this Body, upon all the activities that their engaged in today and throughout the coming days. Lord we pray now that in a very special way, You will touch hearts and lives of those who make decisions for the people they represent. That Father truly we will be represented by them that they will take to heart the seriousness of the responsibility that is theirs. We thank you for the labor of love that they give to each of us that are out in the fields, that they make decisions that affect each one of us and we thank You for them, and we do pray Your special blessing upon them. We pray for wisdom that each of them will be given special wisdom from You to make all those decisions. And Father we thank You today in a very special way as we're reminded of the freedom that we enjoy, sometimes take for granted the freedom of choice, the freedom of speech, freedom of movement, the freedom to act, the freedom to congregate and to express ourselves. And Father as we think of these things we're reminded today of the great liberty that we have as we see those students in China that are caught in the mist of the controversy and war like

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action and many lives are being lost. Blood is shed today for the cause of freedom that we enjoy so freely. We pray for them today, we pray that You will give them special courage and strength, we pray Father that they will take their stand and that they will continue to stand. We're grateful for the stand that they've taken and Father I lift them to You today cause I believe that You have created us to be free people, that it is your desire that they have freedom and so Father, I pray that you will move not only upon their hearts and lives but, God You can move in the lives of even the enemy and I pray that those that see fit to oppose the freedom movement of these precious students and others, that Father You would move in their hearts and lives and cause them to have a change of attitude that we might see peace come to that great land and that great people. So Father, I personally lift them to You and I pray that You will intervene in their behalf and again I pray Your special Blessing upon this assembly, upon each Member of the House, that Father there would be a great less continued work in through their lives and our lives together as we strive for peace and I pray this in Jesus name. Amen."

Speaker Giglio: "We will be lead in Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Weller."

Weller - 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 Giglio: "...Roll Call for Attendance...everybody present and accounted for? Mr. Clerk there are 118 answering the Roll Call. The House is ready to do business. Take the record. Committee Reports."

Clerk O'Brien: "Representative Mulcahey, Chairman of the

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Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education, to which the following Bills were referred, action taken June 1, 1989, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Senate Bill 309'."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Matijevich for the approval of the Journal."

Matijevich: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House, I move that we dispense with the reading of the Journal. The following Journals be approved. Journal #15 of March 23, 16 of March 27, 17 of March 29, 18 March 31, 19 April 4, 20 April 5, 21 of April 6, 22 of April 7, 23 of April 11, 24 April 12, 25 of April 13, 26 of April 17, 27 of April 18, 28 April 19, 29 of April 25 and 30 of April 26, 1989."

Speaker Giglio: "All those in favor of the Motion say, 'aye' opposed 'nay', in the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it, the Motion carries. Representative Keane, are you ready with Senate Bill 529, on page 2 of the Calendar? Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 529, a Bill for an Act to amend an Act concerning governmental bonds. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "Gentleman from Cook, Representative Keane."

Keane: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 529 is a bi-partisan legislative response to the effect of the decision of the Appellate Court of Illinois delivered on April 28 of this year, in the case of Bates versus the Board of Education of the Allendale Community Consolidated School District #17. The court in the...Bates case ruled that the school district could not rely on the Omnibus Public Corporation Interest Rates Statute which we passed in 1970, when the statute authorizing the school districts life safety bonds contained a separate interest rate limitation. The Bates decision has effectively eliminated all bonds issued by

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public corporations that rely on the interest rate limitation contained in the statutory provision authorizing the bonds. The decision has also had a serious adverse impact on the secondary market trading of billions of dollars of outstanding bonds of Illinois local governments falling within the scope of the ruling, and Mr. Speaker, if I would...if I could I would like if you could recognize Representative Black, for purposes of legislative intent."

Speaker Giglio: "Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Well, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and I appreciate the...Sponsor giving us a chance to establish legislative intent. I do think it's very important for this Bill. Representative, if...you could, can you tell us briefly, I know you've explained the Bill, but tell us briefly what Senate Bill 529 does."

Keane: "The Bill does three things. First, it confirms the General Assembly's policy of enacting omnibus statutory grants of authority. Second, the Bill affirms the validity of the obligations of government entities, including the state issued or authorized to be issued, in reliance on omnibus statutes. Last, the Bill makes extensive, but not exhaustive, revisory changes to conform various statutes to the omnibus public corporation interest rates statute that I mentioned earlier."

Black: "Well, thank you. Does the Bill clarify the record as to the intentions of this General Assembly regarding grants of omnibus authorization?"

Keane: "Yes it does. To more fully explain, we all know that the State of Illinois contains thousands of political subdivisions, public corporations and other governmental entities. This proliferation has resulted in the enactment over time of hundreds of statutory provisions relating to the borrowing and other powers of such governmental

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entities. It has been our practice in the General Assembly to address problems common to all such government entities, including the state, in a fashion that places them on equal footing. We have done that by enacting legislation applicable to all such governmental entities in an omnibus fashion."

Black: "Well thank you once again. But, what is the rationale for such omnibus legislation?"

Keane: "To insure equal access to the bond markets by all governmental entities, we passed omnibus legislation that allows governmental entities to respond quickly to changes in the bond markets."

Black: "Oh, thank you, as I understand it now the omnibus public corporation interest rates statute that was the subject of the Bates case, was enacted to permit all public corporations in Illinois to issue bonds at a rate sufficient to assure access to the financial market. Is that correct?"

Keane: "That's correct. In fact, we have continued this approach of passing omnibus type legislation when we adopted the Registered Bond Act in 1983 and the Local Government Debt Reform Act in 1988, just to name two others."

Black: "Alright...so...let me continue. If it's the purpose ... is it the purpose of this Amendment then to make clear, that omnibus Acts relating to governmental entities borrowing powers are supplemental grants of power when applied in connection with any similar grant of power or limitation?"

Keane: "That is correct."

Black: "Is this in any way, shape, or form a change of this Legislatures past intent?"

Keane: "Absolutely not. Senate Bill 529 is designed to make clear what our attention has been and will continue to be.

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The adoption of this Bill will enable governmental entities in this state to re-enter the municipal bond market and will serve to calm the current problems in the market."

Black: "Then suppose we want to limit some governmental units to a lesser grant of power that is contained in an omnibus type act. Can we still do that?"

Keane: "Yes we can. There are two ways, we can exclude them from operation of an omnibus Act either expressly in the omnibus Act or expressly in their own statutes, such as the School Code, by naming the omnibus Act and saying that it will not apply."

Black: "Alright, then Senate Bill 529 as you've said, deals with grants of power to governmental units in an omnibus fashion. Does it apply to limitations of power?"

Keane: "No. Again no. What we are trying to do here is to assure Illinois governmental units orderly and continuing access to the bond markets. We are trying to make clear that we need to respond to changes in these markets, such as changes in the tax laws, SCC regulation changes or new borrowing techniques by responsive grants of power to all governmental units."

Black: "Mr. Speaker, I thank the Sponsor, Representative Keane for making it, I hope, quite clear in establishing legislative intent, on what I think all of us would agree is a very important piece of legislation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Cullerton."

Cullerton: "Yes, would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Giglio: "He indicates he will."

Cullerton: "Representative Keane, I noticed that...the Bill itself is 437 pages long, but that may be deceptive. There may be a lot of repetitive language in the Bill. Is that

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correct?"

Keane: "That's correct."

Cullerton: "...So, I'm looking at page 7 which appears to have some language which is the gut of the Bill, the guts of the Bill, and I just thought I'd review that section with you. It says, 'with respect to instruments for the payment of money issued on this Section either before, on, or after the effective date of this Act. It is and always has been the attention of the General Assembly'...and then on to the following. Is it appropriate for us to say what our intentions always have been?"

Keane: "I don't see why not."

Cullerton: "Okay...and what we're saying then is, that the omnibus bond Acts are and always have been supplementary grants of power to issue instruments in accordance with omnibus bonds Acts regardless of any provision of this Act that may appear to be or to have been more restrictive than those Acts. What's the purpose of that section? Regardless of any provision of this Act that may appear to be or to have been more restrictive than those Acts."

Keane: "To clarify without a doubt the intent of the legislature in the past and in the present."

Cullerton: "Okay. Then the next one is, that the provisions of this section are not a limitation on the supplementary authority granted by the omnibus bonds Act. What is that about?"

Keane: "Mr. Speaker, I'm having difficulty hearing the questions."

Speaker Giglio: "Could you kindly give the Gentleman your attention. Ladies and Gentleman."

Cullerton: "Okay. I can repeat that question then. Okay, this seems to be the most important part of the Bill, 'that instruments issued under this section within the

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supplementary authority granted by the Omnibus Bonds Act are not invalid because of any provisions of this Act, it may appear to be or to have been more restrictive than those Acts.' Is that correct?"

Keane: "That is correct."

Cullerton: "That's the guts of the Bill and that's repeated throughout the Bill and this would have the effect...then of...not only allowing for these bonds to be sold, but this would also have the effect, would it not, of saying that any attorney that acted as a Bond Counsel and advised their client that these bonds were okay, to be sold, this...the effect of this Bill would...to absolve them from any liability. Is that correct?"

Keane: "That is correct, it would absolve them of any liability because it would make clear previous legislative intent and clarify for courts or any other Body what the intent and the will and the legislative debate of previous Assembly's has been on those Bills."

Cullerton: "Okay, so in addition to making it clear that in the future these bonds can be sold, which is of vital interest to all of the governmental agencies throughout the state, we also...are making it clear that anybody who in the past gave some advice to their clients attorney's, they would not be liable for any causes of action."

Keane: "That's correct."

Cullerton: "Thank you, no further questions."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? Gentleman from Cook, Representative Keane to close."

Keane: "I think the Bill has been well debated and I ask for a favorable Roll Call."

Speaker Giglio: "Question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 529 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye', opposed 'no'. The voting is open. This is final action. Have all voted who wish?"



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Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question there are 108 voting 'yes', none voting 'no' and none voting 'present', and Senate Bill 529 having received the required Constitutional Majority is hereby declared passed. Alright, the next order of business will be the Speaker's table on page 5 House Resolution 97, Representative Kubik, Representative Kubik in the chamber? Are you ready Sir? Mr. Clerk, read the Resolution."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 97 directs the Illinois Economic Fiscal Commission to evaluate the impact and implications of the various forms of property tax relief and report to the General Assembly by December 31, 1989. Revenue Committee recommends be adopted."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Kubik."

Kubik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House. This Resolution is pretty straight forward, I have bi-partisan support, what we'd like to do is take a look at the property tax system in this state and all...a do total review through the Economic and Fiscal Commission, have them come back with a report and making some recommendations by December 31, 1989. I'd be happy to answer any questions and I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? You've heard the Gentleman's Motion on House Resolution 97, all those in favor of the Resolution say 'aye', those opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it. House Resolution 97 is adopted. Further Resolutions? 142, Representative Martinez. Representative Martinez in the chamber? Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. Representative Curran. Representative Curran in the chamber? Out of the record. Representative Bowman, House Resolution 202. Mr. Clerk, read the Resolution."

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Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 202 urges the U.S. Congress to provide funds for mental illness research. Mental Health Committee recommends be adopted."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Bowman."

Bowman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is a bi-partisan Amendment, it came out of the Mental Health Committee unanimously. It deals with immoralizing Congress to emphasize mental health research more. Research in mental health issues is not something that the state is really geared up to do, consequently this activities is left to the Federal Government and we want to go on record here in Illinois urging the Federal Government to pay more attention to that aspect of it's mandate. I urge this House do adopt this Resolution."

Speaker Giglio: "House Resolution 97 was adopted by the Attendance Roll Call. Any discussion on House Resolution 202? Hearing none, all those in favor say 'aye', those opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it and the Resolutions adopted. Further Resolutions? Representative Preston. Representative Preston in the chamber? Representative Flinn. Representative Flinn, House Resolution 275. Mr. Clerk, read the Resolution."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 275 opposes Federal Reserve Boards attempt to amend regulations regarding the nations dual banking system. Financial Institutions Committee recommends be adopted."

Speaker Giglio: "Gentleman from St. Clair, Representative Flinn."

Flinn: "Well, Mr. Speaker, this came out of the Financial Institutions Committee unanimously. And all it does is, ask the Federal Government not to intercede or interfere with states rights so far as banking laws are concerned. They are making rules, one Resolution 'why' I believe is called which would permit...which would permit us whether

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from deciding whether banks could sell insurance, sell Real Estate or sell anything. It takes the authority away from the state and I move for the adoption of the Resolution."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion on the Resolution? Hearing none all those in favor of House Resolution 275 say 'aye', those opposed 'nay', in the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have and House Resolution 275 is adopted. Representative Flowers, House Resolution 327. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill...read the Resolution."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 327 urges the Federal Government to give preference in hiring to welfare recipients when openings occur with the U.S. Census. Human Services Committee recommends be adopted."

Speaker Giglio: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House. The Resolution again just called for the Federal Government to take into consideration welfare recipients when they hire for the U.S. Census and I would urge for the adoption of House Resolution 327."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion on the Resolution. Hearing none, all those in favor signify by saying 'aye', those opposed 'nay', in the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes'...the 'ayes' have it. House Resolution 327 has been adopted. Representative Balanoff, House Resolution 449. Mr. Clerk, read the Resolution."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 449 encourages Congress to adopt Senate Resolution 448 amending the U.S. Immigration and Control Act of 1986. Human Services Committee recommends be adopted."

Speaker Giglio: "Gentleman from Cook, Representative Balanoff."

Balanoff: "I just urge support of this Resolution, it's supported by Cardinal Joseph Bernardin in Chicago and the Illinois and U.S. Catholic Conferences."

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Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Well, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Giglio: "He indicates he will."

Black: "Thank you. Representative if I understand your Resolution correctly, your encouraging the United States Congress to adopt...excuse me, adopt Senate Bill 448 which amends various immigration laws. Can you shed a little more light on what your asking. What Senate Bill U.S. Senate Bill 448 does?"

Balanoff: "What the problem is, is very often we have a person that's become in the process of becoming a citizen and it...this Bill would prevent them from deporting their families. Basically it keeps families together."

Black: "Your saying in effect then that what Senate Bill 448 would do is, if your in the process of becoming a United States Citizen that would make any act to return you to your country of origin that would render that possibility null and void then?"

Balanoff: "Yes, that's according to the 1986 Immigration Reform Act that was passed by Congress."

Black: "Would this also then extend to the Lenier family?"

Balanoff: "Yes, that's what it does."

Black: "Okay, alright, thank you very much."

Speaker Giglio: "Further Discussion? Gentleman from Cook, Representative Martinez."

Martinez: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I stand in support of the Gentleman's Resolution. As we all know there's an amnesty program going on right now. But, some quirks in the program are in fact separating members of families. This Resolution simply tries to address that problem, hopefully, ways can be found out to keep the

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family members together. I urge your support of this Resolution."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? Representative Balanoff to close."

Balanoff: "I just urge an 'aye' vote on this House Resolution."

Speaker Giglio: "You heard the Gentleman's Motion, all those in favor signify by saying 'aye' those opposed 'nay', in the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolutions adopted. Further Resolutions? We'll go back and pick up...I see there's some of the Representatives returned to the chamber, Representative Martinez, do you want to here House Resolution 142? Mr. Clerk House, Resolution 142. Read the Resolution."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 142 urges Congress to resist efforts to exclude Hispanics from the 1990 Census. Executive Committee recommends, be adopted."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Martinez."

Martinez: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Resolution 142 deals with the Census. It urges the Census Bureau to conduct the 1990 Census in the way that all Hispanics will be counted. Legislation has been introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives to eliminate undocumented aliens from the 1990 Census, even though some of these people are in the process of becoming documented citizens of this country. This is an injustice to the Hispanics who are presently legalizing their resident status and will not become citizens until possibly 1993. The Hispanic community would loose a...suffer a loss of representation in Congress and a reduction in federal grants and assistance. And my district, which has the highest amount of undocumented aliens, we are not receiving the assistance due, because of the prior Census. The prior

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Census did not reflect the true amount of people residing within. I urge you to support this Resolution."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? Gentleman from Cook, Representative Balanoff."

Balanoff: "Very quickly, I support this Resolution. It think it's real important that in the Census counting, that we count absolutely every individual that we can so that we don't loose out as I think the state has in 1980 because of the undercounting of Hispanics on federal dollars in federal programs, so I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Giglio: "Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Johnson. It's okay. The question is, 'Shall House Resolution 142 pass?' All those in favor say 'aye', opposed 'nay', in the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have and the Resolutions adopted. Representative Curran. Out of the record. Representative Preston. House Resolution 271...it's about trees along the highway. Mr. Clerk, you want to read the Resolution?"

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 271 asks Illinois Department of Transportation to study propagation of trees along state highways. Select Roads and Bridges Committee recommends, be adopted."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Preston."

Preston: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House. This Resolution just as was stated asks that the Department of Transportation studied the efficiency and ethicacy of propagating trees along state highways so that we can do two...for two purposes, one to beautify our environment and secondly to deal with green house effect that has been hampering the environment for all of us and endangering in fact, lives and I'd ask for your 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion on the Resolution? All those in favor vote 'aye', opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. All those in favor vote 'aye'...Representative Johnson."

Johnson: "I guess it's kind of funny, everybody thinks, I'm not sure it's all that funny to have 119 vote 'yes' on something that nobody even knows what it is, no wonder we get criticized the way we do, it's kind of stupid."

Speaker: "Have all voted who wish. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question 113 voting 'yes', none voting 'no' none voting 'present'. And the House does adopt House Resolution 271. Representative Currie with a Motion, is the lady in the chamber? Lady from Cook, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I move to suspend the posting requirements so that Senate Bill 692 can be posted in the Revenue Committee tomorrow, this Motion has been cleared with the Minority Spokesman of the Committee."

Speaker Giglio: "Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Richmond."

Richmond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House. I move that the move to waive the posting notice requirements on House Bill 1081 which was inadvertently or through some mixup, the computer did not get posted for agriculture today and I would ask that that be given leave to do that today."

Speaker Giglio: "Alright does the Lady have leave to suspend the posting rules for Senate Bill 692? All those in favor say 'aye', opposed 'nay', in the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it and the Motion carries. Representative Richmond would you repeat that Motion, Sir."

Richmond: "Yes. Thank you. I would move to waive the posting notice requirements on House Bill 1081 which through a

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computer mixup, as I understand, was not posted for a hearing today in the House Ag. Committee."

Speaker Giglio: "Excuse me, Representative was that...that's a Senate Bill, is it not?"

Richmond: "Oh yes, I'm sorry Senate Bill 1081."

Speaker Giglio: "1085?"

Richmond: "1081."

Speaker Giglio: "1081."

Richmond: "Right."

Speaker Giglio: "You've heard the Gentleman's Motion. All those in favor say 'aye', opposed 'nay', in the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it and...by the Attendance Roll Call, the posting has been...posting requirements has been suspended. Representative Kubik, Gentleman from Cook."

Kubik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House, I would like to move to suspend the posting rule on House Resolution 617, I've cleared it with the Chairman of the Financial Institutions Committee and the Spokesman so that we can hear that Bill...or that Resolution today in Committee."

Speaker Giglio: "You heard the Gentleman's Motion, does the Gentleman have leave by the Attendance Roll Call? Hearing none leave is granted, the posting rule has been suspended. The Lady from LaSalle, Representative Breslin."

Breslin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I'd ask leave to waive the posting rules for House Resolution 407 to be heard in the Environment and Energy Committee on Wednesday. It's been cleared with Representative Kulas and Representative Peterson. Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "You heard the Ladies Motion. All those in favor say 'aye', opposed 'nay', in the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it. Posting rule will be suspended on House Resolution 407. Representative Sieben."



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Sieben: "Thank you, thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentleman of the House, I would move waive the posting requirements for Senate Bill 219 so that it can be heard in the Election Committee tomorrow at 1:00."

Speaker Giglio: "You heard the Gentleman's Motion. Gentleman from Cook, Representative Cullerton."

Cullerton: "Yes, I couldn't here who was speaking?"

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Sieben, Senate Bill 219."

Cullerton: "Well, that's in the Elections Committee?"

Speaker Giglio: "Yes."

Cullerton: "Can I ask him a question?"

Speaker Giglio: "Certainly can."

Cullerton: "I assume you've talked to the Chairman?"

Sieben: "Yes I have, I've cleared this with Representative Rice and the Minority Spokesman, Representative Kubik."

Cullerton: "Great, thank you very much."

Speaker Giglio: "You heard the Gentleman's Motion. All those in favor say 'aye', opposed 'nay', in the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it, and the posting notices are suspended on Senate Bill 219. Resolution of a former Senator. Mr. Clerk, read the Resolution."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 375, offered by Representatives Cullerton, Richmond and Goforth, Whereas, the House has learned with sadness of the passing of a former colleague in the General Assembly and friend to many of us, the Honorable John G. Gilbert. And Whereas, Senator Gilbert who was a noted champion of higher education and of Southern Illinois University served in the Illinois Senate from 1960 to 1972, where he helped to set up the community college system in Illinois and Whereas a graduate of SIU himself, Mr. Gilbert served as Jackson County State's Attorney from 1948 to 1956 after taking a law degree at the University of Illinois School of Law and serving as a

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special agent with the FBI and as a legal officer with the US Navy and Whereas, in addition to his years as Education Senator, Mr. Gilbert served the cause of education on the Board of Higher Education as Director and Past President of SIU Alumni Association and as a member of the SIU Foundation Board and Whereas, Mr. Gilbert's parents were also involved in education. His father John P. Gilbert was head of the Biology Department of the college which later became SIU and his mother, Dora Gray-Gilbert, was an elementary school teacher who also was an SIU graduate and Whereas, as a Senator, Mr. Gilbert was known as man of impeccable providity who would welcome...who would always put the needs of Illinois children before any short term considerations and Whereas, born in 1912, John Gilbert married Helen Dolan's in 1939, after her death in 1983 he and Margaret Terpinich were married in 1985. And Whereas, Mr. Gilbert was active in community service organizations including the Illinois and Jackson County Bar Associations, the American Legion, the Eagles, the Elks, the Jackson County SIU Alumni Association and the First United Methodist Church. And Whereas, he leaves to mourn his passing, his wife Margaret, son Jay Phil Gilbert, daughters Pam Minten and Gayle Mallid and seven grandchildren. And Whereas, recently Mr. Gilbert had received an honorable degree of law from SIU, an Executive Proclamation from Governor Thompson and Secretary of State, Jim Edgar and accommodation from the Board of Higher Education, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representative of the 86th General Assembly of the State of Illinois. That we express our deep sorrow at the death of our former colleague in the General Assembly and friend, John G. Gilbert and that we offer our heartfelt sympathy to his family and that we join his many friends in honoring him

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for his deep commitment to serving his fellow man and be it further resolved that a suitable copy of this preamble Resolution be presented to Mrs. John Gilbert, with our sincere condolences."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Cullerton."

Cullerton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and ladies and Gentleman of the House, Senator Gilbert was a Republican State Senator from Carbondale who had a son, his name is Phil Gilbert who's now a Judge, Phil was my roommate in law school, when I was in law school I came to be friends with phil and went down to Carbondale and that's where I got to know Senator Gilbert. He was a very consummate polititian, he was a very dedicated man to the state and to the Higher Education Community, he...everything about him was politics, he loved politics and I spent many hours down there in Carbondale talking to him about, when I was just in law school, talking to him about politics and he really inspired me to get involved in politics and to inspire, to run for the House. He had a tremendous family he had a daughter who was, Miss. Illinois, he had a son, Phil, who played on a state high school basketball championship...very good friends with Senator Paul Simon, and very well respected in the Senate. I think to say, who's gonna miss him. I would move for it's adoption and ask all Members to be added as co-sponsors."

Speaker Giglio: "Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Richmond."

Richmond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House. I certainly echo everything that's been said both, the Resolution and by the former Speaker concerning my dear friend John Gilbert, my association with John Gilbert pre-dates his term...his ten year in the State Senate by

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several years. He preceeded me as past...or as a past District Deputy Grand Exaulted ruler, of the Elk's and he and his wife Helen, my wife and I traveled this state and many other states in the work of the Elk's. And we became extremely close friends, he...his family and my family...our children have been very close, and still are, and I have great admiration for him we certainly are going to miss him in Southern Illinois and I certainly mention also our bond of friendship very easily, bridged any partisan politics gap we had and John all through my ten year up here before his death was a good supporter and I certainly joined with John Cullerton and all others who say we're going to miss him. Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "You have heard the Gentleman's Motion that all Members be co-sponsor the Resolution? Hearing none, all those in favor of the Resolution say 'aye', alright none Resolutions adopted. Representative McPike, now moves that the House stand adjourned until 12 noon tomorrow."

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